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No. 3(1).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3

OF

PARLIAMENT

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Agreement (Ratification) Bill — Second Reading.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 and specified in the Order No.07 hereto, be approved:—

**Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014
Order No. 07 under Section 8**

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 01002 “Advancing monies to be used in bribery detection as bribes Advance Account— Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption” of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015.

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	<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
		From	Rs.	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	12,000,000 250,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	20,000,000 275,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2015 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

25.04.2016
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 and specified in the Order No. 08 hereto, be approved:—

Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014
Order No. 08 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing, Publicity and Sales of Publications Advance Account - Department of Educational Publications” of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>		
		From	Rs.	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	2,500,000,000 3,950,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	2,400,000,000 3,000,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

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(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,900,000,000
		To	Rs.	2,500,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2015 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

25.04.2016
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 and specified in the Order No. 09 hereto, be approved:—

Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014
Order No. 09 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 22302 “Stores Advance Account (Explosive items) - Sri Lanka Navy” of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>		
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	338,000,000
		To	Rs.	345,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2015 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

25.04.2016
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 and specified in the Order No. 10 hereto, be approved:—

Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014
Order No. 10 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No.30602 “Stores Advance Account - Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>		
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,800,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,200,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,000,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,500,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2015 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

25.04.2016
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 and specified in the Order No. 11 hereto, be approved:—

Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014
Order No. 11 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No.31003 “Work Done Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>		
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	260,000,000
		To	Rs.	308,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2015 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

25.04.2016
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 and specified in the Order No. 12 hereto, be approved:—

Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014
Order No. 12 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No.31002 “Stores Advance Account - Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act, No.41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015.

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<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>		
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	120,000,000
		To	Rs.	80,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	40,000,000
		To	Rs.	80,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2015 only)

Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE,
Minister of Finance.

25.04.2016
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 7),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014, as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.15 of 2015 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved:—

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014 in respect of Finance year 2015.

Group Order No.01

By virtue of powers vested in me under section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 41 of 2014, I, Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, with the approval of the Government do by this order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in column II and IV of the Third schedule to the Appropriation Act No.41 of 2014 as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act, No.1 of 2015 and Appropriation (Amendment) Act No.15 of 2015 and the minimum limits specified in Column III of that Schedule being the limits corresponding to item Nos. 12101,16401,16501,19601,19701 and 19801 relating to Advances to Public Officers in the manner set out in the Schedule hereto.

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Sri No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	Maximum Limit of Expenditure in Column II (Rs)		Minimum Limit of Receipts in Column III (Rs)		Maximum Limit of Debit Balance in Column IV (Rs)		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Ministry of Home Affairs	12101	5,500,000	30,000,000	-	-	15,000,000	350,000,000	1
2	Ministry of Southern Development	16401	2,000,000	0	10,000	0	10,000,000	0	2
3	Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation	16501	2,000,000	0	20,000	0	10,000,000	0	3
4	Ministry of Science, Technology and Research	19601	4,000,000	20,000,000	-	-	-	-	4

5	Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training	19701	30,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	6,000,000	90,000,000	40,000,000	5
6	Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management	19801	-	-	-	-	20,000,000	23,000,000	6
(These orders are valid only up to 31.12.2015)									
25.04.2016 Colombo 01. (Cabinet approval signified) Sgd./RAVI KARUNANAYAKE Minister of Finance (8)									

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, June 07, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

58/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (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 each of the aforesaid provincial councilors 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 designations;
 - (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?

297/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) over 200 Muslim children from the village of Aluth Dennewa belonging to the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District have to attend to schools located in distant places because a school is not available for them to obtain basic education;
 - (ii) taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the aforesaid children who travel almost 10 k.m. on foot daily as there is neither a proper road network nor a public transportation system, people of the area have built two buildings on a plot of land with an extent of approximately 1 ½ acres;
 - (iii) it was proposed to declare this a government school after action is taken by the government to acquire the aforesaid land and the buildings; and
 - (iv) a recommendation was submitted to the North Central Provincial Director of Education by the Kekirawa Zonal Director of Education by Letter No. උමලප/කැකි/අසං-01/23 II Vol and dated 14-01-2011?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a government school in Dennewa village in the interest of the aforesaid children who are living in a difficult village?
- (c) If not, why?

