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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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National Innovation Agency Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Mortgage (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Finance Leasing (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Inland Trust Receipts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—
Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Order made
by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife under Section 2(2) of the
Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kotuathhawala
Sanctuary and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/37 of 23rd February
2017, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—
Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Order made
by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife under Section 2(2) of the
Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kodigahakanda
Sanctuary and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/5 of 03rd October 2017,
which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs under Section 2(2) of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) relating to Kayankerni Marine Sanctuary and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/59 of 11th April 2019, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Sections 61(1)(sc) and 61(1)(sd) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Conservation of Fish and Aquatic Resources within Sri Lanka Waters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2008/30 of 03rd March 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 28 of the aforesaid Act relating to Prohibition of Use of Spears in Fishing Operations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2008/31 of 03rd March 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Sections 29 and 61(1)(u) of the aforesaid Act relating to Prohibition of Catching Fish Species Thambuwa and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2014/4 of 11th April 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Section 61(1)(u) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Fish and Fishery Products, Import and Re-export Management and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2023/51 of 15th June 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Sections 61(1)(l) and 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Implementation of Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal Unreported Fishing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/32 of 13th July 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 6),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and State Minister of Mahaweli Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Landing of Fish and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2027/32 of 13th July 2017, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 7),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(b) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Section 64(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Beach Seine Fishing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2065/33 of 05th April 2018, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 8),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economy under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 relating to Minimum Standards for the citizens of Sri Lanka engaged in fishing operations in foreign flagged fishing boats and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/50 of 25th January 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No. 9),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 read with Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the aforesaid Act relating to Fishing Operations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2115/8 of 18th March 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 regarding National Association of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/85 of 23rd August 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports under Section 41 read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 regarding National Association of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/86 of 23rd August 2019, which were presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/69 of 26th September 2019, which was presented on 23.10.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

34/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the rate of unemployment in Ratnapura district on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
 - (ii) of the solutions that would be provided to address the issue of unemployment in the aforesaid district;
 - (iii) of the targets that are expected to be achieved through such solutions; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to achieve those targets?
- (b) If not, why?

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110/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount spent by the government annually to raid illegal drugs from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) the manner in which that money was spent;
 - (iii) the annual amount of fine charged by the government with regard to crimes related to illegal drugs from year 2015 to date;
 - (iv) the type of drug for which the maximum fine was imposed; and
 - (v) the measures taken by the government for the prevention of drugs?
- (b) If not, why?

164/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of students who got through the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination with high scores in the Uva Province in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of those students;
 - (iii) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme to provide scholarships to those students; and
 - (iv) if so, will he present the particulars such as the names of the students to whom scholarships were provided and the financial value of those scholarships?
- (b) If not, why?

545/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of individuals who applied for the Elders' Allowance which is provided to the citizens above 70 years have not received the said allowance; and
 - (ii) when inquiries are made in this regard at the Divisional Secretariats, it is stated that arrangements would be made to provide the allowance to the remaining individuals as per the number of vacancies created among those who are already provided with the Elders' Allowance?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of individuals who have been provided with the Elders' Allowance after the appointment of the incumbent subject Minister;
 - (ii) whether arrangements would be made to provide the Elders' Allowance to those who have applied but not hitherto received the allowance; and
 - (iii) if so, with effect from which date will it be done?
- (c) If not, why?

556/'19

Hon. S. Shrinathan,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Post offices & Sub Post Offices of Killinochchi district are in operation according to the grades;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of Post Offices and Sub Post Offices of aforesaid district, according to the grade; and
 - (iii) of the number of Post Offices and Sub Post Offices that have been built in freehold lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the necessity of establishing Sub Post Offices in Parathipuram, Punneyiniravi and Pallikuda areas of Killinochchi district;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for not taking measures as per my the letter dated 05.09.2016 and as per the letter bearing No. PPS & MR / HR / 09-182, dated 09.09.2019 which was sent to the Post Master General with copies to myself;
 - (iii) as to when the permanent buildings will be provided to establish Kalmadunagar, Thirunagar, Konavil, Karadipokku, Thiruweyyaru, Ambalkulam, Murusumottei, Dharmapuram, Kandawalei, Puliyampokkane, Kunjuparanthan, Sivanagar, Muhamalei, Iyakkachchi, Kilali, Eludumattuwal, Soranpattu, Thattuwanakotti, Sundikkulam, Settiyakkuruchchi, Iraneithiu, Gaudarimune, Pallawarayankattu, Nallur, Kiranji and Veravil Sub Post Offices; and
 - (iv) whether Killinochchi, Paranthan, Pachchaleipalli and Punakari main Post Offices are equipped with the up-to-date computer facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

784/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent by Sri Lanka Tea Board to open the sales outlet established at Colombo Race Course with the aim of popularizing tea among foreigners who come to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the cumulative profit earned or loss incurred by the said institution from 2014 to 2017;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that operations of the said sales outlet were suspended in 2017; and
 - (iv) of the person who took that decision?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total loss incurred by the Tea Board as a result of closing this sales outlet;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the details of the loss incurred by the Board in terms of equipment, furniture, rent etc. separately;
 - (iii) of the measures taken against the officers who did not use the resources of that centre productively; and
 - (iv) of the instructions provided by the Secretary to the Ministry in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

812/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) while Mr. K.M.M. Marzook, who has been residing at No. 389/3F/2A, Kotikawatta, Mulleriyawa for nearly 12 years, was abroad, an unauthorized parapet wall had been erected by blocking the drainage system adjacent to his house and the gully had been closed fully;
 - (ii) this unauthorized construction had been erected by a person named Mohamad Yousuf residing at No. 240/20B; and
 - (iii) arrangements had been made to settle this dispute by summoning the two parties in terms of the letter of the Kotikawatta, Mulleriyawa Pradesheeya Sabha bearing No. KMPS/04/1/CL/59/2017 dated 30.05.2018?

