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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,— In terms of Paragraph (1) of Article 36 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Parliament shall by resolution determine the salary, allowances and pension entitlement of the holders of the office of President.

Parliament determined by resolution on 04th of March 1986, that the pension entitlement of the holder of the office of President shall be a sum equivalent to the salary the President was entitled to receive immediately before he ceased to hold such office.

Accordingly, from 1988 onwards the pensions paid to the former Presidents namely Mr. J. R. Jayawardena, Mr. D. B. Wijethunga, Mrs. Hema Premadasa, the widow of the former President Mr. R. Premadasa and to the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga were of Rs. 25,000/- per month which was equivalent to the salary of the President.

Further, with the implementation of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 issued on 23rd of November 2006, Parliament by resolution revised the salary of the then President Mr. Mahinda Rajapakse from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs.97,500/- per month effective from 01.07.2006. Remunerations or allowances paid to the Ministers and the Members of Parliament too were revised at the same time.

Coinciding with the revision of remunerations or allowances paid to the Ministers and the Members of Parliament, pensions of former Ministers and Members of Parliament too were revised. However, only the pension paid to the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has not been revised in keeping with the salary revision of the President.

In considering the pension entitlement of Rs. 97,500/- paid to the former President Mr. Mahinda Rajapakse as a result of the aforementioned salary revision, an anomaly has arisen in respect of the pension entitlement of the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga who is receiving a monthly pension of Rs. 25,000/- at present.

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That this Parliament resolves under Paragraph (1) of Article 36 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in view of the above, it is just and reasonable to rectify this anomaly—

- (a) revising the monthly pension entitlement of the former President Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 97,500/-;
- (b) paying a monthly pension equivalent to the two-third (2/3) out of Rs. 97,500/- to Mrs. Hema Premadasa, widow of the former President Mr. R. Premadasa; and
- (c) implementing the aforementioned revisions of pension entitlements with effect from 01.01.2016.

(Cabinet approval is signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Insurance Industry Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 read with Sections 13 (1) (d) and Section 16 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/17 of 25th March 2015, which were presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 regarding Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1933/14 of 21st September 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/40 of 2nd October 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under subsection (1) of Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise Duties on Liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1934/41 of 2nd October 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification Numbers 975, 976 and 977)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka under the Section 6 to be read in conjunction with Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, published in the Gazette notification Extraordinary No. 1918/2 of 04.06.2015 can be approved. which were presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1926/46 of 6th August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, December 01, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

194/'15

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of individuals who have become suspects and the number of individuals who have been punished in relation to offences under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, as a result of their involvement in terrorist activities by the L.T.T.E., separately?
- (b) Will he table separately, the names, nature of the offences committed and the prison and the number of the cell where he/she is currently detained, separately as per each prisoner?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the number of L.T.T.E. suspects and prisoners who have been enlarged on bail and released within the period from January 2015 to 20th October 2015?
- (d) Will he further table the name, the court which enlarged him/her on bail or released him/her, the prison camp and the date of release, with respect to each individual separately?
- (e) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken a decision to treat the individuals punished for offences related to terrorist activities by the L.T.T.E. as political prisoners; and
 - (ii) if so, the grounds on which such a decision has been taken?
- (f) If not, why?

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195/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 312 families have been resettled in Bogaswewa zone in Vavuniya district under the programme to resettle those displaced owing to the war;
 - (ii) they were to be provided 1 acre of dry land 1 acre of paddy land under this programme;
 - (iii) no provision of land in the said manner has been done, even though 3 years have lapsed by now; and
 - (iv) they have been rendered utterly helpless due to loss of their livelihood?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy action will be taken to remedy this situation; and
 - (ii) if so, what that measure is?
- (c) If not, why?

246/'15

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the monthly salary/fuel and other allowances received during the past 10 months by the Chairman of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority who was appointed to that post after 30.01.2015;
 - (ii) whether the amount of money/allowance that has been received by the aforesaid Chairman, if any, in addition to the salary/fuel and other allowances that he is entitled to will be recovered; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on ceremonies by the aforesaid Authority during the period from 30.01.2015 to 30.10.2015?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 02, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

88/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that academic activities and examinations of the Sri Lanka Law College are conducted in all three media, viz. Sinhalese, Tamil and English?

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

127/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) approximately 35 Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim families had been residing in a group of houses constructed under world bank aids in Dumburugiriya area of Hatton town for a period of more than 33 years;
 - (ii) a part of these residents have been provided with legal land deeds by the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (iii) a judicial action has been initiated by the Watawala Plantation Company in view of driving these residents away from their houses and acquiring the aforesaid land area for the company?
- (b) Is he further aware that —
- (i) a motion has been unanimously passed by the Hatton–Dickoya Urban Council in view of acquiring the land in which these residents reside; and
 - (ii) the Janatha Estate Development Board, Land Reforms Commission and the relevant politicians have been enlightened by the aforesaid residents in order to gain justice by preventing the said company from acquiring this area?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether intervention be made in order to assure the rights of these residents to their houses by rescuing these residents from the undue interventions made by the Watawala Company taking these facts into consideration; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

148/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

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

199/'15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the members of the delegation of the Sri Lankan government that participated in the World Urban Forum (WUF) held in Colombia from 05th to 11th of April, 2014;
 - (ii) of the positions held by them in the government by then;
 - (iii) of the basis on which the aforesaid delegation was selected;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on the said tour; and
 - (v) separately of the expenditure borne per each person?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a school student participated in the aforesaid tour;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the particular student, name of the school, and the age of the student by then;

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- (iii) the significance of providing the said opportunity to this student alone;
 - (iv) whether the letter of approval will be tabled, if approval had been obtained by the aforesaid student from the Ministry of Education for the above tour; and
 - (v) whether the letter of approval will be tabled, if approval had been obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs for this tour?
- (c) If not, why?