319/'15

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of lands in possession of the Government in Sri Lanka as at 15.11.2015; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid lands, of the extent of lands which have been leased out?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division and each District, the name and the extent of land in possession of the government; and
 - (ii) separately with regard to each of the lands which have been leased out, the name, land extent, period of lease, annual lease, the Divisional Secretariat Division and the District in which the land is located?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether it has been planned to sell or to lease out the lands in possession of the government as at present;
 - (ii) the lands which have been planned to be sold or to be leased out; and
 - (iii) the persons to whom the aforesaid lands will be sold or leased out?
- (d) If not, why?

348/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the acts of fraud and corruption which had been occurring at the Share Market in the past era are continuing;
 - (ii) if not, what progress has been achieved through absence of frauds and corruptions;
 - (iii) whether investigations are being conducted into such acts of fraud and corruption that have been committed;
 - (iv) if so, what the present status of the investigations is; and
 - (v) whether he will undertake the responsibility to take legal action against the persons who are found guilty at the investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

394/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the financial year 2015—
 - (i) the tax and non tax income expected, separately;
 - (ii) the actual tax and non tax income, separately; and
 - (iii) the actual tax and non tax income as a percentage of the expected tax and non tax income?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) how realistic the income expected in the year 2016 is, in comparison to the income of the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the expenses that are cut when adjusting the expenditure Heads of the year 2016 with the income?
- (c) If not, why ?

451/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of students that was to be admitted to each course of study of state universities during the 04 years from 2006-2009 as indicated in the university entrance handbook issued by the University Grants Commission; and
 - (ii) separately, the actual number of students admitted to each such course of study during the 04 years from 2006-2009?
- (b) If not, why?

461/'16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the variable cost of living allowance that should be paid to the pensioners of the People's Bank is paid to a certain group of pensioners of People's Bank violating fundamental rights and in contravention of the regulations of the Pension Trust Fund?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) some of the pensioners of the People's Bank have been deprived of the cost of living allowance amounting to about Rs.20,000/- due to the aforesaid situation; and
 - (ii) when paying the pensions, all the other banks of the state sector have been duly paying the variable cost of living allowance to date and that People's Bank is the only bank that acts outside this procedure treating a group of employees of the same level in two different ways?

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- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he would present a detailed report of the monthly cost of living allowance that is paid to the pensioners of the other state banks;
 - (ii) whether a speedy solution would be provided to the issue of treating differently to a group of pensioners only by the People's Bank when paying the pension; and
 - (iii) whether it is an arbitrary decision taken by a former General Manager to pay the pension freezing the variable cost of living allowance since 1996 without a board decision with a view to showing increased profits?
- (d) If not, why?

485/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of dengue patients reported in the island within year 2015;
 - (ii) of the number of patients who succumbed to death out of the aforesaid number; and
 - (iii) whether the dengue eradication programme which is implemented at present has been successful?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the action that has been taken at district level in year 2016 for dengue eradication;
 - (ii) whether a methodology has been planned to encourage greater public participation; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he believes that dengue could be eradicated through the method mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

94/'15

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

- (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% ?

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- (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?

380/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management has designed a project to prevent the Gin river and Nilwala river from overflowing;
 - (ii) whether any agreement has been signed with the CAMC Engineering Company Limited of China for such a project;
 - (iii) if so, the current state of that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that a sum of Rs. 998,576,311/= by the voucher number 2568 on 31.12.2014, a sum of Rs. 1,003,136,336/= by the voucher number 99/1 on 31.01.2015 and a sum of Rs. 2,009,342,336/= by the voucher number 99/2 had been paid to the above company without signing an agreement;
 - (v) if so, the details of those payments; and
 - (vi) the basis on which payments had been made in the above manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to how such a huge sum of money can be paid when 40 million rupees had been allocated for this project by the 2015 budget;
 - (ii) how the amount paid in the above manner can be justified;
 - (iii) if so, why;
 - (iv) if not, the persons who are responsible for that;
 - (v) whether they will be punished; and
 - (vi) the steps taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

434/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in deciding the cut off marks as per each district with pertinence to admitting students to universities based on the results of the GCE (Advanced Level) Examination;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid methodology was first adopted; and
 - (iii) whether it has been studied as to which extent the aforesaid methodology is suitable to be adopted at present?
- (b) If not, why?

