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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

16/15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the actions taken against the misuse of Rs.3000 million of the Divi Neguma Fund within 07 days from 02 November 2014 to 09 November 2014 based on the Presidential Election -2015;
 - (ii) whether cases have been filed against those responsible; and
 - (iii) if cases have hitherto not been filed, the progress of that inquiry at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the actions to be taken in respect of the loss of Rs 3000 million to the Divi Neguma fund owing to this; and
 - (ii) the actions to be taken by the Minister in charge of the subject to prevent the recurrence of such misuses in future since the profligacy of various funds of the government by the Ministers in charge of subjects at their discretion without any Cabinet decision could set a bad precedence?
- (c) Will he disclose to this House, the measures taken by the government to expedite the judicial actions in respect of investigations regarding such financial crimes?
- (d) If not, why?

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37/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the Credit Card interest rates are maintained at a very higher rate by the Commercial banks in spite of the fact that deposit interests and loan interests are at a very lower rate;
 - (ii) that the customers are exploited owing to the aforesaid state of affairs; and
 - (iii) that excess liquidity is available with the local banks?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that will be taken in order to reduce Credit Card interest rates; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to increase the deposit interest rates?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to amalgamate banks and the financial institutions;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for it;
 - (iii) the date on which the said amalgamation will be done; and
 - (iv) the objective of the government in amalgamating banks and financial institutions?
- (d) If not, why?

86/15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Tea smallholders have specially been faced with a severe economic crisis since the tea industry of Sri Lanka has moved towards a serious crisis due to rapid fall in prices of tea bud;
 - (ii) the price paid at present for a kilogramme of raw tea buds has fallen to Rs. 54/-;
 - (iii) that all tea factories of Sri Lanka are facing a risk of having to close down if the price paid per kilogramme of raw tea buds decreases to Rs. 50/-; and
 - (iv) although it was stated in the last election manifesto that a guaranteed price of Rs. 80/- per kilo would be given for raw tea buds, it is not implemented at present?

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- (b) Will he table a report on the tea factories that have been closed down during the past month due to this crisis?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the factors that have caused and are even at the moment causing a danger to the tea industry in this manner; and
 - (ii) the measures intended to be adopted in order to protect tea estate owners, factory owners and millions of people who are engaged in employments associated with tea industry?
- (d) If not why?

88/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that academic activities and examinations of the Sri Lanka Law College are conducted in all three media, viz. Sinhalese, Tamil and English?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) owing to the preparation of question papers for examinations of the Law College solely in English language in the year 2014, an injustice and an inconvenience were caused to the students followed studies in the Sinhalese medium and the Tamil medium as they had to switch to English medium all of a sudden; and
 - (ii) the former Chief Justice had violated the Official Languages Policy of the country by this move?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he would issue instructions to take necessary steps to prepare question papers given to students of the Sri Lanka Law College at examinations in Sinhalese, Tamil and English languages according to the Official Languages Policy hereafter?
- (d) If not why?

127/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) approximately 35 Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim families had been residing in a group of houses constructed under world bank aids in Dumburugiriya area of Hatton town for a period of more than 33 years;
 - (ii) a part of these residents have been provided with legal land deeds by the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (iii) a judicial action has been initiated by the Watawala Plantation Company in view of driving these residents away from their houses and acquiring the aforesaid land area for the company?

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(b) Is he further aware that —

- (i) a motion has been unanimously passed by the Hatton –Dickoya Urban Council in view of acquiring the land in which these residents reside; and
- (ii) the Janatha Estate Development Board, Land Reforms Commission and the relevant politicians have been enlightened by the aforesaid residents in order to gain justice by preventing the said company from acquiring this area?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether intervention be made in order to assure the rights of these residents to their houses by rescuing these residents from the undue interventions made by the Watawala Company taking these facts into consideration;
- (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

153/'15

Hon M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) applications were called for recruiting teacher assistants on school based to Tamil medium schools associated with estates and Mrs. F. Ruzana Mafoor residing at No. 25/2 Viyangalle, Agalawatte submitted an application;
- (ii) consequently, she appeared for the relevant interview under calling No. 199 (B) on 02.03.2015; and
- (iii) although vacancies did exist in estate schools in the area in which she lives, Mrs. Ruzana Mafoor has not been given a teacher assistant appointment so far?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken without delay to give Mrs. Ruzana Mafoor the appointment as a teacher assistant?

