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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 3(k) of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Clinical Trials and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/2 of 14th October 2019, which were presented on 05.02.2020, be approved.

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The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Pricing and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2146/3 of 21st October 2019, which were presented on 05.02.2020, be approved.

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The Minister of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion and Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(2) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/17 of 02nd October 2019, which was presented on 05.02.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, March 03, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the pavilions at the Galle International Cricket Stadium are in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) it may lead the Stadium to a state in which may not be suitable to play international matches in future?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the numbers of international matches played at the Galle International Cricket Grounds in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018, separately;
 - (ii) the incomes generated from those matches; and
 - (iii) the amounts allocated for the affairs of the Stadium in each such year separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to develop this Stadium; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

45/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the bridge situated near the 2nd mile post of the Badulla-Bandarawela road is in a state of disrepair;
 - (ii) of the names of the villages which use this bridge as their access point; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to repair this bridge while preserving its antique qualities?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

72/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development,—(2)

- (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?

119/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2015 from Puttalam and Kurunegala districts;
 - (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
 - (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
 - (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?
- (b) If not, why?

139/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the districts that have been provided with relief under the Drought Relief Phase II programme of year 2018;
 - (ii) separately, the Divisional Secretariats selected in this regard and the total amount spent for each district;
 - (iii) the circulars issued in this regard; and
 - (iv) of them the valid circular which was effective for the last time?

(4)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of beneficiaries selected from Kurunegala district according to the valid circular and the total amount spent for each divisional secretariat division;
- (ii) separately, the number of beneficiaries identified from Kurunegala district according to each Divisional Secretariat Division as per the circular numbered NDRC/2018/03;
- (iii) the affected Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kurunegala district; and
- (iv) if 'Polpithigama' is not included, the reason?

(c) If not, why?

149/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of financial companies registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) names and boards of directors thereof;
- (iii) the number of financial companies faced with financial crises since the 'good governance' government come to power;
- (iv) separately, the number of depositors who had maintained deposits in each such financial institution; and
- (v) the measures hitherto taken and to be taken to ensure justice to the depositors of said financial companies?

(b) If not, why?

5/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) National Building Research Organization has named Welikanda village in Kandy Urban Council area as a landslide prone area;
- (ii) villagers in Welikanda have been given loans to construct houses in Galaha estate in Hantana, Kandy;
- (iii) instead of the old steps, a road is being excavated in that area using heavy machinery; and
- (iv) proper permission has not been obtained to excavate soil in this manner?

(5)

(b) Will he state that—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to stop the excavation of that road;
- (ii) if so, how;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken against the persons who were engaged in this illegal activity; and
- (iv) if so, how?

(c) If not, why?

48/2020

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?

76/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there was a practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house for a long time;
- (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
- (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
- (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
- (iii) if so, from when?

(c) If not, why?

(6)

140/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of beneficiaries selected from the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division under the phase I of the Programme to compensate the victims of the drought in 2018;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that not a single beneficiary was selected from the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division for the phase II of the programme; and
 - (iv) if so, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that the revoked circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 has been adopted by the Divisional Secretary in this regard;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not adopting the valid circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 ii;
 - (iii) whether the letter by the Divisional Secretary to the Secretary to the Ministry on 22.10.2018 informing the unavailability of the beneficiaries has been sent in accordance with the instructions stipulated in Clause number 04 of the revoked circular; and
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that the Clause 4 of the revoked circular has been violated?
- (c) If not, why?

150/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the income earned and expenditure incurred by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation from 2015 in respect of each year separately;
 - (ii) the number of persons recruited to the Rupavahini Corporation during that period, their names, educational qualifications and their designations;
 - (iii) the procedure adopted to recruit those employees; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that have been taken to ensure media freedom in Rupavahini Corporation?
- (b) If not, why?