459/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current status of the Mihindupura Middle Class Housing Project of Kirulapone, Colombo 06 which was launched by the National Housing Development Authority in year 2014;
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid housing project was completed;
 - (iii) of the number of houses of which construction work has been completed; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent by the National Housing Authority for this purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the local company which was in charge of the construction work of the housing project is using the aforesaid state owned land with approximately 2 acres to park their private heavy vehicles;
 - (ii) of the monthly rental paid to the government by the aforesaid company in lieu of using the said land; and
 - (iii) if land is being utilized without making any payment, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

486/'16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) children's programmes telecast on certain television channels lack quality;
 - (ii) this hampers personality development and affects creativity of children; and
 - (iii) as a result, there exists the danger of degradation of the society?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry has any course of action to present inspiring children's programmes; and
 - (ii) if so, what that course of action is?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 08, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

77/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (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 also harmful for human body;
 - (ii) it is a factor for cancer, neurological disorders and serious diseases; and
 - (iii) over 2200 metric tons of aforesaid seasoning are imported every year to our country?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to ban the use of Monosodium Glutamate; and
 - (ii) if so, that date?
- (d) If not, why?

409/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Lankaputhra Development Bank has given Rs. 75 million, to a lady politician on behalf of a fishermen's association in Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of her name;
 - (iii) of the security kept, to obtain aforesaid loan;

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- (iv) of the amount that has been recovered by now;
 - (v) if not, of the measures that have been taken on the frequent defaults;
 - (vi) whether a detailed report will be tabled, in that regard; and
 - (vii) whether deeds of temples, the lands which were leased out by the state or quartz can be produced as security in obtaining loans from Lankaputhra Development Bank?
- (b) If not, why?

435/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a mother and a daughter were killed after getting hit by a vehicle on the pedestrian crossing in front of the Gnanasinharama Temple, Dematagoda on the Baseline Road on or around 16th January 2016; and
 - (ii) a number of accidents have occurred on the aforesaid pedestrian crossing even before this?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits the fact that the road being sloped on both sides of the pedestrian crossing is contributing to the frequent occurrence of accidents in the aforesaid manner;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not taking action to move the said pedestrian crossing to an alternate location or to install road signs on both sides of the pedestrian crossing; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said pedestrian crossing will be moved to an alternate location or road signs will be installed on both sides of the said pedestrian crossing?
- (c) If not, why?

471/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the different taxes charged on all types of telephones belong to Sri Lanka Telecom and the rates at which they are charged separately;
 - (ii) what percentage Sri Lanka Telecom can collect on the total charges for its services when all the taxes referred to above are added up; and
 - (iii) under which specific sections of law those charges are levied?
- (b) If not, why?

483/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the income earned up to 31/12/2015, from the Expressways constructed by the previous government;
 - (ii) whether that income has exceeded the expected target;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Expressways contribute to the development of the economy;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to construct the proposed Colombo-Kandy Expressway; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there was a huge traffic congestion on the expressways during the year end long holiday season of 2015; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such congestion in future?
- (c) If not, why?

498/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of registered pharmacies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of registered pharmacists in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2011 to 2015, the number of candidates who sat the pharmacist external examination;
 - (iv) separately, the number of candidates who passed the said examination from the year 2011 to 2015;
 - (v) whether he accepts that there is a shortage of pharmacists in the island; and
 - (vi) if so, the steps to be taken to overcome this shortage?
- (b) If not, why?