200/'15

Hon Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Courses of study conducted by in the Sir John Kotalawala Defense University; and
 - (ii) of the number of students following each of the aforesaid courses separately for each academic year?
- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the number of local and foreign students studying in the Faculty of Medicine of the above university separately for each academic year;
 - (ii) the criteria for admitting foreign students to the faculty of Medicine; and
 - (iii) separately as per each academic year, the names of the aforesaid foreign students, their citizenship, qualifications for university admission and the moneys charged from them?
- (c) Will he also table—
- (i) the number of students following the Nursing Course in the above university; and
 - (ii) separately, their names, Subject stream of Advanced level, Advanced level examination results and the Z score?
- (d) If not, why?

202/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the people living in the Walawa special zone of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority have not been given the proper ownership of the lands occupied by them;
 - (ii) instruments of title have been granted to parties based on cronyism;
 - (iii) an estimation of land is being made at present claiming that it is done for the purpose of granting title deeds to the land owners; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted for this purpose is not transparent?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of land owners in the aforesaid Zone;
 - (ii) of the number of land owners who have been given title deeds out of the aforesaid land owners;
 - (iii) of the action that will be taken regarding the granting of instruments of title mentioned in (a)(ii) above; and
 - (iv) of the basis on which the estimate mentioned in (a) (iii) above is made?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House the method that will be followed, if a transparent course of action has been proposed to grant title deeds to land owners who have not been awarded title deeds to their lands yet?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, December 03, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

90/'15

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

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

151/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of unemployed graduates as at 30th September 2015; and
 - (ii) the number of the aforesaid graduates separately as per the degree they have obtained;

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

196/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 270 officers who were permanent residents in the Eastern Province were attached to the Northern Provincial Council when the North Eastern Provincial Council which had been once merged was demerged as Northern and Eastern Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) those officers have undergone much difficulty having had to work in an area away from their permanent residence for about 7 years in this manner;
 - (iii) the attempts made by these officers on a number of occasions to get transfers to the Eastern Provincial Council were unsuccessful; and
 - (iv) only a few officers have obtained transfers with the assistance of authorities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reasonable request of the resident of the Eastern Province for working in that Provincial Council will be granted; and
 - (ii) if so, the actions taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

201/'15

Hon Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) of the educational qualifications of the aforementioned persons;
 - (iii) of the positions previously held by the present Chairman of Sri Lanka Telecom in public sector or private sector institutions;
 - (iv) of the experience he possesses in the fields of marketing management and advertising?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a decision of the Board of Directors was made within the past two years to increase the salary of the post of Chairman of the Sri Lanka Telecom;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was done, and the increased amount;
 - (iii) separately, of the basic salary, allowances and other facilities provided to the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Telecom at present;
 - (iv) of the total salary of the aforesaid person?
- (c) If not, why?

206/'15

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the Tamil people who live in estate regions and on the line houses of estate regions;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of houses, the number of line houses and the number of people living in the estate regions;
 - (iii) of the number of children in schooling age and the number of children who do not attend school; and
 - (iv) of the number of households that do not have electricity and sanitation facilities?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be launched in order to uplift the life standards of the Tamil people who are living in estate regions;
 - (ii) if so, of that aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to terminate the line house centered lifestyle of the Tamil people and to settle them in proper houses; and
 - (iv) if so, of the time period within which aforesaid programme will be completed;
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, December 04, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

91/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

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

153/'15

Hon M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) applications were called for recruiting teacher assistants on school based to Tamil medium estate schools and Mrs. F. Ruzana Mafoor residing at No.25/2, Viyangalle, Agalawatte submitted an application;
 - (ii) consequently, she appeared for the relevant interview under calling No. 199 (B) on 02.03.2015; and
 - (iii) although vacancies did exist in estate schools in the area in which she lives, Mrs. Ruzana Mafoor has not been given a teacher assistant appointment so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken without delay to give Mrs. Ruzana Mafoor the appointment as a teacher assistant?
- (c) If not why?

197/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was privatized in the year 2003 about 1500 persons out of the 3100 employees who served there were deprived of their employment;
 - (ii) they were even deprived of the 10% benefit that employees are entitled to when some institution is sold through PERC; and
 - (iii) even though Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was re-acquired by the government during the tenure of the previous regime as per a judgment of the Supreme Court, all the employees who lost their job were not reinstated?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide relief to the employees who underwent injustice due to not receiving their employment back;
 - (ii) if so, the manner it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

203/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the approval to grant permanent appointments to trainee graduates in terms of development service minuets, has been granted by the Cabinet decision No. 12/0030/523001 dated 10.01.2013;
 - (ii) the Director General of Combined Services, by his letter CS/DOS/21 dated 18.11.2014, has informed the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province that the date of appointment of the trainee graduates, who were recruited to the permanent positions of the Southern Provincial Public Service, should be the date that they complete the one year training period or if such date is falls on a public holiday then the first working day that follows the aforesaid date;and
 - (iii) in terms of the decision CSS/2/13/GRAD/1-V of the Chief Secretary of the Southern Province dated 12.08.2014 by the decision G/SP/12/08 of the Governor dated 18.11.2014, 313 trainee graduates who were recruited for Matara District, were entitled for the permanent appointments, after completing a training period of one year?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the date as to when the trainee graduates are absorbed to the permanent positions in the Southern Provincial Public Service and will be granted the period of service and the salary arrears that they are entitled to?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Saturday, December 05, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