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(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the blockage of the drainage system remains the same even after that summoning; and
 - (ii) failing all efforts to settle this issue through any institution or authority it was finally brought to the notice of the President, the Prime Minister and the relevant Minister in writing but to no avail so far?
- (c) Will he therefore inform this House whether arrangements will be made to provide a solution to this problem through the Kotikawatta, Mulleriyawa Pradesheeya Sabha?
- (d) If not, why?

821/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that although the construction work of the Teacher Training Center of Tricomalee North zone which was built on the Gomarankadawala Maha Vidyalaya premises has been completed, the Center remains closed due to the inability to obtain pipe-borne water facilities;
- (ii) of the manner in which it was envisioned to obtain water facilities for drinking and other purposes when this Teacher Training Center was designed;
- (iii) whether it would not be possible to fulfill the requirement for water by increasing the depth of the wells located in the Gomarankadawala Maha Vidyalaya and the primary school premises and by using a RO plant to purify the water from the said wells; and
- (iv) of the date on which training activities will commence in the aforesaid Teacher Training Center?

(b) If not, why?

835/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the internal road from Veppamkulam to Silawathura belonging to the Musali Pradeshiya Sabha of Mannar District was constructed by the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief in the year 2010?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the dates on which the construction activities of the said road were commenced and concluded;
 - (ii) the length of the road;
 - (iii) the villages that lie across this road;
 - (iv) the institution to which the contract was awarded;
 - (v) the owners (shareholders) of that institution at the time;
 - (vi) the amount allocated for that purpose; and
 - (vii) whether the said road is being used now?
- (c) If not, why?

931/'19

Hon. Mohammadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the commercial value and the domestic value of the immovable property (lands, shops, houses) as per its location belonging to the Kandewatta Kadeer Jumma mosque and the Osanagoda mosque registered under No. R/0552/g/18 of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs (WAKF division) and specified by the WAKF board, separately;
 - (ii) whether the WAKF board will take steps to charge the lease amount in accordance with the commercial or domestic value, when releasing those WAKF property to the lessees legally under a lease agreement; and
 - (iii) whether the WAKF board will make arrangements to identify the persons who have not entered in to legal lease agreements or identify unauthorized settlers and take legal action against them?
- (b) If not, why?

941/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a decision was taken in October 2018 to import 6000 Metric Tonnes of cashew nuts in shell, and permits were issued for that;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit a list including the names and addresses of those permit holders;
 - (iii) the production of cashew nuts in shell, in Sri Lanka from the year 2000 up to date in relation to each type, separately;
 - (iv) the volumes of cashew nuts in shell, imported to this country from the year 2000 up to date in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (v) the countries which they are imported from?
- (b) If not, why?

979/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people using the 01 kilometer and 300 meter road on which the Kekirawa CTB Depot and international schools are located and which is connected to the Anuradhapura-Thalawa main road via Olukaranda gama situated approximately one and a half kilometer along the Maradankadawala road from the Kekirawa town have been greatly inconvenienced as the road is in a highly dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the majority of politicians who were in power did not develop this road as a large number of their political opponents were residing on either side of this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to renovate this road speedily which has not been renovated hitherto due to political reasons?
- (c) If not, why?

1014/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether he is aware that the constructions of the Divulapitiya Drinking Water Project, which was planned in the year 2014 with a view to accomplishing the drinking water requirements of the people of the Divulapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the District of Gampaha have not hitherto been commenced;
 - (ii) of the estimated investment of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of the local and foreign sources that procure funds for the purpose respectively;
 - (iv) of the name and the address of the Construction Company that contracted for the constructions of this project;
 - (v) of the factors that contributed towards the delay in commencing the constructions relevant to the project;
 - (vi) whether the steps which have been taken to solve the aforesaid issues and to proceed with the project, deem satisfactory; and
 - (vii) of the dates on which the construction work of this project would be commenced and completed?
- (b) If not, why?

1033/'19

Hon. Gamini Lokuge, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) complaints were made to the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and the Director of National Schools regarding the injustice that occurred at the interview held at the Royal College of Colombo in year 2009 to admit to grade one, Vidura Vidath Amarathunga, the son of Mrs. L.P. Kodithuwakku of No. 191/C, Kekulavita, Makandana, Piliyandala;
 - (ii) as per the instructions received there, Mrs. Kodithuwakku made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and that the Commission made a recommendation to the Secretary to the Ministry of Education to admit the aforementioned child to the Royal College;
 - (iii) since the Ministry of Education took no further steps in this regard, Mrs. Kodithuwakku submitted a petition in this regard to the Public Petitions Committee of Parliament; and
 - (iv) the Secretary to the Ministry of Education has failed to take any action with respect to admitting the aforementioned child to the aforementioned school from year 2009 to date?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to admit Vidura Vidath Amarathunga to the Royal College of Colombo?
- (c) If not, why?

1035/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are foreign nationals who have not departed from the island till 01.05.2019, out of the foreign nationals who arrived in Sri Lanka after 01.09.2014;
 - (ii) if so, of the countries from which they came and the period for which they have obtained visa;
 - (iii) of the names of the foreign nationals who remain on the island illegally;
 - (iv) of the travel document numbers of the abovementioned persons; and
 - (v) whether he will submit the addresses furnished by these persons as their Sri Lankan addresses?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 20, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

24/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a telephone tapping system has been brought to or installed in the country to listen to or record telephone conversations taking place over telephone networks operated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the value of said system;
 - (iii) the number of telephones covered by that system; and
 - (iv) the object of bringing down such a system?
- (b) If not, why?