500/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Muslims lived in Kinniya in Trincomalee district since ancient times; and
 - (ii) the Muslims who were displaced by the terrorist activities in the area have not been resettled in that village so far?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim families in Kinniya that was displaced by terrorist activities and the number of members of those families; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to resettle those people in that area as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

553/’16

Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that approximately 1500 families residing in Kaludawala village of Batticaloa District engage in betel cultivation as their main livelihood activity?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been banned to cut and transport the “supporting stakes for betel” from Rottakulam area of Pothuvil, which are essential for a successful betel cultivation; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to authorize them to do the above as per Circular: Supporting stakes for betel 2011, dated 13.05.2014 of the Department of Forest Conservation?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, June 09, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/’15

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

- (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 Mrs. 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?

(19)

(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?

464/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately, the numbers of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01 January 2016;
- (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;
- (iii) separately, the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
- (iv) separately, the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

490/'16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the criteria that was taken into consideration to provide Samurdhi assistance for the years 2015 - 2016;
- (ii) whether he is satisfied that the Samurdhi assistance has been given based on the aforesaid criteria;
- (iii) whether he accepts that there are families who do not receive assistance though they are entitled to receive assistance;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide assistance to them;
- (v) if so, when?

(b) If not, why?

555/'16

Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the private land bearing land plot No. 101 of ඉ.පි.ක. 2285 belonging to Mr. A.H.M.Haneefa and Mr. U.M.A.L. Salahudeen residing at No. 262/2, Kandy Road, Galhinna was acquired through the Gazette Notification No. 1306/37 dated 19.09.2003 with the implementation of the project to expand the main street of Kurunegala; and
 - (ii) compensation has not hitherto been paid on behalf of the aforesaid land transferred 10 years ago and the aforesaid business building which was demolished and removed?
- (b) Will action be taken to provide compensation without any delay for the aforesaid land and the building which was demolished and removed?
- (c) If not, why?

556/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies available in the Public Service at present;
 - (ii) separately of the sectors in which the aforesaid vacancies exist;
 - (iii) whether the unemployed graduates will be recruited for the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the sectors for which recruitments will be made;
 - (v) of the number of graduates that can be recruited for the vacancies; and
 - (vi) of the period in which unemployed graduates will be recruited for the vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

566/'16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the land located at No.47, Beach Road, Matara in the Kotuwegoda Grama Niladhari Division of the Matara Divisional Secretariat Division which belongs to Mr. Siraj Cader of No. 793, Sapumal Place, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, was taken over from him temporarily and returned by the District Secretary in order to hold the Victory Celebrations in years 2014 and 2015;
 - (ii) a notification had been issued by the Divisional Secretary of Matara on 04.12.2014 under Section 2 of the Land Aquisition Act in order to aquire the said land which was returned to Mr. Cader after the celebration in 2014;

(21)

- (iii) Mr. Cader has made a request through the letter dated 19.12.2014 to the effect that the land acquisition order mentioned in a(i) above be cancelled; and
- (iv) the aforementioned owner is unable to develop the said land in a productive manner since the said notification has not been cancelled up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken immediately to cancel the aforementioned land acquisition notification?
- (c) If not, why?

568/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objectives of the GPS Technology Project launched by the National Transport Commission;
 - (ii) of the added services which are expected to be provided to passengers through this service;
 - (iii) of the number of GPS machines installed;
 - (iv) of the amount of public funds utilized for the installing of GPS machines; and
 - (v) if money for this purpose was charged from the bus owners, of the amount of money that was charged?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether payment of money to maintain these machines has been stopped from the beginning of year 2014;
 - (ii) if so, the paragraph of the maintenance agreement which is the basis for stopping payment; and
 - (iii) whether consent of the bus owners was given to stop the payment?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether GPS machines which were installed were functioning;
 - (ii) whether all GPS machines have not been functioning since the latter part of 2014;
 - (iii) whether bus owners were unable to track their buses using GPS machines as a result of this situation; and
 - (iv) whether objectives mentioned in a(i) above have been fulfilled?
- (d) If not, why?