157/2020

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) arrangements have been made to distribute a land opposite the Moneragala new District Secretariat, which is used by the Janatha Estate Development Board, among its employees;
 - (ii) but the ownership of these lands lie with the Land Reforms Board;
 - (iii) the Land Reforms Commission has informed the District Land Registrar in writing not to give deeds to these lands; and
 - (iv) despite opposition to this act being expressed at the Moneragala District Coordinating Committee, this distribution of lands has been done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Janatha Estate Development Board has a right to issue deeds to these lands when the land which belongs to the Land Reforms Commission has been obtained by the Janatha Estate Development Board on lease basis; and
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to ban this distribution of land, which has been done illegally?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 04, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it has been difficult for Sri Lanka to alleviate poverty owing to social inequality and inequitable distribution of resources;
 - (ii) professionals who are capable of meeting the current needs cannot be produced, as skills are not developed through the existing subject based education system;
 - (iii) the system of delivery of justice in the legal mechanism does not happen properly;
 - (iv) all of the above factors have a direct impact on the youth of the country; and
 - (v) this stressful mentality lead to young people resorting to various anti-social activities?

(8)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government has taken measures to direct the youth who drop out of school towards vocational training or any other avenues of formal livelihood;
- (ii) if so, what those measures are;
- (iii) whether it has been proposed to reform the school education to suit the job market; and
- (iv) if so, what those proposals are?

(c) If not, why?

63/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of radar systems established by the Department of Meteorology to make precise weather forecasts;
- (ii) the places where the aforesaid radar systems are established;
- (iii) the radar systems which are dysfunctional at the moment out of the radar systems mentioned above; and
- (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to renovate the radar systems which have become dysfunctional as is mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

89/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) what methodology is followed in appointing persons to posts in Sri Lanka Cricket;
- (ii) what qualifications are required for each of its jobs separately;
- (iii) whether he admits that bribing of huge sums of money occurs at elections of office-bearers of Sri Lanka Cricket; and
- (iv) what courses of action will be adopted to conduct these elections in a transparent manner?

(b) If not, why?

141/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether committees consisting of three field officers have been established in each GN Division of the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division as per Clause 04 of circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 issued with pertinence to the provision of Drought Relief;
- (ii) if so, whether the number of meetings, relevant dates, times, locations, attendance and the agendas and the discussion notes will be submitted;
- (iii) whether the Committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the Committee chaired by the Divisional Secretary and consisting of the relevant officers has met with pertinence to this matter;
- (ii) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted about the aforesaid meetings;
- (iii) whether the Committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that the people of Polpithigama had been discriminated with pertinence to the phase II of Drought Relief 2018;
- (ii) of the measures taken to rectify the matter;
- (iii) whether the particular assistance will be extended to these people; and
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the perpetrators?

(d) If not, why?

151/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2015 to date, the revenue earned and the amount spent by Independent Television Media Network;
 - (ii) the number of employees recruited during the said period, their names, addresses, educational qualifications and designations;
 - (iii) the measures taken during the said period to establish an independent media culture in Independent Television Media Network; and
 - (iv) whether he will state the action taken in respect of those against whom allegations have been levelled?
- (b) If not, why?

9/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the “Sri Lanka Business Development Cooperative Society Limited” was registered; and
 - (ii) the posts of the board of officials of the said society and names of persons holding such posts?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the registration activities of this society are not legal;
 - (ii) no attention has been paid to any of the factors that should be considered in registering a cooperative society; and
 - (iii) there is not even formal registration files in the Department in this regard?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether an investigation will be conducted in this regard; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

64/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of employees employed in the Department of Meteorology at present;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses, educational qualifications of the aforesaid employees along with the their current designations; and
 - (iii) of the steps that would be taken by the Ministry to minimize the employee vacancies and other shortcomings, if there are any, in the Department of Meteorology at present?
- (b) If not, why?

90/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the present office-bearer composition in Sri Lanka Cricket;
 - (ii) what salaries, allowances and other perks are given to them, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that certain office-bearers have been enjoying the perks without rendering any service to Sri Lanka Cricket towards the advancement of Sri Lanka's cricket;
 - (iv) whether he admits that certain courses of action that occur at Sri Lanka Cricket causes a problematic situation in Sri Lanka's cricket; and
 - (v) what courses of action will be adopted to prevent frequent incidents that occur at Sri Lanka Cricket such as financial irregularities?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, March 05, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

22/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether illegally imported toys for kids have been taken into custody by the Sri Lanka Customs in the year 2017;
 - (ii) if so, the value of toys thus taken into custody;
 - (iii) the countries from which the said toys had been imported;
 - (iv) whether any legal measures have been taken with pertinence to the aforesaid illegal imports; and
 - (v) if so, the legal measures that have been taken?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken by the government to expand the manufacturing of toys as an industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken?
- (c) If not, why?