138/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that malnutrition is high among estate workers and their families in Badulla district;
 - (ii) whether he admits that provision of a 'nutrition pack' to the aforementioned people through plantation companies parallel to the 'nutrition pack' issued by the current good governance government with the objective of improving nutrition levels of the people; and
 - (iii) if so, of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to implement such a programme through the plantation companies?
- (b) If not, why?

220/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the government decided to ban the use of asbestos;
 - (ii) of the reasons for taking such a decision;
 - (iii) of the reports by committees of experts on which the government's decision for that ban was based;

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- (iv) of the date on which the government decided to lift the said ban;
 - (v) of the reasons for taking such a decision; and
 - (vi) of the experts who recommended that the use of asbestos again was suitable?
- (b) If not, why?

372/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Nagastenna estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid workers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

437/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of land belonging to the Janata Estate Development Board that has been given to outsiders on lease basis as at 30.06.2018;
 - (ii) the name, address, lease period, the extent of land leased out and the lease amount of the persons and institutions they have been given to; and
 - (iii) whether the properties have been valued according to the rates in the open market and lease amount charged accordingly in leasing out these lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) if the persons who leased those lands have sub-leased them, what those lands are;
 - (ii) the name, address, lease period, the extent of land and the lease amount of the persons to whom those lands have been sub-leased separately;

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- (iii) the amount of money the Board lost as a result of not updating the levying of lease and illegal sub-leasing; and
- (iv) the measures that can be taken against sub-leasing in terms of the lease agreement?

(c) If not, why?

446/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) why the security provided to the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has not been increased since DIG Nalaka Silva, who is accused of hatching a conspiracy against them, had contacts with a LTTE member, Tamil diaspora and a notorious underworld member;
- (ii) the reason for not providing bullet proof vehicles or such facilities to the President and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence since they engage in various public meetings and other activities throughout the country; and
- (iii) the reason for IGP to retain the said DIG in service while the inquiry was on since technical evidence related to the incident can be destroyed within 05 minutes as stated by Namal Kumara who divulged information in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

540/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(4)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Air Vice Marshall K. T. B. G. Jayampathi of Sri Lanka Air force, having obtained a permit on 08.01.2008 for the import of a car on concessionary basis had got his vehicle released from the Customs;
- (ii) though the said officer can obtain another car on concessionary basis only after five years, having submitted an application again for the import of a car on concessionary basis on 14.01.2011 with the recommendation of the then Commander of the Air force and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, he had obtained the relevant permit on 07.06.2011 and imported a motor car; and
- (iii) he has thus violated the provisions of circulars?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the legal action constituted against this officer; and
- (ii) the legal action constituted against the then Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and the Commander of the Air force for issuing recommendations for the import of a motor car under the concessionary basis in breach of the regulations of the relevant circulars?

(c) If not, why?

601/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Independence Television Network, which had once been rated No. 01, has now fallen down to the 06th position; and
- (ii) if so, of the reasons that led this Television Network to the present situation?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately of the annual income of the Independence Television Network in years 2014 and 2017;
- (ii) whether an arrangement is underway to sell the Independence Television Network;
- (iii) whether salaries of the employees of this institute are being paid utilizing the money in the fixed deposits of the institute; and
- (iv) if so, of the reasons for doing so?

(c) If not, why?

879/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the number of Samurdhi recipient families in Ampara district in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) whether new recipients will be chosen;
- (iii) if so, of the basis on which aforesaid recipients will be chosen; and
- (iv) of aforesaid criterion?

(b) If not, why?

885/'19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana, — To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which “Enterprise Sri Lanka” scheme was launched under the Ministry of Finance;
 - (ii) the core objective of the aforesaid scheme; and
 - (iii) to what extent the aforementioned objective has been achieved by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of new businesses in Kaluthara District, which have been provided with loan facilities under the abovementioned scheme as at 08.03.2019; and
 - (ii) separately, the volume of loans granted on the basis of each business?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of new businesses in the Anuradhapura District, which have been provided with loan facilities under the abovementioned scheme as at 08.03.2019;
 - (ii) separately, of the volume of loans granted on the basis of each business;
 - (iii) of the extent to which the objective of this loan scheme has been fulfilled in Anuradhapura District;
 - (iv) whether there is a disparity between the two districts in terms of the implementation of the aforementioned loan scheme; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to change this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

1197/'19

Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the area of Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha in square kilometres; and
 - (ii) the population in that area?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the main income received by this local government institution covering such a large area is the income received through the lease of the weekly fair;
 - (ii) the Urban Development Authority officially took over the weekly fair owned by the Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha to develop it; and
 - (iii) its development work has been completed by the Urban Development Authority?

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- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) the Anamaduwa weekly fair developed by the Urban Development Authority in the said manner has not been returned to Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha up to now; and
 - (ii) collecting the income from the weekly fairs is a responsibility of the Pradeshiya Sabha under the Local Government Act?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether necessary steps will be taken to transfer the ownership of Anamaduwa weekly fair from the Urban Development Authority back to the Anamaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha as the construction has been completed?
- (e) If not, why?