570/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the project that has been proposed for modernizing Anuradhapura weekly fair including the fish market area of the Anuradhapura Municipal Council and for removing the contaminated water in those areas for which a provision of Rs.15.0 million has been approved for implementing Phase I —

(22)

- (i) whether Phase I will be completed and be commissioned before 31st December as planned;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be commissioned;
 - (iii) whether funds have been allocated for Phase II of this project;
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which activities of Phase II will be commenced; and
 - (v) of the date on which Phase II has been planned to be commissioned after completion of that phase?
- (b) If not, why?

128/'15

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

- (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 the use of conventional methods cause minimum damage to man and nature?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of old 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 acres of paddy lands that are cultivated with old indigenous 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?

465/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

491/'16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the project for establishing free Wi-Fi zones under the 100 day programme is currently in operation;
 - (ii) the number of Wi-Fi zones established under this project;
 - (iii) whether he is satisfied with this number; and
 - (iv) whether they are in operational condition?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether free Wi-Fi zones have been established in the Kegalle district;
 - (ii) if so, the locations of such zones; and
 - (iii) the areas in which free Wi-Fi zones are to be established in future?
- (c) If not, why?

564/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Road Development Authority has a programme for developing the segment of the Low Level Road from Ambathale to Orugodawatta; and
 - (ii) the first round of compensation has been paid for this purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of phases in which other recipients of compensation will be paid compensation; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the remaining compensation amounts will be paid?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which development work on this road will commence;
 - (ii) of the amount of money allocated for developing this road;
 - (iii) of the amount that has been allocated for the development of bridges on this road; and
 - (iv) of the date on which it will be possible to complete the work on this road?
- (d) If not, why?

578/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a complaint has been lodged with Weligama Police under CIB/2-138/37 by Mr. Aruna Deshapriya Mahagamage residing at Udupila, Weligama on 03.03.2015;
 - (ii) whether this complaint has been investigated into; and
 - (iii) if it has not been, why?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. M.A. Deshapriya has lodged a complaint with the police headquarters under IGP/PAC/O/53/16 on 29.01.2016 in respect of the above complaint;
 - (ii) if so, whether the police headquarters has conducted an investigation regarding that complaint;
 - (iii) if so, as to how it was resolved; and
 - (iv) if it has not been, why?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 10, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

105/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Countries of European Continent during the period of five years from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Countries of European Continent during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for those people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

462/'16

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) priority in terms of ethnic ratio, language ratio and regions was not given when applications were called for the post of Community Development Assistants by the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration of the previous government;
- (ii) vacancies occurred as this Ministry did not operate in the Northern and Eastern areas for over 30 years;
- (iii) the then President temporarily suspended the selection of 189, 15 and 01 candidates respectively to fill 205 vacancies islandwide by disregarding the facts mentioned in (i) above as a result of the objection raised by the Members of Parliament of the Tamil National Alliance in Parliament; and
- (iv) however, the above mentioned persons have been recruited for the post of Community Development Assistants as in (iii) above by disregarding the facts mentioned in (i) above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the manner, the Ministry intends to fill the vacancies that exist in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
- (ii) whether he admits that your Ministry has not made arrangements to give priority to the facts mentioned in (i) above within good governance; and
- (iii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to overcome that shortcoming?

(c) If not, why?

463/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the July 1980 strikers who are above 65 years of age have been paid an allowance of Rs.5,000/- by the government since January 2013; and
- (ii) it was proposed through the budget speech 2015 to increase this allowance up to Rs.6,000/- and to pay this allowance to the aforesaid strikers who are above 63 years of age and also to the spouses of the strikers who have died?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the government has decided to stop paying the aforesaid allowance;
 - (ii) whether the government has decided to award a lump sum of Rs.250,000/- instead of the aforesaid allowance;
 - (iii) whether he admits that this lump sum will be sufficient only for a period of 42 months if it is spent at Rs.6,000/- per month; and
 - (iv) of the steps that the government would take in order to care for this group of elderly persons as the life expectancy of Sri Lankans is 74 years?
- (c) If not, why?