65/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institutions which were informed by the Uva Provincial Council to offer bids with pertinence to providing school bags to school children;
 - (ii) of the companies that offered bids for the said purpose, their addresses and the relevant bids;
 - (iii) of the details of the specifications of the required bags, had they been prepared prior to calling bids; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to do the required rectifications as per the facts presented in the Audit report with regard to this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

91/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each year, the income and the expenditure of the Sri Lanka Cricket for the period of last 10 years;
 - (ii) the audit opinions of the Ministry on the income and expenditure of the Sri Lanka Cricket for the last 10 years; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the financial irregularities taking place continuously in the Sri Lanka cricket?
- (b) If not, why?

142/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to national schools existing in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna and Gampaha districts for the period from the year 2010 up to 2017—
 - (i) the cut out marks of the Grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to grade six class based on the results of the scholarship results;
 - (iii) the number of parallel classes in grade five and grade six;
 - (iv) the number of students who were admitted to Grade six class from the primary section not based on the results of the scholarship examination; and
 - (v) the percentage of the students who were admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results out of the total number of students in grade six?
- (b) If not, why?

152/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Information and 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?

23/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether illegally imported school equipment have been taken into custody by the Sri Lanka Customs in the year 2017;
 - (ii) if so, the value of school equipment thus taken into custody;
 - (iii) the countries from which the above school equipment had been imported;
 - (iv) whether any legal measures have been taken with pertinence to the aforesaid illegal imports; and
 - (v) if so, the legal measures that have been taken?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken by the government to control the importation in order to protect the local products as manufacturing of school equipment is an industry operates in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken?
- (c) If not, why?

66/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Weerasinghe Distributors Company located at Number 100, Kandana, Springweli has been selected as the supplier of the Project to supply school bags in the Uva Province; and
 - (ii) it is indicated in the Audit Query that no business activity is conducted in the aforesaid address?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the legal background that led the Uva Provincial Council to authorize the aforesaid company registered as a Trading Company bearing number 69/785 only for the distribution of electrical appliances, to supply school bags; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry with pertinence to the extremely fraudulent activities that have taken place here?
- (c) If not, why?

93/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses that have been provided in the Balawinna newly established village in Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the date on which that village was vested with the public;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the recipients of the houses have not been given the title deeds as of today; and
 - (iv) if so, the immediate steps that will be taken to provide these people with title deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

143/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the volunteer Police Constables were absorbed to teachers service 3-II as per the Cabinet paper No/9/1374/360/047;
 - (ii) these individuals were deployed in the difficult areas like Welioya where there was a severe shortage of teachers;
 - (iii) the schools that were scheduled to be closed down were revived owing to aforesaid reason; and
 - (iv) however, there is a move to attach them again to the Volunteer Police Service regardless of their objections?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to confirm them in the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service as per their request; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date?
- (c) If not, why?

153/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the places in Kandy district for which permission has been granted for sand mining;
 - (ii) of the number of permits provided for sand mining at each location, separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) of the recommendations in the Environment Act that have been taken into consideration when those permits were provided;
 - (iv) of the legal procedure for transporting sand;
 - (v) of the steps taken to regulate and control the damage caused to the environment in sand mining; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to introduce new rules and regulations for sand mining?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, March 06, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

24/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a group of officials of the Matara District Cooperative Societies have engaged in a financial fraud after producing forged documents to prove that they had travelled abroad;
 - (ii) many more fraud and malpractices have been reported in those societies; and
 - (iii) such incidents can damage the trust and attraction of the public towards the cooperative movement?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to prevent fraud and malpractices reported in cooperative societies;
 - (ii) if so, those measures are; and
 - (iii) of the action taken against the officers mentioned in (a) (ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

67/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the facts given under paragraphs 2.2.1 (a) i, ii and iii of the Audit Query about the Weerasinghe Distributors located at Number 100, Kandana, Springweli from which bids were called by the Uva Provincial Council for supplying school books will be presented; and
 - (ii) of the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

144/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

- (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 Association 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 Association 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?

147/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of daycare centers established in Badulla district under the 'Puraneguma' project which was functioning under the then Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
 - (ii) of the names of those daycare centers;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on those daycare centers; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to improve the quality of the daycare centers in Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

154/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the types of pests and fungi that harm the paddy, vegetable and fruit cultivations in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the types of crops that are harmed by those pests and fungi;
 - (iii) the types of pesticides that are imported and their countries of manufacture;
 - (iv) whether he admits the fact that the health of the people is affected as a result of the use of agro-chemicals and it leads to the risk of increase of non-communicable diseases;
 - (v) whether local and environment friendly methods have been identified to combat and control the above-mentioned harm to crops; and
 - (vi) if so, what they are?
- (b) If not, why?

