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Appropriation (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1915/2 of 18th May 2015, which was presented on 03.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Saturday, November 21, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the distribution of 14000 Carrom boards and 14000 Draughts boards with a value of Rs. 39,061,290.12 by the Ministry of Sports during the year 2014, had been included in the action plan of the Ministry for the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether allocations had been made to the Ministry of Sports by Parliament under the Annual Budget Estimates 2014 for the purchase of these Carrom Boards and Draughts Boards; and
 - (iii) if so, what that amount is?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these equipment purchased through CWE had been formally taken over to the stores of the Ministry;
 - (ii) if they had not been taken over to the Stores of the Ministry, the officers and institutions who had taken over the aforesaid equipment; and
 - (iii) the places to which the said equipment had been distributed and the places in which the balance had been stored?

(2)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Department on the sports equipment that had been purchased contrary to the procurement procedures and as per the directive of the former Minister of Sports but had not taken over to the Ministry;
 - (ii) of the authorities who are held responsible in that regard; and
 - (iii) of the judicial measures that had been taken pertaining to this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

19/15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a complaint has been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division of Police against the former Minister of Co-operatives and the former Commissioner of Co-operative Development on charges of misuse and misappropriation of a sum of Rs. 897.06 million out of the Co-operatives Development Fund and the Co-operatives Surplus Fund against the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act of 1972, during the period 2011-2014?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation of the complaint mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be conducted under the Public Property Act on the misuse and misappropriation of these funds?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institutional procedures initiated against the misuse and misappropriation of these funds;
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to recover those funds lost to the government; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent misappropriation of public funds in general on the discretion of the Minister in charge of the subject, in future?
- (d) If not, why?

22/15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that even though the Minister of Finance in his address to Parliament that followed the presentation of the revised budget 2015 pledged that the decentralized budgetary allocation of Rs. 5 million given to a Member of Parliament would be increased to Rs. 10 million with the Hon. Prime Minister confirming it to the House, no Member of Parliament has received it for the year 2015 until 10th September 2015?

(3)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the sum of Rs. 5 million, which a Member of Parliament was entitled to throughout the history, would be made available to them at least during the next few months of this year; and
- (ii) if not, whether he would admit this as a breach of privilege caused by the present government, which has been enjoyed by a Member of Parliament continuously for over four decades?

(c) If not, why?

29/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether excavations have been halted in the Kuragala historic sacred site which is one of the most important Buddhist places of worship in the Sabaragamuwa Province;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for same?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the extent of land belonging to the Kuragala sacred site;
- (ii) whether the boundaries of the said extent of land have been delimited;
- (iii) whether measures have been taken for the preservation of the artifacts found during excavations; and
- (iv) if so, the measures thus taken?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to secure the right of Buddhists to the Kuragala sacred site;
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to continue with its excavations;
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

79/15

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Elephant-Human conflict has been aggravating since last five years and the damages are being caused on the human lives and the elephant resource; and
- (ii) due to informal and disordered construction of electric fences, instead of their villages being protected, the people living in the villages have become helpless, having unfairly dispossessed of their homes and lands?

(4)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of electric fences projects that have been put up during the recent past and the number of fences projects, proposed to be put up;
 - (ii) separately, the Districts and Divisional Secretariat Divisions where electric fences have been put up;
 - (iii) of the number of electric fences that have become defunct at present; and
 - (iv) whether a proper mechanism has been set up in the Ministry to receive the complaints of the people who had faced with the situations as of aforesaid (a) (ii), in order to serve justice to them?
- (c) If not, why?

93/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are instances where the opportunity was not given even to face the interview, which was conducted to admit students to the grade 1 in schools, due to the non existence of a title deed to prove the ownership of the dwelling place; and
 - (ii) a separate appeal committee was established with regard to the children who were not admitted to the school due to the non existence of a title deed during the period of the previous government;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a law that the relevant deed of the land should be submitted to prove the residency to get a child admitted to a school;
 - (ii) the number of children who were not admitted to schools due to the mere reason of the absence of deeds; and
 - (iii) whether steps can be taken to solve this problem in a fair manner if the residency can be proved without considering the existence or non existence of a deed;
- (c) If not, why?

165/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a proper transport service had been provided to the passengers of the Udunuwara area through the operation of a regular bus service throughout Udunuwara Electorate by the Yatinuwara Depot for a long period of time since 1977; and
 - (ii) the objective of Sri Lanka Transport Board was to provide services to the commuters of the area by maintaining depots at regional level;

(5)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the names and numbers of the routes in which busses were operated during the period mentioned in (i) above;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid routes, of the names of the ones in which busses are not operated at present by the Yatinuwara Depot; and
 - (iii) of the names and numbers of the routes in which busses are operated at present and the times of the turns of those buses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether actions will be taken to recommence bus services in the routes in which buses had been operated by the Yatinuwara Depot and have been stopped at present; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid bus services will commence?
- (d) If not, why?

178/15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the house bearing No.264/1 at Vedagedara, Yonakapura, Dickwella where Mr.M.M.A.Nifran and the members of his family resided was located in a hilly area;
 - (ii) the kitchen that remained from the house that was destroyed by the rains that fell on 22.09.2012 too was totally destroyed as a result of the earth slip that occurred in the adjoining hills around 1.45 a.m. on 02.09.2015; and
 - (iii) no step has been taken in this regard up to now, even though the responsible officials of the area have been informed about this?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct that house for Mr.Nifran who has been rendered helpless, as a result of the total destruction of the house that he had to live as a family with his small children and his wife, and due to lack of a permanent source of income?
- (c) If not, why?

30/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Science, Technology and Research,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated for research and development purposes in the year 2014;
 - (ii) the value of said allocation as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product;
 - (iii) separately, the research and development programmes on which the said amount of money was spent; and
 - (iv) the benefits derived by the country through such programmes?

(6)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the activities carried out by the then Ministry of Technology and Research to encourage inventors;
 - (ii) inventions submitted in the year 2014;
 - (iii) the names of persons who submitted said inventions; and
 - (iv) the support extended to them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the allocation for research and development purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money expected to be so increased; and
 - (iii) the plan to spend the said amount of money?
- (d) If not, why?

13/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the action taken at institution level against the former Secretary to the President Mr. Lalith Weerathunga who was the then Chairman of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) and Mr. Anusha Pelpita who was the then Director General of the TRC regarding the misappropriation of Rs. 600 million of public funds for the purpose of distributing various items including *Sil* robes among voters targeting the 2015 Presidential Election;
 - (ii) of the present status of the financial crime investigations that are being carried out in this regard; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken against the relevant officers responsible for taking action against large scale financial crimes in the event that they are reluctant to take necessary action?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the action that will be taken by the Minister in charge of the relevant subject to recover the sum of Rs. 600 million that was lost to the government;
 - (ii) of the other misuse of public funds that were committed in relation to the Presidential Election of 2015 in addition to the distribution of *Sil* robes using monies of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission; and
 - (iii) of the actions that have been taken against those offenses?
- (c) If not, why?

31/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen in custody overseas at present; and
 - (ii) the countries where they are held and the number of fishermen in custody in each of those countries, separately?
- (b) Will he table separately the name, address and telephone number of each fisherman in custody and the period for which each fisherman has been in custody?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) why speedy action is not taken to get the arrested fishermen released;
 - (ii) the steps taken to prevent the fishermen from violating the marine boundaries;
 - (iii) whether assistance will be provided to the arrested fishermen to restart their occupation once they are released;
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

Monday, November 23, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

14/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that GI pipes (flag posts) worth Rs.20,132,277/- (20.1 million) have been purchased utilizing the monies of the Divineguma Fund in connection with the Presidential Election 2015, on the instructions of the then subject minister?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any possibility of purchasing GI pipes and distributing them among Pradeshiya Sabhas in terms of the objectives of the Divineguma Fund;
 - (ii) if so, of the section of the Divineguma Act under which such purchases can be made; and
 - (iii) of the name of the person in authority who had given the approval for the aforesaid purchase?

(8)

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the measures that have been taken by the present Minister to recover the amount of Rs.20 million that lost due to the misuse of moneys of the fund;
- (ii) whether an investigation of financial crimes is being carried out at present with regard to the aforesaid incident;
- (iii) if so, of the progress of the aforesaid investigation; and
- (iv) of the administrative measures that have been taken with regard to the aforesaid incident?