92/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

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

162/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the original farmer families that were settled in the Mahaweli Systems have developed into their third generations at present;
 - (ii) they line a living with immense hardships with the little income they earn by cultivating the land with an extent of 2 1/2 acres that belong to their father or brothers;
 - (iii) the families of all three generations have built small houses in the 1/2 acre land given to the original settlers for living and live under trying conditions; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to provide these families with lands for living and lands for cultivation a new; and
 - (ii) if so, the date that plan will be implemented?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land in the Mahaweli scheme that have not been utilized up to now;
 - (ii) what those reserves are;
 - (iii) whether lands have been granted to external parties from those reserves on a special permission on permits or on lease basis; and
 - (iv) if so, the extent of land so given?
 - (d) if not, why?
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Monday, December 07, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

39/'15

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

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

132/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

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

42/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the annual consumption of incense sticks and incense powder in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) out of this amount, the amounts produced in Sri Lanka and imported from abroad separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the raw-material used to produce incense sticks and incense powder separately;
 - (ii) whether there is an institution in Sri Lanka that checks whether these raw-material are harmful or not to the human body;
 - (iii) if so, the name of that institution; and
 - (iv) whether that institution, by so checking, identified institutions that produced incense sticks or incense powder using those harmful raw-material?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to prevent the use of raw-material that are harmful to the human body in the production of incense sticks and incense powder; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

181/'15

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

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each year during the period from 2010 to 2015, the number of people identified as HIV positive;
 - (ii) the total number of HIV infected people identified as at 30.10.2015;
 - (iii) separately, as per age cohort, (10-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40 years and over 40 years), the total number of patients;
 - (iv) the number of schoolchildren among them; and
 - (v) separately, the way they got infected with HIV together with the relevant number?
 - (b) Will he inform this House, the legal action adopted by the government for patients infected through blood transfusion?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, December 08, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

45/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

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

133/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

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

52/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the criteria taken into consideration when admitting students to Advanced Level classes of the Visaka Vidyalaya, Colombo;
 - (ii) of the subject streams that are available for the students who are admitted to Advanced Level classes of the Visaka Vidyalaya, Colombo in the year 2015;

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- (iii) separately, of the number of classes available in each subject stream for the newly admitted Advanced Level students;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of students in each of the aforementioned classes; and
 - (v) of the number of students admitted to the Advanced Level classes of the Visaka Vidyalaya, Colombo from other schools in the year 2015?
- (b) Will he table —
- (i) separately, of the name of each student mentioned in (a) (v) above, their district, name of the school from which the student sat for G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination and the Advanced Level subject stream that they were admitted to; and
 - (ii) separately of the qualifications possessed by each of the aforesaid students in order to gain admission to the Visaka Vidyalaya?
- (c) If not, why?

182/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that a Gazette Extraordinary bearing No.1854/41 dated 21.03.2014 has been issued by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph (4) of the United Nations Regulations No. 1 of 2012;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of organizations and the number of individuals declared by the said Gazette Notification as being involved in crimes connected to terrorism;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to table a description containing all details of the relevant organizations and individuals; and
 - (iii) if not, why?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
- (i) whether investigations regarding the organizations and individuals mentioned in (b) (i) above in relation to acts of violence committed by the LTTE from 1976, have been commenced by the Sri Lanka Police; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to request from the member countries of the United Nations to hand over the relevant suspects to our country in accordance with the provisions stipulated Resolution No.1373 adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations on 28th September 2001?
- (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 09, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

50/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) local tea is mixed with foreign tea and send to overseas market;
 - (ii) tea has gone down in quality below what it should have been;
 - (iii) tea mixed with various substances are presented to tea auctions; and
 - (iv) it will tarnish the image of Ceylon tea, which commands No.1 position in the world?
- (b) Will he Table—
 - (i) the number of tea exporters in this country as at 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and telephone numbers; and
 - (iii) the quantity of tea each of them exported in 2014, separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology through which the Tea Board tests the quality of tea products;
 - (ii) what measures are taken against exporter who are accused concerning the quality of their tea products;
 - (iii) what maximum punishment could be given to such a person;
 - (iv) whether the list requested in (b) (ii) above contains any producers who have been punished;
 - (v) whether the laws existing in the country are adequate for it;
 - (vi) if not, whether steps will be taken to amend the relevant laws; and
 - (vii) if so, when and in what manner such amending will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

89/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the facilities available at present are sufficient to give a technical or vocational training to young men and women who have passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, based on their talents and skills before they are recruited for government or private sector jobs;
 - (ii) if not, to what extent facilities have to be increased; and
 - (iii) to what extent the existing curricula for vocational or technical training suit or adequate for today's requirement?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a suitable policy and a methodology will be formulated for recruiting the aforesaid trainees to government or private sector jobs based solely on qualifications and talents without any political influence;
- (ii) whether he accepts that unnecessary frustration to youths can be prevented by stating in the advertisement the number of vacancies to be filled when calling applications for government vacancies; and
- (iii) if so, whether necessary steps will be taken for it?

(c) If not, why?

56/15

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) farmers do not get a reasonable price for the vegetables that they bring to the Dambulla Dedicated Economic Centre;
- (ii) extortionists and middlemen dupe the farmers; and
- (iii) extortionists operate with political backing?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether a course of action has been formulated for ensuring a reasonable price to farmer at the above Economic Centre;
- (ii) if so, what that course of action is;
- (iii) whether the government has acted to combat the extortionists operating in the Centre; and
- (iv) if so, in what manner?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) what the objections and aims of establishing this Centre were; and
- (ii) whether that objectives and aims have been achieved?

(d) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) how many trade stalls are available in the Centre referred to above;
- (ii) what the names and addresses of their owners are;
- (iii) how much does the government charge the owners as taxes;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the stalls have been sub-leased;
- (v) if so, whether he admits that sub-leasing is illegal; and
- (vi) why eviction was carried out in respect of the two trade stalls allotted for the farmers' organizations and farmers' co-operative society?