489/'16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of families which suffered property damage as a result of the unfavorable weather changes that occurred in the year 2015;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid families, of the number of families to which compensation has been paid;
 - (iii) of the number of families to which compensation is yet to be paid; and
 - (iv) of the date on which compensation will be paid to the rest of the families?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps taken by the government to prevent property loss that may occur due to natural disasters?
- (c) If not, why?

495/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the current state of affairs of the constructions under the Fisheries Harbour Development Programme of Kalametiya ;
 - (ii) of the measures so far taken in relation to the trawl fishermen who will be deprived of engaging in fisheries industry owing to the implementation of the said project;
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to compensate the trawl fishermen;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount of compensation paid to one fisherman; and
 - (v) in addition to that, whether action will be taken to provide fishing vessels and gear needed to engage in fishing industry enabling these fishermen to conduct their livelihood activities?
- (b) If not, why?

496/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the names, addresses, dates of appointment and the educational qualifications of the consultants of Southern Transport Development Project of Road Development Authority; and
 - (ii) separately, of the allowances paid for each consultant?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the names, addresses, dates of appointment and the educational qualifications of the Public Relations Officers of Southern Transport Development Project of the Road Development Authority; and
 - (ii) separately, of the allowances paid for each Public Relations officer?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the approval of the Management Services Department has been obtained to create the posts mentioned in (a) (i) and (b) (i); and
 - (ii) if so of the date on which the approval was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

499/'16

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names addresses and grades in the teachers' service of the persons who have been attached to the Teacher Resources Centre of the Kinniya Zonal Education office;
 - (ii) the Circular according to which those teachers were attached to that centre; and
 - (iii) the date on which applications were called for this and the date on which the interview was conducted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that these appointments have been made in contravention of the education circulars; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made as early as possible to eliminate irregularities of this nature under good governance and appoint qualified persons to positions by calling for applications in the proper manner?
- (c) If not, why?

548/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an institution has been established by the name “The Task Force for National Reconciliation”;
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid institution has been established with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid institution was established in accordance with the package of proposals accepted by the government at the United Nations Human Rights Commission?
- (b) Will he state the objective of establishing the aforesaid task force along with the functions assigned to it?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the chairman and the other members of the aforesaid task force;
 - (ii) their qualifications, separately; and
 - (iii) the allowances and the privileges provided to the chairman and the other 10 members of it for the activities carried out by them through this task force?
- (d) If not, why?

551/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) when the Ceylon Transport Board was converted into transport companies by the government which was in power prior to 1994, certain amounts of shares of the aforesaid companies were given to the employees;
 - (ii) these transport companies were re-established as the Sri Lanka Transport Board through the Act, No. 27 of 2005;
 - (iii) the shares of the former CTB employees were re-acquired to the Sri Lanka Transport Board as per section 33(3) of the said Act; and
 - (iv) the stipulated amount of Rs.10/= per share to be paid to the shareholders as mentioned in section 33(3) of the said Act, has not been paid from 2005 to date?

(29)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to pay the aforesaid compensation; and
- (ii) if so, what that date is?

(c) If not, why?

569/'16

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether activities of the project to construct a car park for Anuradhapura General Hospital, which were commenced in year 2014 and stopped halfway, will be recommenced;
- (ii) if so, the date;
- (iii) if not, whether there is an alternative arrangement or project for that;
- (iv) as the provision of Rs. 2.0 million that had been allocated for this project has been returned, whether action will be taken to obtain that provision again; and
- (v) if not, whether there is an alternative arrangement or proposal for that?

(b) If not, why?

159/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the extent of acres in which pines and eucalyptus have been grown in the forests that come under the Department of Forest Conservation;
- (ii) of the advantages and disadvantages that the environment experience owing to aforesaid afforestation; and
- (iii) of the benefits that Sri Lankan economy achieve through pines and eucalyptus afforestation?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether measures have been taken to grow a variety of local trees instead of pines and eucalyptus;
- (ii) if so, of aforesaid types of trees; and
- (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to grow local trees, in time to come and plans have been made to grow local trees?