(d) If not, why?

20/15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

(a) Is she aware that misappropriation of financial resources of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau which was under the purview of the Ministry of Foreign Employment has been uncovered by the Auditor General through audit query No. IS/INV/PC/GDE/2015/04 dated 10th June 2015?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the instances of financial misconduct indicated in (a) above;
- (ii) separately, the value of the said instances of misconduct;
- (iii) whether the Ministry has initiated a probe regarding the said instances of financial misconduct uncovered by the audit query;
- (iv) if so, its current progress; and
- (v) the current status of the inquiry conducted by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division in respect of the uncovered financial crimes?

(c) If not, why?

24/15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the carpeting of 18 roads belonging to the Southern Provincial Council of which, work had been commenced previously has been suspended midway from January 2015; and
- (ii) the road leading from Kekunadura to Dickwella via Wehella is in such a bad state that even walking let alone transporting has become laborious?

(9)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the 18 roads indicated in a (i) above of which renovation activities have been abandoned midway;
 - (ii) the date on which laying of carpet in the road indicated in (a) (ii) above will be started;
 - (iii) the amount allocated or pledged to be allocated by the General Treasury for these roads; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the future programme of work for carpeting of these roads separately?
- (c) If not, why?

33/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the Sinhalese population in Batticaloa district; and
 - (ii) the villages in which the aforesaid people reside?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the people living in the Sinhalese villages in Batticaloa district do not get the basic facilities including houses and water sufficiently;
 - (ii) a majority of the aforesaid people do not duly receive the services of the government; and
 - (iii) some are taking action to evict these people from their villages ?
- (c) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) of the steps taken to provide basic facilities including houses , water to the Sinhalese people living in Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) the steps taken to confirm the right of the aforesaid people to their villages;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to bring the Sinhalese people who had migrated to other areas leaving their villages in Batticaloa due to the war, to their original villages again; and
 - (iv) if so, how it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

80/'15

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that various media have reported that antiquities and treasures were heavily destroyed and taken away by thieves during the past period of time of almost a decade?

(10)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of complaints received by the Department of Archaeology in this regard;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Archaeology has taken legal actions regarding the incidents reported in media and the complaints received by them;
 - (iii) if so, the number of incidents and complaints regarding which legal action has been taken, separately;
 - (iv) the number of persons that have been convicted through the aforesaid legal action; and
 - (v) the actions taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents again?
- (c) If not, why?

160/'15

Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
- (i) of the number of districts in which the paddy is purchased, at the government guaranteed price;
 - (ii) of what aforesaid districts are;
 - (iii) whether a mechanism has been set up, intending the farmers of the other districts, enabling them to sell their produce at government guaranteed prices;
 - (iv) if so, the aforesaid mechanism; and
 - (v) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the Agrarian Services Centers, situated in the districts that have not been approved as the districts that purchase paddy at guaranteed price, could be given at least an agency to purchase paddy?
- (c) If not, why?

164/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a large number of soldiers of the Sri Lanka Army who had been engaged in operational duties in the North and the East have left the army after serving in the Army for 12 years; and
 - (ii) they are suffering severe hardships at present?

(11)

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of soldiers who have left the Army after serving for 12 years;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide relief to those persons;
 - (iii) whether he admits that it would be reasonable to pay a half pension to those persons who served the country risking their lives; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which arrangements will be made to pay a half pension to those persons?
- (c) If not, why?

176/15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) about 38 families of the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division settled in Senapura village in the Mahaweli “B” Zone in the year 1986, vacated the area fearing the safety of their lives consequent to attacks of Tiger Terrorists on Alinchipothana area on 14.04.1992; and
 - (ii) they were dispossessed of the ownership of the said lands when the lands that were not developed under the Land Development Ordinance were cancelled and that an inquiry was held on 02.08.2013 for allocating dry lands to them only for residence?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the progress of the above inquiry; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons selected as of now for granting plots of lands for residence?
- (c) If not, why?

179/15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that lack of enough space and building facilities in Pu/Kal/Pulanchchena Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in Puttalam district, in which approximately 600 students learn, has become an obstacle in carrying out educational activities there?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to construct a two storied building of the size of 60'x 25' for the facility of the children that study in the aforesaid school?
- (c) If not, why?

34/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that was spent on the reconstruction of Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery in the year 2014;
 - (ii) of the name of the company which carried out the aforesaid reconstruction work;
 - (iii) whether tenders had been called for before the aforesaid reconstruction work was awarded to that company;
 - (iv) if so, of the value of the tender that had been submitted by that company;
 - (v) of the names of the other companies that had submitted tenders for the aforesaid construction work; and
 - (vi) separately of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of those companies, and the names of the countries to which those companies belong and the value of each of those tenders?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for awarding that tender for the aforesaid company; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the government had to incur a loss by dealing with that company?
- (c) If not, why?

87/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Rakna Lanka Security Company is an institution affiliated to the Ministry of Defence; and
 - (ii) if so, the year in which it was established and the report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the institution from the day it was established up to 2015, separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the government and private institutions to which the security service was provided by the aforesaid organization; and
 - (ii) separately, the year, date and the name of the institutions that entered into agreements with the aforesaid company to get their security service?

(13)

- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are government institutions that expelled this organization from providing their services from January 2015 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, what those institutions are;
 - (iii) the reasons for the expel;
 - (iv) the names of the security companies deployed instead; and
 - (v) the names of the Directors of those substitute companies separately?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the annual income and the profit earned by this company from its inception; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been given to the General Treasury on annual basis?
- (e) If not, why?

36/15

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

- (a) Will he state the number of male and female school students affected by abuses and violence including assaults made by teachers in the year 2014?
 - (b) Will he table this House separately —
 - (i) the names and addresses of each of the aforesaid male or female students along with the name of the school in which he/she studies;
 - (ii) the harm inflicted on each of the male or female students mentioned above;
 - (iii) the action taken on behalf of each of the male or female student that was affected;
 - (iv) the name, address and the school of the teacher involved in each incident mentioned above; and
 - (v) the action taken against each of the teachers mentioned above?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to prevent inhuman harassment committed to male and female students by teachers;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid action?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 24, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

53/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of educational institutions administered by religious organizations funded by the government;
 - (ii) separately, that number in respect of each religion; and
 - (iii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the said educational institutions?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each institution, the number of students studying in the institutions indicated in (a) (iii) above;
 - (ii) the composition of the staffs of the said educational institutions; and
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each institution, the amount spent annually by the government for the aforesaid institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

163/'15

Hon.Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology of issuing firearms to the farmers for protecting their cultivations from wild animals;
 - (ii) of the number of firearms that have been issued in this manner in the Anuradhapura district;
 - (iii) whether all the persons who have received firearms accordingly have fulfilled the necessary requirements; and
 - (iv) if not, of the basis on which firearms were issued to them.
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether any person who has fulfilled the necessary requirements can meet the relevant authorities and obtain a firearm without any difficulty; and
 - (ii) if not, the action that will be taken in that regard.
- (c) If not, why?

166/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a building that bears the name 'Mahinda Rajapaksha Theatre' has been constructed at the premises of the National Institute of Co-operative Development in Polgolla;
 - (ii) the aforesaid building is not effectively utilized despite that a long time has passed since the opening of that building;
 - (iii) performers and artists do not get the opportunity of staging performances at this theatre due to the high charges made; and
 - (iv) this has caused a great injustice to performers and artists?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that was spent by the government for the construction of this building;
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid building was opened;
 - (iii) of the number of performances that have been staged at this theater as at present;
 - (iv) of the nature of those performances;
 - (v) of the amount that is charged per day for staging a performance at this theatre;
 - (vi) of the time limit given for using the theatre per day;
 - (vii) of the total income that has been earned so far from the performances that have been staged at this theatre;
 - (viii) whether action will be taken to provide the opportunity for performers and artists to stage performances at this theatre paying a reasonable charge; and
 - (ix) if so, the date from which such action would be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

171/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many development programmes that were initiated in the Matara District under the Deyata Kiruala development programme have been stopped from January 2015; and
 - (ii) the officers and the politicians in the government emphasized in the very single district development committee meeting held for this year that those programmes would be recommenced?