(e) If not, why?

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Ministry of Public Administration and Management has issued a circular to the effect that Divisional Coordinating Committees should be established at every Divisional Secretariat level and they should convene once a month;
- (ii) the aforesaid Divisional Coordinating Committees successfully functioned for the period of more than last 30 years; and
- (iii) if Divisional Coordinating Committees are not conducted, it will make a severe impact to cripple the political and development activities in the divisions concerned?

(b) Will he table—

- (i) the Divisional Coordinating Committees established for the year 2015 as per the aforesaid circular;
- (ii) the names of the chairmen appointed for the 332 Divisional Coordinating Committees; and
- (iii) the number of meetings of the aforesaid Divisional Coordinating Committees have been held in the year 2015 and the dates on which the said meetings have been held?

(c) Will he inform to this House the districts in which District Coordinating Committees have been established in the year 2015?

(d) Will he also table —

- (i) the names of the chairmen of the aforesaid District Coordinating Committees separately; and
- (ii) the number of meetings of the aforesaid District Coordinating Committees were held and the dates on which the said meetings were held separately?

(e) If not, why?

Thursday, December 10, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

57/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the sum of money payable to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by government institutions as at 30.05.2015;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions from which such sums are due and the amount due in respect of each such institution separately; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Corporation for the recovery of such sums?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the sum of money payable by the Corporation as loans, interest and other payments as at 30.05.2015;
 - (ii) of the names of the institutions to whom such sums are due and the sums due to each of the institutions separately; and
 - (iii) whether the Corporation will have to increase fuel prices in order to settle these sums?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the net loss incurred to the Corporation in each of the past five years separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted into the causes of losses suffered by the Corporation; and
 - (iii) if so, what those causes are?
- (d) If not why?

188/'15

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that many principals who have served continuously in the same school for over 7 years have been transferred to other schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether transfers have been given to all the principals in the Jaffna peninsula who have served in the same school for over 7 years;
 - (ii) whether there are principals in the Jaffna peninsula who have not been transferred; and
 - (iii) if so, the reason for them not to get transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

29/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to continue with its excavations; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

184/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of LTTE members undergoing imprisonment after being convicted of crimes against humanity that were committed by the LTTE Organization; and
 - (ii) the number of suspects who were in prisons up to 30.10.2015 having been arrested with pertinence to (inhuman) crimes conducted by the LTTE Organization?
 - (b) Will he table separately —
 - (i) the names of the prisoners mentioned in (a) (i) above, charges that were leveled against them and the duration of their prison sentence;
 - (ii) the names of the LTTE suspects mentioned in (a) (ii) above and the date on which the relevant suspects were imprisoned;
 - (iii) out of the LTTE suspects mentioned in (a) (ii) above, the names of the suspects against whom charges have not yet been leveled, and the date on which they were arrested, if any;
 - (iv) out of the group mentioned in (b) (i) and (ii) above, the names of suspects against whom intelligence reports have been received to the effect that they have engaged in terrorist activities or other crimes during the period of imprisonment, separately, if any?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, December 11, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

64/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately the number of complaints received in the years 2014 and 2015 in Agrarian Services Area level with regard to the reclamation of paddy lands in the district of Matara;
 - (ii) the names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of the respondents of those complaints; and
 - (iii) if action has been taken against them, the courses of action that has been taken against each of the aforesaid persons separately?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) whether there are persons in the district of Matara who filled lands after obtaining legal permission;
 - (ii) if so, their names, addresses and telephone numbers;
 - (iii) the reason as to why the permission was given; and
 - (iv) the names of the officers who gave permission to each of the aforesaid persons separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately the decisions given by the judiciary to each of the aforesaid persons mentioned in (b) (iv) who were prosecuted for land filling;
 - (ii) the persons who adhered to the above decision;
 - (iii) the persons who did not follow the said decision; and
 - (iv) the persons appealed against the decision?
- (d) If not, why?

185/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of prisoners incarcerated in each prison as at 30.10.2015;
 - (ii) of the total number of prisoners based on the offense for which they have been convicted; and
 - (iii) separately the number of prisoners in imprisonment as per the number of times after been convicted viz. first instance, second, third or more;

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total amount of money spent on one prisoner per month by the government?
- (c) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of male prisoners and female prisoners;
 - (ii) the number of boys and girls under the age of 17 years;
 - (iii) the number of young persons between the ages of 17 and 29 years;
 - (iv) the number of persons over the age of 75 years; andincarcerated in each prison out of the aforementioned prisoners?
- (d) Will he also table separately —
 - (i) the number of children living in each prison as a result of their mothers being incarcerated; and
 - (ii) the number of incarcerated clergymen belonging to each religion?
- (e) If not, why?

68/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to construct the Oluvil harbour;
 - (ii) the sources from which the funds were raised for that;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of loans and aid obtained from those sources; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that should be paid annually as the installment and the interest for the aforesaid loans and aid?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the revenue earned by the Oluvil harbor in the first year after it was commissioned to people's ownership on 01.09.2013;
 - (ii) what those revenue heads are; and the revenue earned under each of the aforesaid revenue heads separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for the activities of the harbor during the first year the Oluvil harbor was commissioned to the people's ownership; and
 - (iv) what those expenditure heads are and the value of each of the aforesaid expenditure head separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) according to the above facts the profit or loss of the Oluvil harbor from 01.09.2013 up to now; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to manage the profit or loss?
- (d) If not, why?