1246/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether approval has been granted for a floating hotel project in the land called 'Wilawatta' situated at Halpe in the 60/A Bolagala Grama Niladhari Division at Divulapitiya DS Division owned by Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) if so, the criterion considered when granting approval;
 - (iii) whether an environmental impact assessment report has been obtained regarding the project; and
 - (iv) of the dates of commencement and completion of the hotel project ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) clay mining is being carried out beyond the permitted limit in the land mentioned in (i) above where clay mining is permitted; and
 - (ii) the residents have lost the playground which was developed from funds of the Pradeshiya Sabha and member allocations owing to this situation?
- (c) Will he inform this House the action to be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1251/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) around 3000 Teacher Assistants in the estate areas have been granted appointments by the central government and some of them have completed their teacher training by now;
- (ii) absorbing them into the Teacher Service properly or implementing a suitable salary scheme for them has not been done by the Provincial Education Service; and
- (iii) each Provincial Council has absorbed Teacher Assistants into different salary schemes by now based on different decisions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the salary scale they are entitled to as per the Cabinet Paper on which the said appointments were granted;
- (ii) whether the salary scale and the Teacher Grade that should be provided to them after training have been mentioned in the Cabinet Paper; and
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken to prevent each Provincial Council taking a different decision regarding appointments granted by the government on one occasion?

(c) If not, why?

1274/'19

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans employed in foreign countries as at 30.06.2019 along with the name of the country in which they are employed, their skilled or unskilled status and their gender;
- (ii) the number of skilled and unskilled labourers in respect of each district separately; and
- (iii) the steps taken by the government to send skilled labourers to foreign countries?

(b) If not, why?

1287/19

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the elderly population of each Divisional Secretariat Division of Matale District separately; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to enable everyone in the waiting list to promptly obtain the Elders' allowance in the Matale district?
 - (a) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 21, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

26/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of complaints regarding rapes, sexual abuse and child abuse received by Sri Lanka Police from the year 2012 up to now, separately in respect of each District; and
 - (ii) of the number of complaints out of those complaints, in respect of which investigations have been completed?
- (b) If not, why?

163/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Pirivenas in Badulla district;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid Pirivenas;
 - (iii) the number of students who study in each of the aforesaid Pirivenas along with the number of employees who work there, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to enhance the Pirivena education in Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

438/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will submit a detailed description of the statutory allowances paid to the employees of Janatha Estate Development Board, including the benefits of the Employees Provident Fund and the Employees Trust Fund, during the period from the year 2015 up to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (ii) the cumulative total of the allowances that have not been paid yet, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) the number of cases filed by the Labour Commissioner's Office in regard to the non-payment of the contributions of the aforesaid Funds?
- (b) If not, why?

541/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) motorcycles were provided to police officers at a concessionary price of Rs 150,000/- a few years ago;
 - (ii) no conditions were imposed in providing those motorcycles;
 - (iii) nonetheless, almost all retired police officers who obtained motorcycles have been pressured to pay a sum between Rs 150,000-200,000;
 - (iv) they have been informed by their places of work that the payment of pensions would not commence until the settlement of the said amount; and
 - (v) a large number of police officers are in a state of despair over a long period of time due to the non-receipt of their pensions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be drawn up without delay to pay pensions to these officers; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

638/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a statement has been recorded from the former Deputy Inspector General of Police who was in charge of the Terrorism Investigation Division in regard to the conspiracy which is said to have been made by him against the President and Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) whether an investigation has been conducted in regard to the his official, residential and mobile telephone calls; and
 - (iii) whether the security of Mr. Namal Kumara who is said to be the Operational Director of “Dushana Virodee Balakaya” will be assured until the veracity of the fact that he said to have received life threats is confirmed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the current situation of this incident in a manner in which the future legal action in that regard is not disturbed?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether action will be taken to enhance the security of the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa even though the security of the President can be determined in accordance with his discretion?
- (d) If not, why?

751/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 01.07.2018 to 31.12.2018;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who participated in each of the aforesaid visits and the designations of those persons if they bear any positions in the government and the reasons for their participation in the above mentioned visits; and
 - (iii) the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions for the foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2018 in respect of each tour separately?
- (b) If not, why?

916/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for the construction of Suriyawewa Stadium;
 - (ii) the funding sources of it;
 - (iii) the number of cricket matches held in the stadium so far and the types of matches held;
 - (iv) the amount of income generated through the stadium and the maintenance cost incurred for it so far; and
 - (v) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop this stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

1029/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to how Rs 500 million allocated for the training of labourers in building and construction sectors as per budget proposal number 240 of 2016 was utilized;
 - (ii) whether the target of providing training to 30,000 youths with 7,500 youths trained on quarterly basis was achieved as per the above budget proposal; and
 - (iii) the institutions and organizations which shouldered the national programme of training such a large number like thirty thousand youths and the total amount of money paid to each institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1052/'19

Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service employed in the Department of Immigration and Emigration;
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies in the posts of the Department, if there are any;
 - (iii) of the grade in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service to which the position of the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration belong;

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- (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid post has become vacant, if it has so happened;
- (v) whether it is accepted the fact that a direct impact on the security condition of the country owing to the security risk prevailing in the country at the moment as steps have not been taken to fill the said position; and
- (vi) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid vacancy will be filled?

(b) If not, why?

1114/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of items that should be contained in an “Atapirikara” (Offering);
- (ii) of their names;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the Atapirikara that are sold in the Wayamba Province today do not contain all the said items in certain instances;
- (iv) if so, of the measures that are taken by the Ministry to ensure the precise standard of the Atapirikara?

(b) If not, why?

1176/'19

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the number of divorce cases pending within the judicial system of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of such divorce cases as per district and ethnicity, separately; and
- (iii) of the number of families granted permission for divorce within the period from 2008 to 2019, as per district and year, separately?