(16)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the new town plan for Matara will be implemented in the proposed place;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be implemented;
 - (iii) if not, why;
 - (iv) whether the construction of Matara new Town Hall complex will be commenced;
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be started; and
 - (vi) if not, why?
- (c) If not, why?

177/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the action that has been taken in response to letter No.SD/8/2 of the President Secretariat dated 30.09.2010, letter No.MNBD/06/AD/CO/16 of the Ministry of Economic Development dated 02.11.2010, and letter No. MDM/AS/DM/46 of the Ministry of Disaster Management dated 23.09.2010 that were sent to the Government Agent/District Secretary of the Ampara District enlightening him on the issue of the Tsunami victims who had been rendered homeless; and
 - (ii) the progress that has been achieved in that regard as at present?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of families who were rendered homeless due to Tsunami in Saindamarudu Divisional Secretary's Division in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) out of those who were rendered homeless, the names and addresses of the persons who have been provided with permanent houses as at present?
- (c) If not, why?

54/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has granted permission to establish a sugar washing factory in the premises of the Hambantota port;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the said company and if it is a foreign company the name of the country; and
 - (iii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Board of Directors of the said company?

(17)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount to be invested by the said company;
 - (ii) the concessions to be provided by the government to the said company;
 - (iii) the benefits to be derived by the country as a result of establishing the sugar washing factory; and
 - (iv) the quantity of sugar expected to be refined at this factory annually?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures to prevent the collapse of the sugar industry of Sri Lanka as a result of this company; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 26, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

55/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Prisons Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) urban schoolchildren have become victims of drug racketeers; and
 - (ii) these rackets are perpetrated using schoolchildren?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures by now to stop drugs smuggled into schools; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) Will he submit to this House-
 - (i) the number of schoolchildren arrested in connection with drug related offences over the past five years;
 - (ii) the process being adopted by the government to reintegrate them into society;
 - (iii) whether a follow-up process is implemented regarding the children so reintegrated; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps associated with that process?
- (d) If not, why?

167/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a housing scheme was commenced in 1977 in Hantana, Kandy, for the middle class citizens on a concept of the then Minister of Housing, the Late Hon. Ranasinghe Premadasa?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the total area of that scheme which belongs to the Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of houses built there;
 - (iii) whether all the houses have been provided to occupants by now; and
 - (iv) if so, in what manner?
- (c) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) whether there are vacant plots of land belonging to the Authority within that land by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the extent of such plots of land separately;
 - (iii) whether plots of land have been sold by the Minister of Housing of the former government for construction of luxury houses within this scheme ;
 - (iv) if so, to whom and the extent of land sold in that manner;
 - (v) of the income received by the Authority through the sale of those plots of land;
 - (vi) whether luxury houses have been constructed on those plots of land by now;
 - (vii) if so, of their selling price;
 - (viii) of the benefits received by the Authority;
 - (ix) if houses have not been constructed, whether those plots of land will be taken over by the Authority again; and
 - (x) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

172/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) according to the decision of the Committee on Public Petitions dated 29.03.2011 the Department of Education of the Southern Province had conducted formal interviews to recruit unemployed trained teachers to government schools and submitted 06 lists of names to the line Ministry on 03.05.2011; and
 - (ii) the line Ministry has given the approval for the recruitment of persons only 04 lists out of the 06 lists of names submitted?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which the persons on the other 02 lists of names will be recruited as teachers in government schools?
- (c) If not, why?

180/15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of families that lost their houses and property in various areas of the island as a result of the *tsunami* disaster remain in a destitute state even at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) steps will be taken to implement a scheme that would provide permanent housing to people who have lost their houses, after selecting them at Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) attention will be focused on implementing the aforesaid programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

58/15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the provincial councilors of the North Central Province participated in foreign tours in the years 2013 and 2014, of which the expenses were made by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the number of provincial councilors that participated in the aforesaid foreign tours and their names; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the provincial council for the foreign tours of the aforesaid provincial councilors on per head basis, separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for which the aforesaid provincial councilors participated in foreign tours; and
 - (ii) the benefits received by the country from the aforesaid tours?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether persons other than provincial councilors participated in foreign tours of which the expenses were made by the provincial council ;
 - (ii) if so, their names and posts;
 - (iii) the reasons for which the aforesaid persons went abroad; and
 - (iv) the benefits received by the country from the aforesaid tours?
 - (d) If not , why?
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Friday, November 27, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

61/15

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of centers that provide training to the Sri Lankans who go overseas for employment;
 - (ii) if the government makes any payment to the aforesaid trainees, the amount of money paid to them; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid trainees should pay any amount to the government, the amount of money that should be paid by them?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the trainees of the aforesaid training centers are provided with knowledge on immigration and emigration laws , customs laws and exchange laws of Sri Lanka and of the country to which they expect to leave for employment;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken for it in the future; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which such action will be taken?
- (c) If not , why ?

168/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that there are low income families in Udunuwara electorate who did not receive Divineguma allowances on political grounds under the former government;
 - (ii) if so, whether speedy action will be taken to provide them those allowances; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of low income families in Udunuwara electorate who are provided monthly allowances by the Divineguma Development Department;
 - (ii) the total value of the monthly allowances provided to them;
 - (iii) whether those allowances have been divided into categories;
 - (iv) if so, of the manner in which allowances are provided to each party according to the categories;
 - (v) of the number of families receiving allowances according to the categories, separately;
 - (vi) whether the allowances provided to the Divineguma recipients have been increased by Good Governance established on 08th January 2015; and
 - (vii) if so, how the monthly allowances were increased for each party?
- (c) Will he table the names and addresses of Divineguma recipient families in Udunuwara Divisional Secretariat Division and the amounts they receive, separately according to the Grama Niladhari Division?
- (d) If not, why?

62/'15

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) those who go overseas to be employed as domestic employees send items, which have been removed from use and are not suitable for use, to this country ;
 - (ii) they have to spend a huge amount of money for it; and
 - (iii) these scrap material may cause problems to the environment of our country as well?

(22)

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to prevent the influx of old used furniture etc. from foreign countries; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

173/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an agreement was entered into between the Matara Municipal Council and the 'Ekamuthu Farmers' Organization of No. 112/3, Raja Maha Vihara Road, Kotikagoda, Walgama North, Matara for the purpose of developing the culvert located on the Drug Warehouse Road in Paramulla within the Matara Municipal Council limits out of the funds allocated under the "Gamen Gamata – Doren Dorata" (Village to Village – Door to Door) Project implemented in the year 2014 by the Department of Local Government; and
- (ii) relevant payments have not been paid to the Farmers' Organization concerned although Construction work was commenced on 17 November 2014 and completed in December 2014 as per File අංක:ම.ම.න.ස/නා.ඉ.දෙ/වැ-3/2014– Deputy Director – 04 Contracts?

(b) Will he inform this House of the date on which the payment in respect of the contract will be released to the Ekamuthu Farmers' Organization of Walgama North as the construction work has been completed and the invoice has been submitted to claim the payment?

(c) If not, why?

63/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) electronic waste has been disposed in huge amounts in Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) a portion of the aforesaid waste has also been disposed to the environment as well in an unsafe manner;
- (iii) disposal of electronic waste to the environment in an unsafe manner has become a main factor which causes environmental pollution; and
- (iv) electronic waste is a threat to the health of people as well?

(23)

- (b) Will he inform to this House —
 - (i) the amount of electronic waste disposed in Sri Lanka a year;
 - (ii) whether a programme is available for the management of the aforesaid waste;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iv) whether the programme is being implemented presently?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a research has been conducted about the chemicals released to the environment by electronic waste;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the institution which conducted the research and the date on which the aforesaid research was done; and
 - (iii) if not, whether researches will be done in the future?
 - (d) If not, why ?
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Saturday, November 28, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

69/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Chinese vessels have been permitted to engage in fishing in the international maritime zone of the Indian Ocean;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of vessels to which the aforesaid permission has been granted;
 - (iii) of the conditions relevant to the agreement between those vessels and Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the annual income expected from providing permission in this manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan vessels engaged in fishing in the international waters;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to remedy the injustice faced by Sri Lankan fishermen as a result of Chinese Vessels;
 - (iii) of the reasons for not supporting the Sri Lankans to purchase large fishing vessels instead of providing permission for Chinese vessels;
 - (iv) whether it has been planned to provide large fishing vessels and required facilities including modern technical tools enabling Sri Lankans to engage in fishing in the international waters; and
 - (v) if so, how is it; from which date is it?
- (c) If not, why?