25/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security,—(1)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the population over 60 years was, by the end of year 2017;
 - (ii) the number as a percentage, out of the total population of the country;
 - (iii) of the aforesaid population, the number of adults who receive a pension or any other allowance provided by the government; and
 - (iv) of the aforesaid population, the number of adults who do not receive any allowance provided by the government?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that new beneficiaries are not considered for the allowance provided for the welfare of senior citizens; and
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to consider new beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

68/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether ‘Samurdhi Home Gardening’ programme is implemented under the Samurdhi Programme;
 - (ii) if so, the expected goals of that programme;
 - (iii) the number of home gardens that have been started in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the district of Badulla; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to further expand this programme in the district of Badulla?
- (b) If not, why?

145/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large quantity of ruins with an archaeological value can be found scattered all over the private land called No. 03, Kovil Kanda of the Hibudawa village belonging to the Thambanakanda – No. 1605 GN Division coming under the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) the Commissioner General of Archaeology has sent a reply in this regard to the then Consultative Committee of Parliament through the Secretary to the Ministry on 11.06.2014; and
 - (iii) in the site inspection carried out by authorities from the Department of Archaeology on 27.05.2014, it has been confirmed that archaeological ruins of a Stupa, ruins of two buildings, foundation pillar stones, ancient terracotta tiles and fragments of clayware are scattered over an area of about 5 acres?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reasons for not taking any action, although almost five years have lapsed since it was informed that action will be taken to demarcate the aforementioned area using boundary pillars for the protection of the site and to register the site for the issuance of a gazette notification declaring the site as a protected monument within year 2014 itself?
- (c) If not, why?

148/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Ambewila junction to Udawela via Ranwala in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura district has become severely dilapidated as a result of not being repaired for many years?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) of the institution to which the said road belongs to;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to repair this road to be suitable for transport;
 - (iii) if so, the proposed dates for the commencement and completion of the repair;
 - (iv) the amount estimated for the development of this road; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated as of now?
- (c) If not, why?

155/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission established on the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers on 23.02.2016;
 - (ii) the date of effect and the duration of that Commission;
 - (iii) the name, salary and allowances of the person who functioned as the Chairman of that Commission;
 - (iv) the names, salaries and allowances of the members of that Commission; and
 - (v) the aims and objectives achieved by that Commission so far?
 - (b) If not why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 1/2020

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

P. 2/2020

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

P. 3/2020

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

P. 4/2020

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

P. 7/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Centre for Parliamentary Studies,— That this Parliament resolves that a Centre for Parliamentary Studies be established within the Parliament Complex in order to facilitate school children, youths and other scholars to study the parliamentary procedures, history of Parliament and political systems of Sri Lanka and of various countries in the world.

P. 8/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the impact caused to the health of children of Sri Lanka through the media,— That this Parliament resolves that, since non-communicable diseases such as obesity, heart diseases, high blood pressure are spreading among children due to the consumption of food items containing excessive amounts of glucose, fat and salt, necessary measures should be adopted to regulate the advertising pertaining to children's food since advertising carried out through the media targeting children is largely instrumental in coaxing them into consume such harmful food items.

P. 9/2020

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

P. 10/2020

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

P. 11/2020

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

P. 12/2020

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

P. 13/2020

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. 14/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address issues related the profession of regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism should 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. 15/2020

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 should be implemented to provide relief to those people.

P. 16/2020

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

P. 17/2020

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 should be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 07 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

P. 18/2020

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

P. 19/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding 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 that 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. 20/2020

Hon. Hisha Withanage,— Formulating a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that some programme should 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. 21/2020

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of making ridiculous remarks and creating religious tension with unwarranted and provocative statements by politicians,— That this Parliament resolves that as enshrined in Article 10 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (Freedom of thought, conscience and religion) that no politician who has administered the oath to protect and uphold the Constitution can openly make ridiculous remarks or involve in any unwarranted and provocative statements, hate speech, disparage or condemn any religion in Sri Lanka which create religious tension.