189/15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money spent annually by the Ministry of Education for the Defence services college in Slave Island, Colombo from the year 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education has given permission to collect money from the students of that school;
 - (iii) if so, that letter which granted the said approval can be tabled in this House—
 - (iv) the bank account to which the money collected from the students have been deposited; and
 - (v) whether there is an account for the school development society?
- (b) If not, why?

Saturday, December 12, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

82/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries from which Sri Lanka imports crude oil; and
 - (ii) the amount of oil imported from the aforesaid countries in 2013 and 2014 and the amount of money spent for that separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of crude oil barrels Sri Lanka imported from Iran in the two adjacent years before America imposed sanctions on Iran;
 - (ii) the name of the country from which Sri Lanka imports the amount of oil they imported from Iran, after the sanctions were imposed; and
 - (iii) whether he accept the allegation that Sri Lanka imported oil from Iran through a third party?
- (c) Will he also state in this House—
 - (i) the number of crude oil barrels needed for the Sapugaskanda oil refinery per day; and
 - (ii) whether the countries that supply oil were able to supply the oil requirement of Sri Lanka during the last two years without a shortage;
- (d) If not, why?

186/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) separately the number of suspects that are detained in each of the prisons as at 30.10.2015; and
 - (ii) the total number of detained suspects based on the nature of the offence that they are accused of;
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the prison-wise numbers of —
 - (i) men and women;
 - (ii) girls and boys below 17 years of age; and
 - (iii) young men and young women between 17 and 29 years of age that are among the aforesaid detainees?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the religion-wise number of priests who represent different religions, separately; and
 - (ii) of the country-wise number of foreigners who are among the suspects mentioned in (a)(i) above?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the dates on which those belonging to the armed forces out of these suspects were sent to prison, the armed force they belonged to and the department or the brigade they had been serving in by the time they were arrested; and
 - (ii) the number of such persons who belonged to government intelligence services?
- (e) If not, why?

83/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted on Tamil Buddhists in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such Tamil Buddhists;
 - (iii) the number of Tamil Buddhists in the Northern Province;
 - (iv) whether a census will be taken, if such a census has not been conducted; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be taken?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are Tamil bikkus living in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of Tamil bikkus?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to provide necessary facilities for the Tamil buddhists in Jaffna to engage in ecclesiastical matters and to get a religious education;
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

190/'15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Defence Services College located at Slave Island , Colombo is coming under the purview of the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) the extent of land on which the college is located;
 - (iii) whether that land has been transferred to the Ministry of Education;
 - (iv) if so, as to who did the transfer; the date of transfer;
 - (v) the number of teacher attached to that college; and
 - (vi) separately, the number of students studying in each grade of that college?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately and on annual basis the amount of money spent on that college by the Ministry of Defence since 2008;
 - (ii) the annual fees charged from a student?
- (c) Will he also state the names of the members of the Board of Management of that college and their ranks in the security forces?
- (d) If not, why?

Monday, December 14, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

84/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicle accidents that happened during the period from 30.06.2014 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) the number of deaths that occurred due to those accidents;
 - (iii) the imminent reason for the road accidents that caused the aforesaid deaths separately, according to each of the aforesaid accidents;
 - (iv) the reason for the most of the deaths and that number as a percentage;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to minimize the road accidents in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what those plans are;
 - (iii) the plans that have been implemented and the plans that have not been implemented, out of the aforesaid plans;
- (c) If not, why?

187/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the responsible politicians of the present government has stated that there had been a coup attempt launched within the have Temple Trees premises in the morning on 9th January 2015;
- (ii) the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the government media spokesman, respectively, at the media briefing on the Cabinet decisions, and in the chamber of the parliament stated that there had been such a conspiracy;
- (iii) an investigation was conducted by Sri Lanka Police to probe into aforesaid conspiracy; and
- (iv) according to aforesaid investigation it has been proved that the former President or former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence had not engaged in any of such conspiracies against the state on 09th January?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the outcome of the Police investigation, mentioned in aforesaid (a)(iii);
- (ii) whether Police will take measures to file legal action against the accused, in terms of aforesaid investigation;
- (iii) if not why; and
- (iv) whether a statement will be issued to the effect that there had not been any attempt of conspiracy against the state within Temple Trees premises in the morning on January 09th of 2015?

(c) If not, why?

85/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Lumbini theatre in the Lumbini Vidyalaya is in a dilapidated condition;
- (ii) steps have not been taken up to now to repair it; and
- (iii) the dilapidated condition of the aforesaid theatre is a big loss to the said school and to the field of arts also?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Lumbini theatre was opened;
 - (ii) the number of times it has been reconstructed from that date up to now; and
 - (iii) the date on which it has been reconstructed for the last time?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reconstruct the Lumbini theatre;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money needed to spend for that; and
 - (iii) the commencement date of the aforesaid reconstruction activities?
- (d) If not, why?

191/'15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of new buses purchased by the S.L.T.B. from 2010-2014, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent annually to purchase the buses, separately;
 - (iii) the depots to which those buses were assigned; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent to purchase the following 14 buses from the Lanka Ashok Leyland company, WP NB-6028, WP NC-6049, WP NB-6051, WP NB-6057, WP NB-6067, WP NB-6671, WP NB-7750, WP NB-7751, WP NB-7752, WP NB-7967, WP NC-0653, WP NC-1307, WP NC-1746 and WP NC-2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above 14 buses mentioned in (iii) above are with the S.L.T.B. at present;
 - (ii) if so, the depots which they belong to?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

122/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of prisoners who have absconded from the custody of prison officers by 31.07. 2015;
 - (ii) their names and prisons in which they were detained, separately;
 - (iii) the sentences passed on each of the aforesaid prisoners along with the crimes committed by each of them, separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of prisoners that have been arrested by now out of the aforesaid prisoners;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to arrest the prisoners who are at Large presently;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid actions?
- (c) If not, why ?