169/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that there are low income families who did not receive Divineguma allowances on political grounds under the former government;
 - (ii) if so, whether speedy action will be taken to provide those allowances to them; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of low income families throughout the island who receive the allowances provided by the Divineguma Development Department;
 - (ii) the total value of the monthly allowances provided to those people;
 - (iii) whether those allowances have been divided into categories;
 - (iv) the allowances provided to each party according to the categories mentioned in (iii) above ;
 - (v) the number of families in the island receiving allowances according to the categories, separately;
 - (vi) whether the allowances provided to the Divineguma recipients have been increased by Good Governance established on 08th January 2015; and
 - (vii) if so, the increased monthly allowances as per each category separately?
- (c) If not, why?

70/'15

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) bovine foot and mouth disease is spreading throughout Sri Lanka very rapidly;
 - (ii) the Department of Animal Production and Health does not possess a sufficient stock of vaccines given to prevent this disease;
 - (iii) many items contained in the Circular issued by the said Department in relation to controlling that disease, have been cancelled; and
 - (iv) it has not been possible to control that disease as a result of such cancellation?

(25)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the items that have been removed from the Circular issued by the Department of Animal Production and Health;
 - (ii) of the reasons for removing those items;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to include those items again;
 - (iv) of the steps taken to provide without shortage, the medicine required to control the bovine foot and mouth disease; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to breed the cattle resource destroying owing to that disease?
- (c) If not, why?

174/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that the approval has been given by the Public Services Commission with pertinence to re-employ the retired officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service on contract basis with effect from 15.06.2015; and
 - (ii) that as per the above approval, all the relevant parties have been instructed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education through letter Number ED/4/58/16/01/04 dated 17.07.2015 to re-employ the retired officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administration Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the retired officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service who have applied for the vacancies prevalent in the Department of Education of the Southern Province as at 01st September 2015; and
 - (ii) of the date on which they will be formally re-employed?
- (c) If not, why?

71/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the underground cables of the three old lightening conductors that had been installed in the main building complex of the Matale Municipal Council and Parts of a clock of the old clock tower situated in the center of the Matale city have disappeared; and
 - (ii) those parts that have disappeared have a antique value ?

(26)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any complaints have been received regarding the aforesaid incidents;
 - (ii) if so, of the dates on which the aforesaid complaints were received;
 - (iii) of the names of the persons who lodged those complaints;
 - (iv) of the dates on which those complaints were investigated;
 - (v) of the names of the officers who conducted those investigations;
 - (vi) whether legal action has been taken against the accused persons of those complaints; and
 - (vii) if so, of the names and addresses of those accused persons and the nature of the action that has been taken against them?
- (c) If not, why?
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Monday, November 30, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

72/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) paddy lands, wetlands and floodplains have been damaged as a result of the Southern, Katunayake-Colombo and Outer Circular highways;
 - (ii) the residents in close proximity to highways are facing the danger of floods due to this reason; and
 - (iii) this damage caused to the environment affects the balance of environment in the entire country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to save the flood risk areas created due to the highways from the danger of floods;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) whether he has taken steps to conserve the affected eco systems; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a integrated programme with the other Ministries connected to the flood risk mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
 - (ii) if so, what that programme is?
- (d) If not, why?

170/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) whether money had been allocated for the improvement of schools and rural playgrounds in Kandy District during the period from 2010 to 2015;
 - (ii) if so, of the total sum of money, allocated for that;
 - (iii) of the number of playgrounds, constructed all over the District;
 - (iv) separately, of aforesaid playgrounds, according to Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (v) separately, of the amounts of money, allocated for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are playgrounds for which money had been allocated and construction works have been completed;
 - (ii) if so, of them according to divisions;
 - (iii) of the number of playgrounds that has not been completed;
 - (iv) of the amount of money further needed to complete the construction works of aforesaid playgrounds;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to provide aforesaid money; and
 - (vi) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

73/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tankers transporting crude oil to which demurrage was paid as a result of the pipeline carrying crude oil being in a state of disrepair off the seas of Colombo harbour on 25.05.2015;
 - (ii) separately, the amount paid as demurrage to each of the said tankers;
 - (iii) the number of days taken to repair the pipeline;
 - (iv) the number of days in which the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery had to be closed fully on account of this; and
 - (v) the overall loss caused to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the damage caused to the carrying oil pipeline?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which tenders were called last, to purchase the required pipelines to the buoy;
- (ii) if so, the companies which forwarded tenders and the countries to which they belong;
- (iii) the company to which the tender was awarded; and
- (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to that company?

(c) If not, why?

175/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) a number of development projects that were commenced under Deyata Kirula Development Project in Matara district, have been stalled from January 2015; and
- (ii) in the very single district development committee meeting, held in this year, the politicians and officials emphasized the fact that aforesaid projects will be restarted ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the construction works of Veherahena Raja Maha Vihara, Devinuwara Raja Maha Vihara and Vevurukannala Sacred Area that have been stalled, midway, will be restarted?
- (ii) if so, of aforesaid date ?

(c) If not, why?

74/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of persons living in Sri Lanka at present who do not possess a National Identity Card;
- (ii) as to why action was not taken to issue them with a National Identity Card;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to issue them with a National Identity Card;
- (iv) if so, in what manner will it be done; and
- (v) of the date on which Identity Cards will be issued to them?

(29)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government is making arrangements to issue a new Electronic Identity Card;
 - (ii) if so, whether it will be possible under the aforesaid system to issue an identity card to all the Sri Lankan Citizens who are over 18 years of age;
 - (iii) the plan that has been developed for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be spent on the aforesaid new project; and
 - (v) whether any fee will be charged from the persons who obtain the aforesaid new Identity Card?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, December 01, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

75/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Meteorological Department has failed to deliver credible weather forecasts using outdated technical equipment they are having at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide human and sophisticated physical resources to the Meteorological Department;
 - (ii) if so, what those state-of-the-art technical equipment are;
 - (iii) the purposes for which those aforesaid equipment will be used;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for the aforesaid equipment; and
 - (v) the date on which those modern equipment will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

154/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees recruited to the public service and institutions affiliated to the government of Sri Lanka from 10 January 2015 to 30 September 2015?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to each of the respective institutions during the period mentioned in (a) above;
 - (ii) of the basis on which the aforesaid group was appointed to the respective institutions;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees recruited on permanent, casual and contract basis;
 - (iv) out of the group mentioned in (a) above, of the number of employees recruited after 28 June 2015;
 - (v) of the institutions to which they belong; and
 - (vi) separately, of the number of aforesaid employees in each of the institutions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether all recruitments that were carried out during the period mentioned in (a) above were done through a competitive examination; or whether it was done through an interview?
- (d) If not, why?

76/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent on laying carpet for 850 meter stretch of road within Eppawala Phosphate Limited premises in the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether a tender was called in offering the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of the name of the company to which the tender was offered; and
 - (iv) of the reasons, led to offer the tender to that company?
- (b) Will he table, separately the names, addresses, telephone numbers, names of the board of directors and the value of the tender of each company that forwarded the bids for the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether an investigation has been conducted with regard to the frauds and corruptions that took place in Eppawala Phosphate Ltd;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date;
 - (iii) of the findings of the aforesaid investigation;
 - (iv) if not, whether measures will be taken to conduct an investigation;
 - (v) if so, of that date; and
 - (vi) whether the findings of that investigation will be tabled?
- (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 02, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

77/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to what are the types of food seasonings which were banned from importation, from 01.07.2014;
 - (ii) separately, of the reasons led to ban each aforesaid food seasoning?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) same as aforementioned banned seasonings, “Ajinomoto” or Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) is harmful for human body;
 - (ii) it is a factor for cancer, neurological disorders and serious diseases;
 - (iii) over 2200 metric tons of aforesaid seasonings are imported every year to our country?
- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to ban the use of Monosodium Glutamate?
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