(b) If not, why?

1178/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Cabinet approval has been received to provide compensation including the salaries and all allowances for 5 years for those who lost their jobs in privatizing the Insurance Corporation of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) out of 06 clerks of the Corporation who were to be paid compensation, two have declined to accept the amount paid as compensation as it had been calculated considering only the salaries without considering the allowances?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) some of those who lost their jobs have been provided jobs again;
 - (ii) even though it was possible to pay EPF and ETF benefits to the workers who lost their jobs with compensation paid at the time of privatization, those payments were not made to the said workers; and
 - (iii) about 1500 workers who lost their jobs have not been provided any relief and about 200 out of them have passed away, even though a pledge had been given in the agreement entered into after privatization that no worker would be deprived of employment?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the date on which steps would be taken to provide relief according to the Cabinet approval to the workers who lost employment?
- (d) If not, why?

1237/'19

Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries and Water Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ice Plant in Galle given as a donation by the Norwegian government was operated by the Fisheries Harbour, Galle after being renovated by the Japanese government as a donation following the Tsunami disaster;
 - (ii) the said Plant produced 1024 ice blocks per day and a block was sold at a concessionary price of Rs. 220/- to the fisher community;
 - (iii) the production declined to 800 blocks per day due to management inefficiencies of officers; and
 - (iv) the Plant has been transferred to the private sector disregarding the opposition of the fisher community; and
 - (v) this has caused a grave injustice to fisher community using the Galle Harbour and the service of 72 employees has become unstable?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if the said Plant has been transferred to the private sector, it means that a donation received from the Japanese people has been privatized; and
 - (ii) this could discourage future international donations?
- (c) Will he state whether action will be taken to prevent this situation and revert the institution back to its previous position?
- (d) If not, why?

1247/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the land called 'Halpe Wilawatta' situated in 60/A Bolagala Grama Niladhari Division at Divulapitiya DS Division is owned by the Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) approval has been granted for a floating hotel project to be carried out in the aforesaid land;
 - (iii) the aforesaid land has been sold on forged documents; and
 - (iv) clay mining is being carried out in the guise of floating hotel project ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid land acquired by the Land Reform Commission in 1972 and had been transferred to an individual on whatever basis, can be transferred / sold to a third party; and
 - (ii) whether a review or inspection will not be carried out, when approval had been granted for a certain environment related project?
- (c) If not, why?

1275/'19

Hon. T. B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether waste disposal is properly handled by the Local Authorities in the district of Kurunegala;
 - (ii) whether any particular programme has been started under the Ministry in this regard;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to recycle scrapped glassware at local authority level in Kurunegala district;
 - (iv) if so, the address of that place; and
 - (v) if not, the courses of action taken by the Ministry in this regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, November 22, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

169/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Mr. S. H. R. Bandusena had been appointed as Advisor to the Chief Minister of the Uva Province on Irrigation Affairs;
 - (ii) the date on which he was appointed to the post and the monthly emoluments paid to him;
 - (iii) what his educational and professional qualifications are;
 - (iv) what his special qualifications were to be able to give advice on irrigation activities; and
 - (v) whether he will present the facts stated in the audit query regarding his appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

277/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of years 2015, 2016 and 2017 the quantities of rice imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the taxes levied from a kilogram of rice in the import of rice;
 - (iii) accordingly, the total amount of money spent on the import of rice in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iv) the total amount of taxes levied in the import of rice during the aforesaid years; and
 - (v) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the fluctuation of the price of rice during the said years?
- (b) If not, why?

342/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several years have lapsed since the laying of a foundation stone to build a bridge connecting the village Sriimagama in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division and Kalawewa; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that construction is expected to be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

420/'19

Hon. Heshan Withanage, — To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number and the names of sportsmen, sportswomen and officials who participated in the recently concluded South Asian Junior Athletics Championship representing Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of medals won by Sri Lankans in this Championship and the names of the sportsmen and sportswomen who won those medals;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry has decided to offer a financial gift to the aforesaid sportsmen and sportswomen;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the sportsmen, sportswomen and their coaches who have been awarded such financial gifts by now; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to award the aforementioned financial gifts to those who have not been awarded such gifts yet?
- (b) If not, why?

427/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the area brought under pepper cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the pepper yield of this country from 2015 to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (iii) of the amount of pepper exported from this country from 2015 to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (iv) whether an amount of pepper exceeding that produced locally, has been exported within the said years;
 - (v) if so, whether pepper is imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) of the countries from which pepper is imported to Sri Lanka?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that only a few high level businessmen enjoy benefits as a result of importing pepper to Sri Lanka while it is destroying pepper cultivation in the country causing injustice to the innocent pepper farmers;
 - (ii) whether any programme is implemented to uplift pepper industry again;
 - (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
 - (iv) of the date on which that programme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

506/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) it has been disclosed by the Price Water House Coopers audit firm that corruption and frauds have taken place in the Lanka Puthra Bank during the period in which the position of the CEO was held by Mrs. Shiromani Wickramasinghe, the sister of Ajith Niwad Cabral, the former governor of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) loans had been granted to persons with political affiliations contravening the Bank Act from the year 2006 to 2014; and
 - (iii) certain loans had been granted without considering the re-paying ability keeping as sureties, the lands possessed by the government, lands possessed by the temples, barren lands and quartz depicted as gems?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the persons and institutions that have obtained loans in this manner;
 - (ii) of the loan amount obtained by each of the aforesaid persons and the institutions;
 - (iii) of the amount that has been hitherto paid back, out of the aforesaid loans;
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken against the then Board of Directors including the CEO that approved the grant of such loans;
 - (v) if so, of the progress of the legal proceedings; and
 - (vi) if not so, whether proper legal measures will be taken pertaining to this matter?
- (c) If not, why?