(c) If not why?

38/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sri Lankans infected with Rabies during the period of five years from the year 2010 to 2014 separately in each year;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent by the government during the above five years for undertaking the treatments of Rabies separately in each year; and
- (iii) of the said expenditure as a percentage of the total expenditure on health?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to control Rabies;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

90/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the arms smuggle under the chairmanship of supreme Court Judge Hon. Shirani Thilakawardena;
 - (ii) whether that report will be published; and
 - (iii) if it will be published, the date of publishing?
- (b) If not, why?

39/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) separately, on annual basis, the number of females who were subjected to sexual abuse during the period of five years from the year 2010 to 2014 (including those two years) in Middle East Countries;
 - (ii) the names of the Middle East countries in which those women worked; and
 - (iii) separately, the actions taken through the Sri Lankan Embassies in those countries with regard to the each aforesaid woman?
 - (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether legal action has been taken against the perpetrators connected to the aforesaid sexual abuse; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that were taken against each of the aforesaid person separately?
 - (c) Will she state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken with regard to the safety of the Sri Lankan women who are going abroad;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to limit the number of Sri Lanka women going abroad for house work?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

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The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise Licenses and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 20.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section 3 of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1918/22 of 11th June 2015, which were presented on 20.10.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* ***Indicates Government Business***

Wednesday, November 04, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

42/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately the annual consumption of incense sticks and incense powder in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) out of this amount, the amounts produced in Sri Lanka and imported from abroad separately?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the raw-material used to produce incense sticks and incense powder separately;
- (ii) whether there is an institution in Sri Lanka that checks whether these raw-material are harmful or not to the human body;
- (iii) if so, the name of that institution; and
- (iv) whether that institution, by so checking, identified institutions that produced incense sticks or incense powder using those harmful raw-material?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to prevent the use of raw-material that are harmful to the human body in the production of incense sticks and incense powder; and
- (ii) if so, what those steps are?

(d) If not, why?

91/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the removal of the tax of Rs. 90.00 from the selling price of cement by the last interim budget was not done as a measure to bring down the prices of cement; and
 - (ii) the tax revenue per month lost to the government as a result of this?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the retail price of cement was fixed at Rs. 840.00 having published the relevant price reduction in the Gazette of 20th February 2015;
 - (ii) whether cement is sold in the country at that price since then; and
 - (iii) if not, isn't it an (grave) error that the government serious lose its income while the consumers too serious lose the anticipated relief?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to effect this price reduction as promised by the interim budget; and
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be effective from?
- (d) If not, why?

148/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the lack of buildings at the Mahinda Rajapaksa College of Matara in which almost two thousands students receiving their education under four streams viz. science, technology, commerce and arts streams has lead to a serious crisis;
 - (ii) although construction work on the hostel, the auditorium and the three storied building had been started, all of the aforementioned constructions have come to a halt from the 15th of last January onwards; and
 - (iii) construction work of the play ground has been delayed although lands have been acquired for the same?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct the hostel of this school;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) of the date on which work will commence on other construction work that has been halted;
 - (iv) whether the play ground will be built to provide sports facilities which are essential to thousands of students; and
 - (v) if not, why?

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- (c) Will he inform this House of the truth about the opinion that is being spread to the effect that there is an attempt to close down the Mahinda Rajapaksa College of Matara?
- (d) If not, why?