192/'15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of the land belonging to the Mahinda Rajapaksa stadium at Diyagama, Homagama;
 - (ii) the state institution to which the said land belonged to;
 - (iii) whether the said land has been acquired by the Ministry of Sports or another state institution;
 - (iv) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled; and
 - (v) as to who handles the administrative and maintenance activities of the stadium at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of this stadium;
 - (ii) separately, the amount spent by the government and the amount received as private donations;
 - (iii) the Ministries which allocated money for this purpose;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of private donors who donated money for the construction;
 - (v) separately, in respect of each year, the amount of money charged from the date the stadium was given for sports activities up to now;
 - (vi) the account to which such money has been credited?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a “Sports Development Fund” associated with this stadium; and
 - (ii) if so, the Minister who had obtained the cabinet approval and the date on which such approval was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

143/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the adult population in Sri Lanka is increasing; and
 - (ii) this situation will make a severe impact to the society in the future;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the population above the age of 70 in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the aforesaid population as male and female, separately; and
 - (iii) the adult population as a percentage of the total population;
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who are entitled to a pension out of the aforesaid population; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the government for the welfare of the people who do not have a pension?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to manage the living conditions of the adult population, which is increasing; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid plans?
- (e) If not, why?

193/'15

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that-
 - (i) 11 officers attached to and retired from the military intelligence division have been arrested and being questioned in connection with the disappearance of Prageeth Eknaligoda;
 - (ii) on an order issued by the Homagama Magistrate's Court in this regard, confidential documents, photographs and reports kept at the Giritale army camp have been removed from the said camp by the Criminal Investigations Department for inspection;
 - (iii) as a result of these measures there is a danger of classified information pertaining to national security being disclosed;
 - (iv) there could be a negative impact on national security as military intelligence officers could be disheartened in view of this incident leading to the weakening of intelligence related activities; and
 - (v) the disclosure of the identity of intelligence officers as a result of this process can place their lives in grave danger as in the case of Millennium City incident in 2002?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the place at which the intelligence officers mentioned in (a) (i) are detained at present and the officer who is in charge of them; and
 - (ii) the measures taken to thwart the threats that may be posed against the officers of military intelligence as a result of the above process and protect them?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

144/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of public officials who have been convicted in regard to the harms caused to wild animals during the period from 01.01.2013 up to 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and the places of work of the aforesaid officers, separately;
 - (iii) the offences committed by each of the aforesaid officers, separately; and
 - (iv) the sentences passed on the aforesaid officers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to minimize the harms caused to wild animals by public officials; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (c) If not, why?

145/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the people living associated to the Hulandawa estate in Akuressa area in Matara district do not receive even the basic facilities; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid people face severe difficulties due to that reason;
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to improve the water, road, housing and health facilities in Hulandawa estate;
 - (ii) if so, the manner it will be done; the date it will be commenced; and
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be spent for that?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, December 17, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

146/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of tourists that have been taken into custody in year 2015 on grounds of spreading various religions, engaging in various jobs and businesses and participating in anti social activities while remaining in the island illegally after arriving in Sri Lanka on tourist visas;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries to which they belong; and
 - (iii) separately, of the illegal activity they engaged in and the punishment meted out to them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a special programme has been arranged to take into custody the foreigners who remain in the country illegally after coming into the country on tourist visas;
 - (ii) whether laws and regulations applicable to such individuals will be made even more stringent; and
 - (iii) if so, of the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

147/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that was spent for cleaning the Bogambara Prison after its inmates were cleared out; and
 - (ii) of the source of the funding that was used for this purpose?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the purpose for which the Bogambara Prison is used at present;
 - (ii) whether ownership of the aforesaid prison has been transferred to a private company or an individual; and
 - (iii) of the name, address and telephone number of the aforementioned company or the individual?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, December 18, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

155/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the forests coming under the Department of Wildlife Conservation are destroyed as a result of *Chena* cultivation, poaching and various development projects;
 - (ii) the aforesaid destruction cannot be prevented due to interference by higher officials and politicians; and
 - (iii) the above destruction of forest brings about climatic, political, economic and social repercussions on entire Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who have been found guilty by law of committing the offenses of engaging in poaching and *Chena* cultivation in these forests during the period of last two years;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to put an end to poaching and *Chena* cultivation carried out inside conservations; and
 - (iii) if so, of the aforesaid steps?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the human and physical resources currently available for the protection of the conservations are satisfactory; and
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken to boost the protection of conservations?
- (d) If not, why?

Saturday, December 19, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

32/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many rural roads in the Matara District are in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the people are subjected to (severe) hardships due to that;

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for road development in the Matara District in 2014;
 - (ii) the roads that were developed utilizing that money; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid roads separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the condition of roads that have not been developed in the District of Matara;
 - (ii) if so, what those roads are;
 - (iii) separately, the dates on which those roads had been reconstructed for the last time;
 - (iv) whether plans have been prepared to develop those roads; and
 - (v) if so, whether those plans will be submitted to this House?
- (d) If not, why?

40/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Kethinagala, which belongs to the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division, is a place of worship with historical significance;
 - (ii) stone mining had been permitted in the aforesaid place of worship at an earlier instance; and
 - (iii) the residents of the area opposed it at that time?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether permission has been granted once again to mine stones in the aforementioned historic site; and
 - (ii) of the name of the person to whom such permission was granted for stone mining?
 - (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to preserve the Kethinagala archaeological site; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, January 08, 2016

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.129/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a systematic programme for the continuation of the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should commence a due dialogue under the guidance of all parties including the Mahanayaka theras of the three Nikayas in order to provide due recognition to the Indian Bhikkuni Sasana commenced by Maha Prejapathigothami theri, which was re-established by the Rangiri Dambulu Chapter of the Shyamopali Maha Nikaya recently, due to the fact that the aforesaid Bhikkuni Sasana became defunct later though it was duly established in Sri Lanka with the arrival of Sangamiththa theri to Sri Lanka and a programme should be formulated at the end of the aforesaid dialogue in order to continue the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka, through a systematic methodology.