674/'18

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Maha Wewa bridge situated at Grama Niladhari Division No.635 in Kekirawa Pradeshiya Sabha area of Anuradhapura district is in a dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) an estimate, requesting funds for the renovation of the bridge has been forwarded to your Ministry by the Commissioner of Local Government of the North Central Province;
 - (iii) the Secretary to the Ministry has not provided funds for the purpose so far; and
 - (iv) around 7000 farmers living in 8 villages will face difficulties in transportation if the bridge is destroyed during the upcoming rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to renovate this bridge; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that will take for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

766/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licensed liquor shops in operation throughout the country at present;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the licence-holders and the Licence Numbers of such liquor shops, the date on which or the year in which each such licence was originally granted, and the place at which each such liquor shop is run; and
 - (iii) of the annual liquor consumption in each year since 2000 till now, separately according to the percentage of alcohol strength and according to each brand name?
- (b) If not, why?

782/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the registration number and the make of the vehicle provided to the Chairman of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority for his official purposes;
 - (ii) the basis on which that vehicle was obtained by the Authority; if it is on lease basis, the name of the institution;
 - (iii) has the obtaining of that vehicle happened under a procurement process; and
 - (iv) of the names of the officers who functioned as the officer in charge of the procurement activities in that Procurement Committee and the Chairman of the Technical Evaluation Committee; and
 - (v) whether the procurement process had received the approval of the secretary of the Ministry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether disciplinary action would be initiated against the officers who handled the procurement process if he has been found to have handled the process erroneously there by committing an offence?
- (c) If not, why?

847/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number radio channels owned by Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and their names;
 - (ii) of the income earned by each radio channel and the maintenance cost from 2015, separately with relevance to each year;
 - (iii) of the number of employees recruited to Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation during that period, their names and posts; and
 - (iv) whether he will state the steps taken up to now to popularize the programmes of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation?
- (b) If not, why?

866/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he acknowledges that the drinking water level has dropped due to the water bottling business operated in Viharahena in Karandana area;
- (ii) whether he is aware that this business was initially launched on 16.12.2003 as Rubber Products and subsequently changed its name as Vihara Natural Products on 30.06.2017 and started a water bottling plant using a tube well;
- (iii) the reason for not offering a proper solution to this problem despite a number of letters submitted by me in this connection, taking into account strong objections raised by the people of the area; and
- (iv) whether an inquiry will be conducted into this matter and action will be taken to prevent the decrease in the water level?

(b) If not, why?

900/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) the international Non-Governmental Organizations from which aid was obtained during the period from January 2015 up to December 2018;
- (ii) the breakdown of the aforesaid aid as financial aid, material aid and project aid, separately;
- (iii) the countries which provided the aid along with the institutions in the aforesaid countries, which provided the said aid;
- (iv) the projects carried out in this country out of the aforesaid aid; and
- (v) the names of the Heads of the Non-Governmental Organizations from which aid was obtained?

(b) If not, why?

933/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. A.H.M. Fairook, Assistant Teacher who was sent on retirement with effect from 31.03.1989 through the letter bearing No. බප/කො/කලාප/ගුරුපා/7 dated 30.06.2006 after serving at Darussalam Maha Vidyalaya in Colombo;

(32)

- (ii) the reasons for the delay in providing the pension to Mr. Fairook who was sent on retirement with effect from the said date, even though payment of pension with effect from 15.01.1997 has been approved; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to refer the relevant files to the Department of Pensions through the Department of Education and provide the pension without delay to Mr. Fairook who is in his old age after serving as a teacher for 25 years?

(b) If not, why?

969/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Poultry farm situated in a close proximity to Kotagala Siriperakum Vidyalaya was removed in 2015 in the wake of the protests of the School Development Society and the staff of the teachers;
- (ii) there is a move to replace the poultry farm with a large scale cattle farm at present; and
- (iii) the School Development Society and the staff of teachers of Siriperakum Vidyalaya have protested against the move considering the harmful effects that will cause on the health of the students with the establishment of a cattle farm?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he would take measures to stop the construction of the cattle farm considering the possible harm that may cause to the students?

(c) If not, why?

1030/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the manner of 100 million rupees that was allocated for training courses relating to the tourism industry, as per proposal number 243 of the 2016 budget was utilized;
- (ii) as per the above proposal were 12,000 youth with 3000 youth per quarter trained; and
- (iii) the institutions or organizations which implemented this training programme and the total amount of money paid to those institutions on organizations during the year?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, December 06, 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 11/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

P. 12/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

P. 13/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

P. 14/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in Kandy District since this district is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

P. 15/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivation in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

P. 16/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

P. 17/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Prevention of the spreading of epidemics due to inclement weather conditions,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to prevent spreading of epidemics since Public Health Inspectors have pointed out that there is a risk of spreading of rat fever, diarrhoea and other communicable diseases in the affected areas after the floods caused by inclement weather conditions have subsided.

P. 18/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

P. 19/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promoting Judo in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that, as there are a large number of players in Kandy District who are talented in playing judo, steps be taken to promote judo in Kandy District so that these players can be upgraded to the international level.

P. 20/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

P. 21/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

P. 22/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the good governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

P. 23/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of a Kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

P. 24/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people in Baththalangunduwa island,— That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under good governance government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

P. 25/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquatic plants cultivation project in Puttalam district,—That this Parliament resolves that an aquatic plants cultivation project be implemented in Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquatic plants and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aquatic plants at present.