81/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, of the number of the estates and the factories , owned by Janatha Estate Development Board and Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation ?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) the names of the estates and the factories, mentioned in aforesaid (a), the areas located and the crops planted;
 - (ii) the number of employees, employed in each of aforesaid estate and factory ;
 - (iii) the names of the estate and factories that incurred losses or earned profits out of aforesaid estates or factories within the last five years; and
 - (iv) the loss incurred or the profit earned by each aforesaid estate and factory during aforesaid period of time?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the General treasury has provided money for loss incurred public estates;
 - (ii) if so, the amount provided ;
 - (iii) of the estates and factories for which money was provided ;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to revitalize the loss making public estates; and
 - (v) if so, of aforesaid measures ?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, December 03, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

94/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the amount of money that the government has lost due to the negligence and the inefficiency of the Department of Inland Revenue is 388 billion rupees as per the reports of the Auditor General;
 - (ii) even the amount of 3.9 billion rupees of the vat fraud is included in the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) accordingly the amount of money that the government lost due to the vat fraud is approximately 0.5% of the total amount of money that the government lost; and
 - (iv) investigations have not been conducted so far in regard to the remaining 99.5% ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations have been conducted in regard to the persons responsible for the deprivation of the government of the remaining 384.1 billion rupees in addition to the vat fraud ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, addresses, telephone numbers along with their status; and
 - (iii) the legal action taken against the aforesaid persons?
- (c) If not, why?

99/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) forests in the Northern and Eastern Provinces have been undergoing vast devastation during the past two years;
 - (ii) this devastation has direct political involvement;
 - (iii) as a result, the Forest Conservation Department has been keeping a tight-mouthed stance about the matter; and
 - (iv) this devastation directly affects Sri Lanka's ecosystem and trigger climatic changes?

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the names of the reserved forests located in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
 - (ii) the land area of each such forest separately; and
 - (iii) the date on which each such forest was declared a reserved forest separately?
 - (c) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the number of complaints received with regard to clearing of above forest regions individually or in groups in the past two years;
 - (ii) of the measures taken in respect of each complaint separately;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to recover the forcibly-acquired lands belonging to the reserves of the two Provinces; and
 - (iv) if so, when?
 - (d) If not why?
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Friday, December 04, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/’15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology applied in appointing an officer to the post of Director General in the Department of Coast Conservation, which fell vacant on 01.05.2014;
 - (ii) the basic educational qualifications and the stipulated basic qualifications in public service to be fulfilled to hold the aforesaid post, separately;
 - (iii) the educational qualifications and other qualifications of the officer named Indrani Mangalika Wickremanayaka, who was attached to the aforesaid post on a temporary basis on 02. 06. 2014, separately;
 - (iv) the period of time for which she has been in public service on a permanent basis from 03.03.2003 up to 11.02.2013; and
 - (v) the person who is authorized to appoint an officer to act on the post of Director General of Coast Conservation?

(34)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that an inquiry is being made against this officer before the commission to investigate allegations of Bribery or Corruption in regard to financial irregularities;
- (ii) if so, the legal basis of giving a post of Director General to such an officer;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to cancel the relevant appointment; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

128/15

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) agro-chemicals are not needed for cultivating indigenous varieties of paddy that have been in existence since ancient times; and
- (ii) cultivating such old indigenous varieties of paddy needs a minimal amount of water and this causes use of conventional methods minimum damage to man and nature?

(b) Will he inform House of—

- (i) the number of varieties of paddy identified to have been used in Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) the names of such varieties of paddy;
- (iii) the names of old varieties of paddy cultivated at present; and
- (iv) the reasons for not cultivating the other old varieties of paddy?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of paddy lands that are cultivated with old varieties of paddy as seed paddy by 2014;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to promote these varieties as seed paddy throughout Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) if so, what those steps are?

(d) If not why?

Saturday, December 05, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

129/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) illegal sand mining, gem mining and gold mining are carried out in rivers of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) as a result, great harm is caused to those rivers;
 - (iii) it directly affects the community life; and
 - (iv) adequate facilities are not available in the relevant institutions to curb such improper acts?
- (b) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to combat such improper acts associated with rivers;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) how many complaints have been received in respect of offences stated in (a) (i) above from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2014; and
 - (iv) what legal measures were taken in respect of each such complaint, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether the existing system of law is adequate to curb the environmental damages referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to change the existing laws?
- (d) If not why?

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the accounting year 2014 ;
 - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons relevant for each institution, separately
 - (iv) Whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making institutions; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.6/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

P.7/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a National Youth Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a select committee be appointed consisting of the Hon. Members of Parliament representing all the political parties for formulating a National Youth Policy suitable for Sri Lanka to get the assistance of the veterans, academics and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations representing all the related fields for that purpose.

P.8/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making use of Government Schools and Universities for education units, during vacations,— That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non Government Organizations, Chambers of Commerce and community based organizations during school holidays and afternoon sessions and University vacations.

P.9/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up of an efficient system to make acting appointments on Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant,— That this Parliament resolves that a post of Grama Niladari's be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladari's from that pool to Grama Niladari Divisions that

fall vacant, since appointing the Grama Niladari of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari Division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladari's of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary.

P.10/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees,— That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to Civil Defence Committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the Chief Incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, the Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development Officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations, public and private sector employees who are residents of the Grama Niladhari Division, be set up and to facilitate proper co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari Division.

P.11/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial Era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P.12/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Holding all elections on the same day,— That this Parliament resolves whereas during the 22 year period from 1988 to 2010 an election of some kind has been held every year except for the years 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2007 whereas the holding of such elections is having a huge impact on every field such as economy and administration of the country, though it is a worthy criterion in gauging the public opinion, that an appropriate amendment be introduced to the Constitution to revise the official term of office of entities such as Local Government Authorities, the Parliament and the Presidency and to devise an appropriate system of election, enabling the holding of elections for them on the same day.

P. 13/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary Democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the Local Government Bodies in the Provincial Councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the Provincial Councils and between the Provincial Councils and the Local Government Bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

P. 14/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity,— That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of Government, non-government and private institutions.

P. 15/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

P.16/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing Committees on Ethics,— That this Parliament resolves that a Committee on Ethics should be established to look into the matters connected with the maintaining of credibility and good ethical conduct of the Members of Parliament in Sri Lanka.

P.17/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing a new electronic Identity Card,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Identity Card with a new electronic number and containing important and necessary details about the relevant individual such as blood group, bank account number, credit card number, educational qualifications, driving licence number and passport number, be issued to facilitate administration and suppression of crimes and other fraudulent activities and that information of all residents of Divisional Secretariat Divisions be computerized early at Grama Niladhari Division level and those information be updated from time to time.

P.18/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Option of retirement after a 20 year period of service for male Police Officers,— That this Parliament resolves that the option of voluntary retirement available for female Police Officers after the completion of 20 year period of service shall be made applicable to the male Police Officers as well, and a scheme shall be formulated for this purpose.

P.19/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up Committees for repealing regulations,— That this Parliament resolves that committees to look into the possibility of repealing redundant regulations shall be set up since the formulation of regulations as well as the repealing of regulations is an ongoing process.

P.21/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Assurance Committees,— That this Parliament moves that committees be established to ensure that the Government fulfills its' responsibilities as there are occasions when the Government fails to meet the assurances given in response to questions raised in Parliament and the obligations of the Government.

P.22/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the productivity of the lands owned by the Department of Railways,— That this Parliament resolves that the income received by the Department be enhanced by removing speedily the unauthorized constructions and occupants from the lands owned by the Department of Railways and by reviewing the agreements regarding authorized constructions and that the lands that do not affect development work of the Department directly be provided to the private sector on long-term lease and funds thus obtained be utilized for modernization of the Railway Network.

P.23/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a scheme to protect the lives of the beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that lands for cultivation be provided to beggars and their safety of life and nourishment be ensured through the income received from such lands, as there is a serious threat to the lives of the beggars at present.

P.24/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a system to prevent the harm caused by stray dogs to human lives,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system to allocate a portion of land for the purpose of confining stray dogs and caring for them with a view to preventing the harm caused by them to human lives.

P.25/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Imposing severe punishment for cases of child abuse,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to expedite the hearing of cases of child abuse by passing new rules and regulations, if the existing rules and regulations in that respect are not sufficient as a situation has arisen where child abuse increases speedily day by day, throughout the Island.