43/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are certain issues with regard to the health of Broiler chicken reared for meat in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the farm owners kill those animals for meat before the expiration of the recommended number of days; and
 - (iii) the drugs and types of food given to these animals for quick growth are harmful to the human body?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of farms that rear Broiler chicken for meat in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the numbers of chicks in these farms;
 - (iii) the production of Chicken (kilogrammes) in 2014;and
 - (iv) accordingly, the per capita consumption of chicken?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to address the issues mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

92/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he endorse the policy of maintaining schools exclusive for the children of the members of the Armed Forces?
- (b) Eventhough it is necessary to grant special privileges to both officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces who have made various sacrifices does he admit the fact that, the creation of separate schools for their children will amount to giving facilities to group of people on a new social strata?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of children of officers and number of children of soldiers studying in these schools; and
 - (ii) as to why he doesn't intent taking over these schools under the Department of Education and run them as ordinary schools also admitting other children?
- (d) If not, why?

44/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the power stations that have been constructed and are being constructed in Maskeliya Oya, above Laxapana water fall;
 - (ii) whether environmental assessment reports have been called, on the environmental effects that could be caused by this power stations; and
 - (iii) if so, whether aforesaid reports will be submitted to this House?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that there could be probable damages to the Laxapana waterfall due to the construction of aforesaid power stations;
 - (ii) if so, whether measures have been taken to minimize the aforesaid damages; and
 - (iii) of aforesaid measures?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, November 05, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

45/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Hambanthota Rest House which was under the purview of Urban Development Authority has been transferred to private sector;
 - (ii) the employees who were employed there have been attached to the Head Office of the Urban Development Authority; and
 - (iii) this process causes a financial loss for the Urban Development Authority?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to take back this Rest House to the Urban Development Authority; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

130/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Race Course ground that belonged to the Colombo Municipal Council was a place that provided facilities to conduct sports meets for about 10 schools adjacent to it; and
 - (ii) the said schools have been deprived of that facility by now?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the present owners of the Race Course ground that was earlier belonged to the Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid to the Municipal Council by the persons or institutions who acquired that land;
 - (iii) as to how the facilities be provided and currently for the said school children who do not have play grounds?
- (c) If not, why?

149/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of public servants who received motorcycles within this year under the scheme to provide motorcycle to public servants;
 - (ii) separately of the number of employees who have been provided with motorcycles in each government institution?
- (b) Will he also table —
 - (i) the number of employees to whom the fifty thousand rupees (Rs.50,000) that was charged from them for the motorcycles has been repaid as promised during the last presidential election;
 - (ii) of the names of employees to whom the Rs.50,000 that was charged from them for the motorcycle has been repaid?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the programme for distributing motorcycles free among public servants has been stopped;
 - (ii) of the date on which the Rs.50,000 that was charged from them up to now will be repaid to everyone?
- (d) If not, why?

46/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the competitive examination for recruitment to the post of Cultural Officers was held on 26.02.1994; and
 - (ii) the individuals who passed the aforesaid examination were recruited as Cultural Officers on 23.06.1998?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the qualifications that the Cultural Officers should fulfill in order to be promoted to the post of Assistant Director of Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) of the number of officers who have completed the above qualifications and were deprived of aforesaid promotion;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to grant promotion to aforesaid officials; and
 - (iv) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

131/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to write off the loans provided to Co-Operative societies by the previous government from the state banks;
 - (ii) if so, the districts in which that decision came into effect; and
 - (iii) the reason as to why that decision was not implemented in the District of Ratnapura?
- (b) If not, why?

47/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to evacuate the people residing in the High Sensitive Zone of Wilpattu Sanctuary;
 - (ii) If so, what that date is; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid people will be provided with lands in other areas?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken against the people residing in the above sanctuary;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (iii) of the names, addresses and designations of the offenders?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 06, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

48/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) the cinnamon industry is faced with the risk of being collapsed owing to fraudulent activities of the merchants;
 - (ii) the substandard cinnamon products which were exported have been returned to the country ; and
 - (iii) this situation is a great damage to Sri Lanka's goodwill?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Cinnamon products that have been returned back after exportation in the year 2014 owing to being substandard;
 - (ii) separately of the quantity and the value of the said products;
 - (iii) of those who exported the aforesaid products; and
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken with pertinence to the company of the said person?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures currently taken to examine the standard of the cinnamon products that are exported; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken to prevent exportation of substandard cinnamon?
- (d) If not, why?