P. 26/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

P. 27/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

P. 28/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttlam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a hotel school be established in Puttlam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttlam district as a tourism zone under the good governance government.

P. 29/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the present government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western Province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

P. 30/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

P. 31/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Launching an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial to the economy of the country .

P. 32/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambadeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

P. 33/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad social security network embracing all sectors,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

P. 34/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for kidney patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a hospital be established for the kidney patients in North Western Province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North Western Province, in recent times.

P. 35/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of Thalassaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

P. 36/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Development of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an accelerated program be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

P. 37/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela who lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme be implemented to provide relief to those people.

P. 38/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to transport the production of the vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

P. 39/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

P. 40/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to control the floods that constantly affect Ratnapura District during periods of inclement weather.

P. 41/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

P. 42/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Formulation of a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura District due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura District, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

P. 43/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P. 44/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of Psychological Counselors or Advisors with special training to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

P. 45/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to the University of Moratuwa.

P. 46/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

P. 47/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,— That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.

P. 49/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Upliftment of betel cultivation,— Cultivation of betel is the livelihood of a large number of people in Gampaha and Kurunegala districts and it is an agricultural crop, the export of which has brought foreign exchange to the country and on account of the imposition of heavy taxes on the imported betel by Pakistan which is one of the key buyers of betel from Sri Lanka as well as due to a number of other local issues relevant to the cultivation, the price of betel has plummeted to a very low level and the activities of the Betel Research Centre too have become irregular against this backdrop and therefore this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to boost the betel cultivation in order to uplift betel farmers who have been severely inconvenienced in the face of these difficulties and making the government interventions more efficient to find new export markets.

P. 50/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Releasing the guarantors from the list of guarantors who have been blacklisted by the Credit Information Bureau,— That this Parliament resolves that a relaxed policy be adopted in relation to guarantors as property guarantees as well as personal guarantees are obtained by the commercial banks operative in the country in providing credit facilities to the citizens of the country for various purposes and even though the guarantor is helping the debtor, a serious injustice is caused by blacklisting the guarantors together with the debtors in case of default by the debtor making the guarantor unable to obtain bank loans until such loan is settled, creating a situation that can have adverse impact on the emergence of new entrepreneurs as well as the Gross Domestic Production.

P. 51/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction of amendments to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the view to operating private higher education institutes with higher standards,— Presently, there is a tendency of establishing large numbers of private higher education institutes in Sri Lanka, and since a systematic education system contributes to the development of a country, the establishment of private higher education institutes is advantageous for a country in many aspects, but as it is very important to provide education from these institutions in conformity with accepted standards so that the quality of the education provided by these institutions is maintained, as the existing system of laws is not strong enough to maintain the services provided by private sector higher education institutes at a higher standard by reviewing the course contents of those institutions through the intervention of experienced scholars and educationalist, that this Parliament resolves that amendments to the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 be introduced.

P. 52/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Protecting depositors by amending the relevant Acts relating to operation of private financial institutions,— As there are occasions where issues arise related to the protection of depositors when depositing money with private financial institutions, since the existing legal provisions are not strong enough to carry out the business functions of private financial institutions so that the protection of the depositors is ensured, that this Parliament resolves that Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 be amended and Insolvency Law be strengthened promptly, and, in support of those laws, the Secured Transactions Act No. 49 of 2009 and Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Acts No. 1 and 19 of 2011 be amended in order to create strong financial sector in the country.

P. 53/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Production of Minor Export Crops in Proper Standards,— Production of minor export crops that are not up to the proper standards exert a harmful impact on the cultivators as well as on the country as whole, and increasing exports is important for increasing the government revenue, but the high reputation that Sri Lanka's minor export crops had earned globally has been tarnished due to deceitful acts such as adding urea to *goraka*, and, as the overseas demand for Sri Lanka's minor export crops has declined consequently resulting in a drop of prices in the local market as well, that this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken to correct this situation and to protect the quality of Sri Lanka's minor export crops.

P. 54/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction and Establishment of the Entrepreneurial Banking System,—That this Parliament resolves that the Entrepreneurial Banking System be established in Sri Lanka due to the inadequacy of the financial assistance extended by the commercial banks of the country towards the empowerment of small and medium scale entrepreneurs, and since the tendency of creating new entrepreneurs may escalate as a result of popularizing the Entrepreneurial Banking System which is utilized in the advanced countries of the world and due to the possibility of understanding the requirements for the young entrepreneurs who come to the bank with innovative ideas and providing the financial facilities needed while extending support towards the development of the country by generating employment opportunities and increasing the national production as a consequence of its' specific features like the provision of business knowledge and continuous protection to the customers.

P. 55/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Monitoring Ayurvedic Spas,— That this Parliament resolves that a socially beneficial and favourable situation be established by bringing Ayurvedic Spas under constant monitoring of institutions and Local Authorities which have the authority to register these Spas in order to prevent misdemeanors which take place in many Ayurvedic Spas since the increasing of Ayurvedic Spas in many parts of the island should be beneficial to the society too, while the creation of entrepreneurs is beneficial to the country.

P. 56/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Counting the community that was counted under the Head of "Indian Tamils" under the Head of "Upcountry Tamils" at the future censuses,— That this Parliament resolves that the community that was brought into this country from India and is counted under the Head of "Indian Tamils" be counted under the Head of "Upcountry Tamils" at the censuses to be conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics in future as their citizenship becomes problematic when they are called "Indian Tamils" though they enjoy full citizenship at present by identifying themselves as "Upcountry Tamils".