P.130/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formalising the Bhikku society of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to device a system to create uniformity within the Bhikku society, as the Bhikkus in Sri Lanka are structurally disorganized as they belong to various sects, and that the lack of unity among them reflects harmfully on Sri Lanka at national and international rituals.

P.131/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation a profitable venture,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to create the environment to appoint a panel of experts to formulate plans to develop the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a pro-people and profitable venture and make it an efficient public institution by solving the problems of fraud, corruption and administrative issues based on the recommendations of the above panel.

P.132/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners to cultivate cannabis to the extent needed for medicines,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary legislation shall be amended in order to grant permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners registered with the Government who use cannabis as an essential ingredient in producing Ayurvedic medicines, to cultivate cannabis within certain restrictions since the quality of indigenous medicines produced using chemically contaminated cannabis smuggled into the country through unlawful means from India adversely affect the quality of the indigenous medicines.

P. 133/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that a market free from undue influences shall be created with the intervention of the state sector trade institutions with the prime objective of ensuring a reasonable price for the farmer since the plans implemented hitherto for providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers have failed owing to the organized trade monopolies built through activities such as extortion and the price determination in the wholesale marketing of vegetables.

P.134/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Raising the awareness of society about the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to plan and implement a national level programme to explain to the parents, teachers, sports coaches and school van drivers, the value of children in simple terms, through sociological and psychological methods and conduct a dialogue on how the child should be protected from social challenges for the future benefit of the country and the society.

P.135/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing oppression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to alleviate the oppressive environment and provide relief for the benefit of Sri Lankan women, as various forms of oppression of women within the current global society such as subjection to labour and sexual exploitation, evolution of the private property system in a male focused manner, discrimination and obstruction of labour mobility as a result of being trapped within the family are common to Sri Lanka women as well.

P.136/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting the Department of Archaeology,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the Government to take necessary steps to provide the required resources after looking into the needs of the Department of Archaeology through a panel of experts, since the Department of Archaeology is unable to preserve the artifacts located in Sri Lanka due to the scarcity of human and physical resources.

P.137/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Facilitating the passengers traveling in long distance buses to get healthy food,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be planned and implemented by the Government to enable the conduct of constant follow-ups in order to uplift the standards of the restaurants, since the standard of the restaurants where the long distance buses stop for refreshments is at a very low level and since it is harmful to public health.

P.138/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting the state-owned Plantation Companies into profit earning entities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to increase profit of the said companies having formulated recommendations which are required to increase profit of the said entities by appointing a committee of experts and through implementing said recommendations, since the state owned plantation companies have become loss incurring entities.

P.139/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping illegal activities taking place in forest reserves,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to establish a forest protection police unit which is specially empowered to carry out raids on human activities such as illegal cultivations, various construction activities, clearing of forest areas and altering the boundaries of reserves which occur in forest reserves of Sri Lanka causing the destruction of forests.

P.140/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conserving coral reefs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to formulate and implement new regulations required for protecting coral reefs in the coastal waters surrounding Sri Lanka and for creating eco systems conducive for the formation of new coral reefs since coral reefs are facing the threat of destruction as a result of the increase of ocean temperature and human activities.

P.141/'15

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Relocation of Military Camps in the Trincomalee District,— Although the Trincomalee Navy Camp is the major military base in the Northern and Eastern coastal areas, a number of small Naval and Army Camps have been established from Pulmoddai to Lankapatuna after the end of the war and since these camps have become an obstacle to the entrepreneurship, activities of the fishermen and the Public, that this Parliament resolves that the military camps be relocated in order to assist the prosperous life of the people.

P.142/'15

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Completing the constructions of the Oluvil, Palamunai Harbour,— That this Parliament resolves that the breakwater of the Oluvil, Palamunai Harbour be completed and that this fisheries harbour cater to the people in the area, and since an extent of 400m of settlement lands have been subjected to sea erosion and the drainage system in the area remains clogged and as a result of this situation more than 10 villages have become subject to dangerous diseases such as dengue and since the lighthouse and the harbour guest house are in a perilous state due to sea erosion.

P.143/'15

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Reserving suitable grazing land for cattle,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable grazing land in the Trincomalee district be declared, reserved, and published in the Gazette, since there are roughly 250,000 animals there that need grazing land and the Government policy of increasing the milk production is hindered by the non availability of dedicated grazing land in the district.

P.144/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Making religious school education compulsory,— That this Parliament resolves that attending Sunday morning Dhamma School, Ahadiya (Religious) School must be made compulsory to pupils as a long term remedy to curb abuse and juvenile offenses which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self discipline.

P.145/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishing an institution to look in to the harassments that are inflicted to the public by the Government institutions,— That this parliament resolves that a Government institution with legal authority, be set up in order to look in to the harassments and the injustices that are caused to the public who visit Government institutions to get various services done and to examine aforesaid injustices.

P.146/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Restoration of war ruin sites to make use of such places for the benefit of the people,—That this Parliament resolves that the government should take creative steps in order to restore the war ruins and the other properties, so ruined, with the intention of eradicating the memories of the destructions of war from the minds of current young generation and future generation, since the continued maintenance of the buildings, water tanks, trains, buses and the aero planes, as exhibits and security establishments, has turned out to be an obstacle, in establishing reconciliation among the nationalities of the country.