(c) If not, why?

466/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether decisions have been taken to restart the Colombo Port City Project that was stalled by the government;
 - (ii) the date on which the project will be restarted;
 - (iii) the distinction between the agreement that was entered into, by the previous government with the investors and the agreement that was entered into, by the present government;
 - (iv) whether the agreement that the present government entered into, will be tabled; and
 - (v) if not why?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a new environmental impact assessment has been conducted after this project was stalled;
 - (ii) whether aforesaid Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be tabled; and
 - (iii) if not why?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the investors have claimed any compensation, for the loss incurred during the period of time in which the project was stalled; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of compensation, so claimed?
- (d) If not, why?

497/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Dr. Nilanga Samarasinghe was appointed the Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board;
 - (ii) of the period of time for which he served in said office;
 - (iii) whether he was removed from the said office; or if not, whether he resigned of his own accord;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that this person has migrated to a foreign country since he was threatened with death;
 - (v) whether any investigation was carried out by the government in relation to the aforesaid threats to life; and
 - (vi) if so, of its progress?
 - (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 ‘න, ණ, ට, ට්’ 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 aggravated 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.

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 devise 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.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.145/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishing an institution to look into 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.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.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.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.

P.168/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—Advancement of national reconciliation among nationalities,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium section should be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

P.169/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Introducing a New Sports Act,— That this Parliament resolves that a new Sports Act should be introduced for the uplift and development of sports in Sri Lanka by introducing a new methodology instead of the system of electing officers to the Boards of Control for Sports by the vote of district sports societies and thereby make the conduct of the aforesaid officers be responsible to the public or Parliament.

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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 associated with rivers in 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 responsible institutions to curb such improper acts?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to combat such improper acts associated with rivers;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) the number of complaints that 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 this 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?

355/'15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether financial assistance was provided to Sri Lanka by Saudi Arabia and the Development Fund of the United Arab Emirates for the construction of houses and common facilities for tsunami victims;
 - (ii) the names of the housing projects that were implemented utilizing the aforesaid funds;
 - (iii) separately the amounts of money that were spent on each of those housing projects; and
 - (iv) separately the names of the public institutes and non-governmental organizations that gave patronage for implementing each of the aforesaid projects?
- (b) If not, why?

445/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether allocations were made by the former President Mahinda Rajapakse as the Minister of Finance in 2008 to write off all loans granted to the Co-operative Movement by the State Banks;
 - (ii) whether Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, MP, the then Minister in charge of the subject made a statement in Parliament on 05.11.2015 confirming that;
 - (iii) whether the State Minister of Industry and Commerce informed Parliament on 05.11.2015 that the actual situation in relation to the writing off of loans from each Co-operative society would be made known upon discussing the matter with the Minister;
 - (iv) whether the reply given to Parliament by the State Minister on 05.11.2015 that, although it has been decided to write off the loans granted to co-operative societies by the Peoples Banks, so far it has not been implemented in any district, is correct; and
 - (v) the reasons for not implementing the decision of No. (iv) above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the decision taken to boost the co-operative societies by writing off the loans, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the co-operative societies would be informed of the future steps to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

448/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium was declared open;
 - (ii) separately as per each year of the expenditure borne on the maintenance activities of the aforesaid Stadium from its opening up to date; and
 - (iii) separately of the income earned from the international cricket matches which were held from the opening of this stadium up to date?
- (b) If not, why?