P.26/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing beach access roads for the promotion of tourism,— Since the obstruction caused to local and foreign tourists and fishermen in accessing the coastal belt as a result of constructions going on apace within the coastal zone of the Island has hindered the promotion of tourism as well as the fisheries industry, that this Parliament resolves that a beach access road network should be established with a view to preventing this situation and to promote these industries.

P.27/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rectifying the salary anomalies of the officers in the Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that since there exist a salary anomaly in Principals' Service, Teacher Education Service and Education Administrative Service, a methodology should be formulated to rectify the aforesaid situation enabling them to receive a salary which is sufficient to maintain their dignity.

P.28/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist Monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

P.29/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the Notary Service operative in Sri Lanka at present,— Since the Notary Service operative in the Island at present has been based on obsolete laws, this Parliament resolves that this service has to be reconsidered and laws have to be introduced to suit the present situation in the country.

P.30/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of the chena cultivators in the dry zone,— That this House resolves that Co-operative Societies Limited be set up in order to increase the yield of crops such as paddy, kurakkan, green gram and gingelly cultivated by the chena cultivators in the dry zone, process products of high quality through the introduction of new technology to process products, and strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.31/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisory Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Teacher Instructor posts which was initiated nearly 20 years ago with the objective of ensuring quality development in education in Sri Lanka, and has been in operation ever since, be established as a separate Teacher Advisory Service unit.

P.32/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.33/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to those who have become disabled due to the war,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to provide some monthly allowance for those disabled due to war, as a considerable number out of

those who earned a living as laborers and those who were engaged in permanent jobs have become deformed and disabled due to the war that existed for a period of nearly 30 years and live helplessly burdened by the cost of living.

P.34/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a travelling allowance for all V.I.P. security personnel,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to pay an equal amount as a travelling allowance to the officials engaged in Presidential security service, Prime Minister's security service as well as other V.I.P. security services

P.35/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting courses conducted by the universities into job-oriented courses,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be drawn up for the co-ordination of public sector and private sector institutions with all universities with a view to providing employment opportunities for those graduated whereafter converting those degree courses conducted exclusively for scholarly education by all government and private sector universities of the island into job-oriented, professional degree courses.

P.36/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

P.37/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a methodology to increase production to suit future national and international demand,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology to increase production, through inter-relations among all sectors affiliated to relevant products, while making maximum use of modern technology, be formulated, after making a projection of industrial and agricultural productions that suit the demand from the national and international community.

P.38/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people, and pass it on to the future generation, and to prevent the abuse of genetic resources and biological heritage, and steps be taken to formulate a joint programme in that respect, bringing together all relevant sectors including the World Intellectual Property Organization, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka and the Bio-diversity Unit of the Ministry of Environment.

P.39/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Bio-diversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

P.40/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Obtaining patents for genetic resources in medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a special programme be prepared, jointly by all responsible institutions including the Bio-diversity Unit, National Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, to prevent foreign countries from identifying active chemicals and genetic resources contained in valuable medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka and obtaining patents for them fraudulently, by obtaining patents for the relevant active chemicals and genetic resources for Sri Lanka, and to use those properties for producing and upgrading pharmaceuticals.

P.41/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.

P.42/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extension of the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels,— That this Parliament resolves that the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme, functioning under the Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services to lodge complaints against injustices caused by various parties by neglecting elderly citizens, be extended at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels.

P.43/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P.44/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

P.45/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.46/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.47/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.48/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.49/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.50/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

P.51/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Targeting development activities of Ministries when preparing research theses of students of Universities and Tertiary Education Institutes,— That this Parliament resolves that, since it is important to utilize the research theses submitted by students of universities and tertiary education institutes as part of their courses of study for economic, social, cultural and developmental activities, a systematic programme should be introduced enabling the realization of future development processes and timely objectives of the ministries by appointing an officer from the ministry relevant to the theses for proper coordination between the lecturers who supervise the theses and ministries for which the theses are applicable.

P.52/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Entering the name in the Register of Electors immediately upon completion of 18 years of age,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical arrangement be made to enable a person completing 18 years of age to get his/her name entered in the Register of Electors on the very date that person completes 18 years of age, prior or subsequent to the date that the Department of Elections is due to make annual revision of the Registers of Electors.

P.53/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting in place a formal mechanism to produce saline in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that with the intervention of the government, a formal mechanism be put in place to produce saline in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Government, private and co-operative sectors and by utilizing the local technology with a view to saving the foreign exchange that flows out of the country every year to import saline which is used in massive quantities in Sri Lanka annually.

P.54/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new products made using coconut water,— That this Parliament resolves that a process be implemented to introduce new products made using coconut water with the help of new technology, targeting the local and international markets under a proper methodology, as a huge amount of coconut water is wasted within Sri Lanka annually.

P.55/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exploring new resources in the ocean,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal further study on oceanic resources should be

conducted with a view to creating a large number of employment opportunities, and to earn wealth, as Sri Lanka is a country with a large marine zone, that has given priority only for the fishing industry and since there is a vast amount of natural resources connected to the ocean.

P.56/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Prevention of Sri Lankan fishing resources being harvested by foreigners,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be devised and implemented by the Government to prevent foreigners from fishing in the Sri Lankan waters and to prevent foreign vessels from using it as a port for fishing since the fisheries resources within the Sri Lankan marine zone are harvested by foreigners thus causing a severe economic disadvantage to Sri Lankan fishermen.

P.57/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Increasing Jackfruit production and exporting associated products,— That this Parliament resolves that since the country can earn a huge amount of foreign exchange by exporting Jackfruit based products through expansion of the cultivation of Jackfruit, which is a very delectable fruit with medicinal qualities, that can be cultivated without agrochemicals, a systematic programme should be drawn up with the intervention of the government toward this end.

P.58/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Organizing an Annual National Farmers Awards Ceremony,— That this Parliament resolves that a farmers awards ceremony that is implemented through a proper organizational structure be organized annually with the intervention of the Government, so that the farmers who enrich the country are made to feel proud about their vocation as agricultural prosperity is fundamental for the advancement of a country.

P.59/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

P.60/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expansion of small scale Toy Factories,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper procedure be formulated in view of expanding the toy industry in rural areas since it is an industry which can be sustained at a very low cost and as a lot of foreign exchange is drained out towards China and other countries, to purchase toys, owing to the fact that less toys are produced although a large market is available for toys in Sri Lanka.

P.61/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Starting Pharmaceuticals Production Factories in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that as a country with developed human resources the government should intervene and provide facilities to establish pharmaceutical production factories in Sri Lanka to produce essential pharmaceuticals within the country since the production of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka is at a minimum level at present and a large amount of foreign exchange is spent annually to import pharmaceuticals.

P.62/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.63/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing support centers for pensioners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take measures to build pensioners support centers throughout the country for the pensioners so that they can obtain welfare services like counseling, medical facilities and daycare facilities, which are required by the elderly, under the same roof, and to provide them the opportunity to earn some extra income to ease their lives by directing them to engage in some economic activity through such centers.

P.64/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing a new lottery with a view to strengthening the economy of the pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to introduce a new lottery to the market in order to generate funds required to remove the salary anomalies of the pensions paid to the retired public servants and for their welfare activities.

P.65/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training Tourist Guides,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme to train Tourist Guides be formulated in order to make Tourist Guides a group of professionals who can provide an efficient and polite service to tourists and enhance the professionalism of these Tourist Guides.

P.66/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amendment of the existing laws on lands,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the fact that a racket of selling lands, having made forged deeds is being carried out at present in Sri Lanka, and the law is executed at a minimum level in this regard, the existing legal system should be amended in order that the security of entitlement to lands is enhanced and severe punishment could be inflicted on the offenders.

P.67/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protection of coral reefs in the Sri Lankan territorial waters,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be planned and implemented through a committee of experts, to bring about a change in the statutory framework, and a change in the attitudes of people where human action can be controlled to ensure the protection of corals, owing to the fact that the coral reefs available in the Sri Lankan territorial waters are confronted with the threat of getting destroyed as a result of human activities.

P.68/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Employing women for school service vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be formulated making it compulsory to employ women to serve in all the school service vehicles in order to enhance the quality of the school vehicle service and to ensure the safety of the school children who are transported in these vehicles.