132/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the report of the Commission appointed to look into the Co-operative Societies Movement has been handed over to the then President, Madam Chandrika Bandaranayaka Kumaratunga;
 - (ii) if the said report has not been published up to now, the reason for that; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to make that report available to the public?
- (b) If not, why?

150/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone for the construction of the first phase of the Kandurata expressway was laid prior to the previous General Election?—
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the construction of the first phase of the Kandurata expressway;
 - (ii) the starting and ending points of the aforesaid first phase;
 - (iii) the total length of the aforesaid section; and
 - (iv) if lands to be used for the construction of the route have been identified in relation to the first phase, what those villages and towns are?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the date on which the environment report required for construction has been obtained;
 - (ii) the date on which the feasibility study has been conducted;
 - (iii) the name of the institution which has been selected for this construction; and
 - (iv) the methodology according to which the relevant selection has been done?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the loan agreement pertaining to the construction of this section has been signed;
 - (ii) of the institution from which the loan will be obtained; and
 - (iii) of the loan interest ?

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- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money that will be spent on the first phase of the Kandurata Expressway; and
 - (ii) accordingly, of the amount spent per Kilometer?
- (e) If not, why?

49/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the milk powder production of Milco Company has decreased;
 - (ii) accordingly, Highland milk powder is not available in the market; and
 - (iii) this is a huge loss for the consumers and the company?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the milk powder production of Milko company during the period from 10.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 separately for each year in kilograms; and
 - (ii) of the amount of milk powder produced during the first quarter of the year 2015 in Kilograms?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the production of milk powder of Milco Company; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

133/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) separately as per the institution, the number of engineering, accountancy and other professional courses conducted by institutions other than the government universities; and
 - (ii) separately, the course fee charged by those institutions for each course?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the courses conducted by charging fees at the universities under the Minister of Higher Education and Highways ;
 - (ii) separately, the course fee charged for each course; and
 - (iii) of the changes that occurred in the said fees from 2012 to 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

151/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of unemployed graduates as at 30th September 2015; and
 - (ii) the number of the aforesaid graduates separately as per the degree they have obtained;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the programme available with the present government for providing employment for graduates; and
 - (ii) accordingly of the number of graduates expected to be recruited for the year 2015?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vacancies available for graduates in the Public Service as it is reported so far;
 - (ii) of the number of undergraduates expecting to be graduates through universities and through external courses during the five years from 2015 to 2019, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies expected to be created on their behalf in the Public service for the aforesaid years, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

52/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the criteria taken into consideration when admitting students to Advanced Level classes of the Visaka Vidyala, Colombo;
 - (ii) of the subject streams that are available for the students who are admitted to Advanced Level classes of the Visaka Vidyala, Colombo in year 2015;
 - (iii) separately of the number of classes available in each subject stream for the newly admitted Advanced Level students;
 - (iv) separately of the number of students in each of the aforementioned classes; and
 - (v) of the number of students admitted to the Advanced Level classes of the Visaka Vidyala, Colombo from other schools in year 2015?

(b) Will he table —

- (i) separately of the name of each student mentioned in (a) (v) above, their district, name of the school from which the student sat for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination and the Advanced Level subject stream that they were admitted to; and
- (ii) separately of the qualifications possessed by each of the aforesaid students in order to gain admission to the Visaka Vidyalaya?

(c) If not, why?

*** NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED**

Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and report on the suppression of escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and evading the delays in implementing law,—

Whereas it has turned out to be a prime necessity of the people of this country to suppress the escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and to evade the delays in implementing the law,

And whereas the Parliament is vested in the responsibility to draw its concern and interest in that regard and remedy the situation,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into the following matters and make suitable recommendations:—

- (a) on the nature of the crimes that took place in recent times, the reasons that were led for the occurrence of such crimes, the measures that should be taken to minimize the criminal acts and necessary legal provisions and/or amendments;
 - (b) on the appropriate procedures that should be adopted in evading the delays with regard to civil and criminal matters and on the laws that should be newly introduced and /or amended; and
 - (c) on any other matters incidental thereto and the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matter under consideration by the Committee.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
3. The Committee shall have the power to —
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

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- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

* *Indicates Government Business*