453/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the tax revenue considered to have been lost as a result of the Free Trade Agreements operated by Sri Lanka by now, from 2005 to 2015 as per each year separately;
 - (ii) the tax revenue considered to have been lost by the Department of Customs, from the date that Indo – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement commenced up to now; and
 - (iii) the Customs data on imports – exports and the Trade Balance between the two countries, from the date that Indo – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement commenced up to now, as per each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

467/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) of the world market price of a barrel of crude oil in Sri Lankan rupees and Dollars; and
 - (ii) of the local market price of a liter of petrol and diesel in Sri Lankan rupees;
- as at 01st January each year from 2001 to 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

494/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of permits issued by the Department of Imports and Exports to import overage vehicles in year 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the names and addresses of the permit holders and the make of the vehicles for which the permits were issued?
- (b) If not, why?

511/'16

Hon.Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. J. G. Jayantha of Samagi Mawatha, Wellakka, Weligama has joined the Sri Lanka Transport Board on 26.07.2000 as a Conductor and attached to the SLTB Depot Akuressa and retired due to his illness on 01.01.2015 on medical grounds with an unblemished service record of 15 years; and
 - (ii) the gratuity payment which should be paid to him at the time of retirement has not been paid up to now despite several requests made for the last one year to the relevant authorities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this gratuity payment would be paid in full without any delay; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the payment will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

140/'15

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

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the total amount allocated in the year 2014 for road development projects and the name of those projects;
 - (ii) separately, the estimated amount in respect of each of the said projects;
 - (iii) the sources from which the money was secured;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money obtained from each of the said sources; and
 - (v) separately, the conditions imposed by each of the said sources?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many corrupt practices and frauds have taken place in these road constructions;
 - (ii) issues have arisen regarding the standard of construction; and
 - (iii) the payment of compensation and the granting of other relief for the people who have lost their land and property are at a minimal level?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for paying compensation and granting other relief to the people affected by the projects referred to in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) whether he will take action to increase the relief granted to the people affected by development projects; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

449/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money spent for Nipunatha Abisheka programme conducted in Matara on 14.12. 2014;
 - (ii) whether a preliminary inquiry has been made by the National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority to look into the financial irregularities which occurred there;
 - (iii) the financial irregularities revealed by the Auditor General by his Audit query No. JP/E/NAITA/AW/2014/20;
 - (iv) whether the chairman of NAITA has made a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department in regard to spending more than 100 million rupees for this programme;
 - (v) if so, the date on which the aforesaid complaint was made and the progress of the investigations;
 - (vi) the action taken according to law against the Director General of NAITA as she has done a fraudulent act in selecting a private company called Light House away from the procurement process approved by the government; and
 - (vii) if legal action has not been taken according to law, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

454/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of liters of liquor and malt liquor produced in Sri Lanka from the year 2005 to 2015 separately for each year in millions;
 - (ii) of the excise income received from the sale of the aforesaid two types of liquor during the above years separately for each year in Rupees millions; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the increase in the production of liquor and malt liquor in the year 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

469/'16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mr. Mohammad Farzan has lodged a complaint, with Modara Police Station on 21.03.2009, under the No. CIB/83/371, in connection with the abduction of his brother Mr. M.N.M Hakeem (N.I.C No. 820881966 V) of No.1/90 D, Kadiranawatta, 1st lane, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15, on the date of 21.03.2009 within the Modara Police Division, along with his three-wheeler, bearing the registered number 200-5464; and
- (ii) the Civil Crimes Division of Police Headquarters, by the letter No. C8/310/371, dated 05.08.2010, has referred this case to the Deputy Inspector General of Colombo Division, to investigate into the aforesaid abduction ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the current progress of the investigations carried out on the complaint lodged in the Modara Police Station under above number and of the investigations, monitored by the Deputy Inspector General of the Police ?

(c) If not, why?

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Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that profits are earned by Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd., in the sectors of catering, engineering services and air port services while losses are incurred through flight service;
- (ii) whether there is a plan to sell the other sectors mentioned in (i) above while further retaining the flight service within Sri Lankan Air Lines Ltd.;
- (iii) if so, whether he admits that the result of such a measure would be further increase in the loss incurred by that company and the pressure on the Treasury;
- (iv) whether there is a plan to sell Sri Lankan Airlines; and
- (v) if so, what the progress of that plan is?

(b) If not, why?