P.69/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reducing the prices of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in reducing the prices of medicinal drugs, declaring the National Medicinal Drugs Policy in Sri Lanka and initiating the sale in their generic names, with immediate effect.

P.70/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Curtailing the rackets carried out via the internet including the sale of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that it is proper to formulate an appropriate programme and implement it in order to restrain the ongoing hefty sale of substandard medicinal drugs, medical equipment, and cosmetic products via internet since these rackets pose a huge threat on the health and the wellbeing of the people in our country.

P.71/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Cultivation without use of agrochemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that it is prudent for the government to intervene to take steps to provide for the people with healthy meals devoid of harmful effects, by setting up a Committee consisting of agriculture experts and environmentalists to conduct research in order to introduce an environmental friendly cultivating method and banning highly toxic agrochemicals in Sri Lanka by obtaining their recommendations.

P.72/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Freeing school children from addiction to narcotic drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be implemented to free the school children from addiction to narcotic drugs since the tendency for drug addiction is on the increase in Sri Lanka at present.

P.73/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointment of a National Productivity Committee,— That this Parliament resolves that the Heads of Institutions who have driven their institutions to high productivity levels be identified during productivity improvement programmes conducted by the government and that a National Productivity Committee be established consisting of the aforesaid Heads of Institutions so that their knowledge and experience can be used and programmes and methodologies implemented in their institutions can be applied to other institutions.

P.74/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Developing medical consultancy services on community medicine,— That this Parliament resolves that the government must intervene to formulate plans to develop medical consultancy services in the field of community medicine which is an essential aspect of the healthcare service and take action to resolve the issues after observing issues prevalent in the field.

P.75/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Designating as National Heroes those Sri Lankans who were branded by British Colonial rulers as traitors,— That this Parliament resolves that all those Sri Lankans, who had fought death-defiantly against British Colonial rulers in the name of the country and had been branded as traitors from the year 1815 up to the Independence in the year 1948, should be designated National Heroes by a Gazette Extraordinary.

P.76/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to prevent food unsuitable for consumption from coming to the market,— That this Parliament resolves that action should be taken to solve the problems faced by the Special Raids Units of the Consumer Affairs Authority, in carrying out raids against persons and institutions that are engaged in producing and selling food unsuitable for consumption, those aiding and abetting in such acts and provide the Authority with the necessary facilities, and to amend the Legal System so that maximum punishment could be meted out to offenders.

P.77/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promotion of poison free food products,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to initiate a programme for the local producers, who are engaged in food production and other related products, and to confer awards of honorary title to the entrepreneurs, who produce poison free food, with a view to change their attitudes and create awareness among them about the services that can be provided to the country, by giving high quality, healthy food to the consumers.

P.78/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Acquisition of encroached lands that belong to sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that since various types of people and organizations have encroached lands in the areas that have been declared as sanctuaries in Sri Lanka, the Government should intervene immediately to acquire those lands back.

P.79/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Implementation of a plan to uplift the indigenous community,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate census should be conducted about the indigenous community of Sri Lanka, and the problems encountered by them in their day to day life should be systematically identified, and a viable plan necessary to create an environment in which they can live with dignity be brought in to action through a panel of experts, inclusive of the leaders of the indigenous community.

P.80/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conservation of artefacts in the North and the East damaged by the war,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to appoint a committee consisting of expert archaeologists with the aim of conducting a research and gathering information on the existing artefacts in the North and the East and conserving, protecting and restoring the said artefacts since artefacts in the Northern and Eastern provinces were severely damaged as a result of the 30 year war.

P.81/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularising local seeds for cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary plans be formulated and implemented, to improve the research and technology required to identify the local seed varieties that could be cultivated using local organic fertilizer without using agro chemicals and increase their production and distribute them throughout the country speedily, in order to provide the people food free of toxic chemicals.

P.82/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing facilities to study foreign languages,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary plans be formulated and implemented to expand the facilities required to study key foreign languages other than English, as language ability is a key factor that decides the comprehensive nature of a person's intellect.

P.83/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Limiting the expenditure incurred on all election campaigns,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted enabling the restriction of expenditure incurred on elections, since certain candidates spend excessive amounts of money in all the elections held in Sri Lanka, and as it is unfair for the educated category of people who can genuinely serve the country, but are not economically capable enough to spend money.

P.84/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regaining the archaeological artefacts that have been taken away from Sri Lanka during the Colonial Era,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be carried out by the Government to take necessary action in view of regaining the archaeological artefacts back to our country subsequent to conducting a survey on the artefacts with an archaeological value that have been taken away from our country to Portugal, Netherlands and Great Britain during the period in which Sri Lanka had been a Colony.

P.85/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Bhikku Court,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate Bhikku Court be established for the Judicial purposes of the Bhikkus in order to safeguard their dignity and protection, with Legal Force granted for the decisions of such court.

P.86/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Statutory Bhikku Council,— That this Parliament resolves that a Statutory Bhikku Council comprising of eminent Bhikkus with experience and superior knowledge on governance, law, foreign affairs and social activities and to be elected by the consensus of the Bhikkus be established, with legal authority to provide advice and guidance to people's representative bodies including the Parliament and to propose amendments to legislations.

P.87/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute of study on tank culture,— That this Parliament resolves that an Institute of study on tank culture be established with the intervention of the government to conduct researches needed to revitalize, protect and develop the hydro technology and to conduct courses to create people armed with necessary knowledge about the above subject.

P.88/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute to study the Mahawansa,— That this Parliament resolves that an institute by the name of “Mahawansa Study Research National Institute” be established with the intervention of the Bhikku and with the patronage of the Government to study the Mahawansa, that reveals the evolution of history of Sri Lanka.

P.89/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting an end to Anti-Buddhist Activities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to put an end to anti Buddhist activities and publications and to the emergence of misinterpretations relating to Buddhism through formulating a mechanism which enables a certain work of art to be presented to a Board of Scholars of Sangha with legal authority and expertise on the analysis of dhamma books and publications prior to launching the particular work of art and be amended if not suitable for social integration, through the establishment of such a Board.

P.90/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appreciation of patriotic work of art,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to formulate a methodology to annually appreciate work of art with a national and cultural value in a manner that generates patriotism and self-dignity.

P.91/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to improve the discipline of school children in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements be made to direct school children in Sri Lanka to engage in a sporting activity of their preference and to participate in a practical training on discipline with the objective of integrating them into society as healthy, disease free and physically fit citizens.

P.92/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Buddhist Cultural Information Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that information on Buddhist places of worship that are located in Sri Lanka, other related and consequential aspects as well as information on the Bhikkus etc. be gathered and computerized in a methodical manner and that an institution called “Buddhist Cultural Information Centre” complete with new technological equipment and sufficient human and physical resources be established with state patronage.

P.93/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Revising and updating of Dhamma School textbooks,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma Schools be provided with textbooks that have been designed to provide practical training and to support intellectual development, that are aimed at creating a well disciplined society and authored by a board of scholars, in place of the existing textbooks which are examination oriented and knowledge centered.

P.94/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointing a Board to regulate International Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a Board with full powers be appointed to regulate the scope of International Schools to suit the Sri Lankan culture, ethics and social sustainability.

P.95/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the National Education Commission more dynamic,— That this Parliament resolves that the National Education Commission be made more dynamic in the direction of transforming the entire education system by way of a National Education Policy that will be modeled in a manner in which a winning citizen, who is armed with knowledge on local history, morals, production capability, intelligence, traditional know-how, patriotism, healthiness, skillfulness, and wealth of attitudes, could be formed.

P.96/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Improving the specialist field of family medical service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to take action expeditiously, to observe and solve the issues that exist in the specialist family medical service which is an integral part of the health services, and to carry out the planning intending the improvement of aforementioned service.

P. 97/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Offering the services of Ayurvedic doctors to foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to draw up and implement a programme, to make available, foreign employment opportunities to graduates who complete the Ayurvedic Medical Degree.

P. 98/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amending the Ayurveda Act,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to present forthwith a new Ayurveda Act by amending the existing obsolete Ayurveda Act with a view to addressing professional issues of Ayurveda practitioners and upholding the honour and dignity associated with this profession.