P. 57/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of a Sinhala medium teaching section in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section 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. 58/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— Taking expeditious action towards eliminating the expansion of invasive plant species which swiftly expand in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken towards the complete elimination of the expansion of these invasive plant species which has at present become a serious threat to the existence of plant and animal categories, since a significant number of invasive plant species are spreading in Sri Lanka and since it has been confirmed through the researches done in the respective areas that the Bee community is endangered and gravely threatened by the planting of trees like Acacia, which have been planted on road sides of the island and in public places like the cemeteries and play grounds by certain organizations and individuals.

P. 59/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Taking measures to allocate the ownership of estates among the workers having converted them into small holdings, with a view to administer the Plantation Sector through a novel system,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the government to maintain a sustainable administration in the plantation sector, which is deemed as a major export income sector, by allocating the ownership of the estates among workers, having converted them into small holdings with a view to administer the sector through a novel system with the state intervention, reversing the privatizations that have currently been done, since the estate sector of Sri Lanka possesses a long history and since new cultivations including Oil Palm have entered the plantation sector during the last 25 years and since the improper, privatized management in the plantation sector has led to the degradation of this sector and since an economic and social environment conducive for the workers to engage in their jobs with confidence, is not prevalent in the estate sector.

P. 63/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Cinema Academy,— Despite that Sri Lanka's cinema industry is completing 70 years at present and Sri Lanka has succeeded in producing film directors, actors and actresses and artists who are so capable as to win awards at international film festivals, still Sri Lanka does not have a cinema academy to formally pass this down to the future generations as a subject, and, therefore, this Parliament resolves that a cinema academy be established promptly with the view to producing a professional cinema industry.

P. 64/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Modern Art Gallery,— Even though Sri Lanka has artists who are engaged in modern arts, Sri Lanka lacks a modern art gallery to facilitate those artists to display their creations, and as such an art gallery will help to promote art activities including painting and sculpture and will also help to develop tourism industry, this parliament resolves that a modern art gallery be established centred around Colombo.

P. 65/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Proper Disposal of Electronic Waste,— As electronic waste or e-waste is posing a serious threat to our country and around 92,000 MT of e-waste is generated annually, and as it is expected that this amount will increase up to 120,000 by 2020, this Parliament resolves that action be taken to educate people on electronic waste, disposal of electronic waste and environmental and health risks posed by electronic waste, and to prepare a proper and continuous methodology for disposal of electronic waste.

P. 66/'19

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— Taking over “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which has caused controversy, by the government and naming it as “University of Batticaloa”,— That this Parliament resolves that “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which is also known as a Sharia University be taken over by the government along with all its buildings and converted into a State University and named “University of Batticaloa” taking into consideration the heavy criticism of the society in regard to “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” established by the Hira Foundation, and the private higher educational institution which is proposed to be constructed by the aforesaid institution, regarding which a request has been made to the Ministry of Higher Education by now with the objective of getting its approval for its registration causing much agitation in the country, along with the matters that have arisen regarding certain methodologies including the methodology adopted for providing lands and financial aid for this.

P. 67/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Imposing the capital punishment on terrorists and those who are connected to terrorist organizations and confiscating all of their property,— That this Parliament resolves that capital punishment be imposed on the terrorists who are connected to local and international terrorism and also on those who directly or indirectly aid, assist and abet those terrorist organizations when such activities of theirs are proved in a court of law and all of their property be confiscated.

P. 68/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Taking all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools under the purview of the Ministry of Education,— That this Parliament resolves that all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools in the island, which are functioning under the Ministry of Muslim Religious Affairs at present, be brought under the purview of the Ministry of Education with immediate effect and Sinhalese history should be taught as a subject in the aforesaid schools and the said schools be monitored by the Ministry of Education.

P. 69/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Converting all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools with no classification according to religions or ethnicities,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to gradually convert all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools, to avoid granting permission to establish schools as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim or Catholic schools in future and admit students to schools according to a certain percentage allocated for ethnic groups.

P. 70/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions be banned and a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

P. 71/'19

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Acquiring the “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” to the Government and Transforming it to a State Defence University,— That this Parliament resolves that “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” be acquired to the Ministry of Defence and transformed to a State Defence University with a view to enhancing the confidence of the majority of the people on their security in the context of the grave situation that has arisen over national security in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attack, avoiding such incidents in the future and protecting Sri Lanka as a whole including the North and the East areas especially from those who hold extremist views.

P. 72/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Inclusion of the Panduvasnuwara Kingdom into the Tourism Plan and Developing it,— That this Parliament resolves that the Panduvasnuwara Kingdom, which is considered as an ancient seat of Kings of Sri Lanka, be included into the Tourism Plan and developed.

P. 73/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— Inclusion of the health right of citizens into the Constitution,— That this Parliament resolves that the right of every citizen to obtain qualitative rehabilitation services and prevention and counseling services in a fair manner to prevent communicable and non communicable diseases and also the right to obtain free treatment at the expense of the government for any accident encountered by him and for any disease contracted by him should be accepted and the said rights should also be included into the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

P. 74/'19

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— Formulating a common system of laws for Sri Lankan citizens in regard to marriages,—That this Parliament resolves that a common system of laws should be formulated for Sri Lankan citizens in regard to marriages to the effect that the marriage law should not be differentiated as upcountry marriage law and Muslim marriage law and one citizen can contract only one marriage after completing 18 years of age due to the fact that laws that divide the different races that live in Sri Lanka do exist and hence especially the marriage law should be a common law for every citizen in order to rectify the aforesaid situation.