P.147/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

P.148/'15

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera,— Calculating the 40% reduction limit that is calculated on the basic salary of the government servants, in terms of the gross salary inclusive of allowances,— That this Parliament resolves that the 40% reduction limit should be calculated on the gross salary inclusive of allowances, as it is difficult for a newly joined government servant to obtain a loan due to aforesaid reduction limit since in terms of the government financial regulations at the time a loan is obtained, the 40% reduction limit is calculated on the basic salary, though the age old law is a bar for the government servants to obtain a loan from a state bank or affiliated bank for an emergency need or housing repair work, this reduction limit is immaterial, when obtaining seven year property loan, as 5 years permanent and pensionable service is considered.

P.149/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Introducing a proper standard for early childhood development centers,— That this parliament resolves that a national programme be implemented to improve the standards of the early childhood development centers, with the intention of providing an invaluable service to the future generation, since the majority of early childhood development centers in Sri Lanka are not in a proper standard due to the absence of qualified matrons, unfavorable location and children are taught inappropriate subject matter, and since the intervention of provincial councils to develop the centers is not favorable.

P.150/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Developing a proper methodology to provide employments to graduates,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be developed for serving justice to graduates in Sri Lanka in giving them employments in place of the system that has been in existence so far of taking into consideration the political parties they supported and that action be taken to adopt it as a policy in order to ensure that graduates are not belittled before politicians.

P.151/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Improving the living standards of the Tamil people living in estate areas,— As facilities like electricity, water supply and other infrastructure facilities available in the living environments of the Tamil people in the estate areas are at a minimum level, and as this situation has affected the education of the children and the private life of the people in those areas, that this Parliament resolves that a programme be commenced expeditiously to build new housing schemes consisting of separate houses for those people putting an end to the existing culture of line houses.

P.153/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Providing speedy relief to those who have been deprived of Divineguma benefits on political grounds,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to provide “Divineguma” benefits to all poor people who deserve them, irrespective of differences, as a sizably large number of people, who deserve the ‘Divineguma’ allowances being paid under the Divineguma programme operational throughout the Island, have been deprived of those allowances on political grounds.

P.154/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Establishing a Multi-Storey Housing Scheme in the Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that a programme to provide houses to the houseless middle class people in the Kandy District should be implemented by initiating a multi-storey housing scheme on uncultivated land belonging to plantation institutions of the government in the Kandy District, as a solution to the shortage of land and houses throughout the Kandy District.

P.155/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Granting pension to members of the three armed forces who have been engaged in operational duties for 12 years,— That this Parliament resolves that since a retirement scheme is in operation for service personnel of the three armed forces after the completion of 22 years in service, and since those who have been engaged continuously for a period of 12 years in operational duties in the North and East and left the service are in a state of despair at present, that a scheme shall be formulated forthwith to grant them a semi pension in order to grant relief to such members of the three armed forces and police.

P.156/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Minimizing traffic congestion in the Kandy town,— That this Parliament resolves that an immediate solution shall be offered to minimize the traffic congestion in Kandy, since Kandy which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka is a tourist centre of local and foreign visitors and since the large number of people visiting Kandy daily are immensely inconvenienced by the heavy traffic congestion on the roads in and around Kandy.

P.157/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Starting a Muslim Boys’ School within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made to establish a Muslim Boys’ School in the city of Kandy as a large number of Muslims live in the Kandy district and also because that a Muslim Boys’ School be established has been a long standing request of the Muslims.

P.158/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Construction of new buildings for the grade one pupils of the popular schools situated within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that new buildings be speedily constructed to hold the grade one classes of the prominent schools within the city of Kandy, as admission of children to those schools have become very difficult despite the large number of applications for admission to grade one, due to the limited space available in those schools.

P.159/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Systematic expansion of the Free Industrial Parks of Pallekale, Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that since a large number of youth are affected by unemployment in the Kandy District and it is necessary to arrange employment opportunities for them without delay, the two Free Industrial Parks located in Pallekale, Kandy should be streamlined expeditiously in order to make opportunities for more people to get employment.

P.160/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Re-establishing the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made expeditiously to re-establish the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission in a streamlined manner in order to remedy the injustices caused to Up-country people as the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission which was established for the purpose of granting relief to residents of Up-country areas who were rendered destitute during the imperial regime reached an inactive state in the period of the last Government.

P.161/'15

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— Providing appointments in the field of education to the sportsmen and sportswomen who have achieved victories at all island level,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to provide appointments after providing training, as sports teachers and sports officers in the Ministry of Education to the sportspersons who have achieved first, second and third places and the sportsmen and sportswomen who have achieved championship or have become runners up in team competitions at all island level in sports meets such as All Island School Sports Meet / Youth Council Sports Meet / National Sports Meet.

P.162/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Filling the vacancies of the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service prevailing in the Northern Province Department of Education, based on the seniority and merit and placing the selectees in Grade III exempting them from the competitive exam,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper analysis should be made in regard to the filling of vacancies in the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service in the Northern Province Department of Education, and the officers in Sri Lanka Principals Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service who are engaged in the relevant duties should be appointed to the aforesaid positions based on their seniority and merit, and they should be placed in Grade III of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service exempting them from the requirement of sitting for the competitive exam.

P.163/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Appointment of the acting principals serving in the schools under the Provincial Council of the Northern Province to Grade III of Principals' Service after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals,— That this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid officers be appointed to Grade III of the Principals' service of Sri Lanka after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals taking the seniority and competency of the acting principals belonging to the Teachers service of Sri Lanka who have been thus serving for a long time in the schools coming under the Northern Provincial Council into consideration.