P. 99/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a railway protection system,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to create and implement a railway protection system through a committee which comprises of the inventors who created the railway protection system in Sri Lanka, the academics related to that field and the experts in all the fields of the Railway Department.

P. 100/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the quality of the passenger transport service,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme should be formulated and implemented in order to reduce the risk that would cause in the long run for the existence of the bus passenger transport service, through action taken to retain the 1% - 2% of the passengers who defy that service annually, by enhancing the quality of that service.

P. 101/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly ‘ඞ, ඞ, ඞ, ඞ,’ are controversial.

P. 102/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling environmental pollution that occur through the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme be formulated and implemented in order to control the emission of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as those pollutants which let emitted to the environment in the process of the use of pesticides and industries consist of twelve types of polluting agents which are very harmful to human health.

P. 103/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Incorporation of the Buddhist Philosophy into Governance,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to plan and implement a programme that will enable all Members of Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Government institutions of the governing party and the opposition to contribute to good governance of the country by raising their awareness of the teaching of Lord Buddha found in Saptha Aparihaniya Dharma, Dasa Raja Dharma, Rajovada Jathaka, Kuru Dharma Jathaka, Ganda Ninduka Jathaka, Thesathura Jathaka, Devadharma Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 104/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Disposal of electronic waste,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated for the disposal of electronic waste and action be taken to protect the environment as heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead, etc. are added to the environment when fluorescent bulbs, telephones, mobile phones, electrical equipment, batteries, computers and parts of computers etc. are disposed to the environment as waste.

P. 105/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of good Governance in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a plan be formulated and implemented towards the establishment of good governance in the country since it is evident that improper administration is visible in the country owing to the existence of features of improper administration like arbitrary policy formulation, bureaucracy, passive and unfair laws, abuse of executive powers, less contribution from the citizens towards politics and the spread of corruption in our country.

P. 106/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reacquisition of Sri Lankan Ola leaf books which are available in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated and implemented in view of integrating the ancient knowledge included in Ola leaf books by obtaining them back to the country owing to the fact that many precious Ola leaf books belonging to Sri Lanka are available in many countries in the world including Europe and since the present Sri Lankan society is deprived of the knowledge included in the said books.

P. 107/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Using agriculture for the protection of bio diversity,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that directs farmers to protect the bio diversity of the country through popularizing mixed crop cultivation instead of single crop cultivation, removing chemicals that harm bio diversity from use in agriculture and promoting the use of integrated pest control systems in the country be implemented.

P.108/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Safeguarding the peoples' right to food,— That this Parliament resolves that, steps be taken to guarantee the basic right of the people to food, by formulating a formal programme, with the intervention of the Government, to ensure that prices of food are controlled and the people of the country receive a healthy meal, as the formulation and implementation of policies by the government is depriving the people of Sri Lanka the basic right to food in accordance with the system of human rights of the United Nations, whereas the responsibility of solving the food problem is fully vested with the Government as per aforesaid conventions.

P. 109/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Management of inorganic substances,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to manage the inorganic substances for the wellbeing and the safety of the ecosystem of the country by devising a mechanism to collect inorganic substances that are discarded after use, regularizing Environmental Laws with regard to utilization of inorganic materials, minimizing the utilization of inorganic substances and by recycling them.

P. 110/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and home remedies,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to make the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and the home remedies, by introducing a subject to the school syllabus, that embraces the orderly specifics of indigenous medicine and popular medicine, with the basic aim of creating a healthy nation and establishing the wellbeing of the Local Ayurvedic medicine.

P.111/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eradication of maternal and child malnutrition,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme which gives its priority to provide people with nutritious food that are necessary for the eradication of maternal and child malnutrition be implemented since the ratio of low-weight childbirths is as high as 25% in Sri Lanka and the main factor for it is the lack of nutritious food.

P.112/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Building a healthy country by protecting the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that since it may be difficult even to diagnose the cause of certain diseases which people contract in the future in the face of the increased radiation in food and water due to increased environmental pollution in Sri Lanka, that the health of the people of the country be ensured through appointing a committee of academics to carry out further investigations in this regard, summoning a report from such committee, and implementing its recommendations.

P.113/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting agriculture to ensure the security of the country,— That this Parliament resolves that the future of this country should be secured by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and establishing policies to protect farmers in the country with a view to rescuing Sri Lanka from the risks of environmental pollution, unhealthiness and lack of hygienic food which are the problems faced by the world population at present as the agricultural lifestyle has completely changed with the green revolution in the aftermath of the world war two which is the third period of capitalism.

P.114/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

P.115/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

P.116/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting the Knuckles Forest Reserve,— That this Parliament resolves that the independent existence of the Knuckles Forest Reserve be ensured speedily by removing the threats posed to it by humans, because the Knuckles Forest Reserve which is a sensitive ecosystem that could affect the entire ecosystem of Sri Lanka is under serious threat by now as a result of human activities and because the safety of the present generation as well as the future generation will be compromised due to this destruction of the environment

P.117/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about king Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about king Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on king Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that king Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.118/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

P.119/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping the use of expired pharmaceuticals,— That this Parliament resolves that an action plan should be formulated with the involvement of all relevant parties of the state sector to take action to remove expired drugs from the market and to stop the importation of such drugs due to the presence of the risk that such expired drugs would enter into the market and come to use in the government hospitals.

P.120/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling the spread of AIDS,— That this Parliament resolves that a productive and appropriate project should be expeditiously initiated to identify cases of AIDS, to direct the identified patients for treatment and to prevent the spread of that disease as it has been reported that there are approximately 3000 unidentified cases of AIDS in Sri Lanka at present.

P.121/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to women who are subjected to sexual harassments in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of experts and aggrieved parties must be appointed in order to formulate and implement a formal methodology to resolve issues that have been created within the Sri Lankan society as a result of pregnancies that occur due to sexual harassments faced by Sri Lankan women who migrate as housemaids.

P.122/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws to strengthen the security of forest reserves and sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme must be formulated to create an attitudinal change within the people, and that existing legal provisions must be amended to regularize them and make them more stringent, in order to prevent the destruction of forest reserves and sanctuaries since it has continued to increase in recent times and it is posing a grave threat to the ecological balance of Sri Lanka.

P.123/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Studying the impact of the activities of various religious groups on the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of recognized religious leaders and scholars be appointed to carry out an examination into the activities of various groups, that have been integrated into society pretending to have organized for religious or other purposes and are integrating their own definitions and clarifications into society in the guise of sub divisions of mainstream religions while criticizing the ideologies of those religions and spreading new ideologies for mobilizing persons who support those ideologies, and to provide an assessment of their ideologies, activities and the impact exerted on society by such groups and implement the recommendations of that committee.

P.124/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing high quality clay pots,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to plan and implement a national level programme to carry out research on producing clay pots which quickly absorb heat so that gas and electricity are not wasted on cooking and to introduce such clay pots to the market and to educate the public on the possibility of cooking hygienic food using clay pots.

P.125/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exerting the influence of Buddhism on Parapsychology,— That this Parliament resolves that, as certain insights into the human mind defined by Lord Buddha are too deep to be captured by modern science, interventions be made by the government by appointing a committee consisting of local and foreign scholars to carry out research and to propose definitions and solutions to the issues that the field of parapsychology is currently facing and to popularize Buddhism locally and internationally, to enhance Sri Lanka's reputation and to bring about a revival in the sphere of Parapsychology through such measures.

P.126/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularizing Archaeology among scholars,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to formulate a well-planned, long-term national programme to basically include the subject of Archaeology in the school curriculum and to further expand the scope of the subject of Archaeology at universities, while making arrangements to upgrade the required facilities with the objectives of obtaining a productive service from the scholars who are thus produced through the expansion of the subject of Archaeology throughout the country.

P.127/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a special standards institute to carry out studies on poisonous substances mixed with food items,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the non-availability of a special standards institute to carry out studies on the poisonous substances mixed with food items in Sri Lanka, such an institute be established as poisonous substances are added to food items as a result of extensive use of chemicals in agriculture.

P.128/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rehabilitating children who are being used for begging by beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be planned and implemented in order to prohibit beggars from engaging in begging together with children, to rehabilitate the children who are being used for begging by beggars and to integrate them into society as good citizens.
