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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Industrial Disputes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, May 04, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) payment of compensation and other administrative expenses for the lands that are acquired for statutory bodies of the government under the Land Acquisition Act should be borne by the relevant institution; and
- (ii) whereas, the allocations made by the treasury for the aforesaid institutions are being utilized for the purpose?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the method followed to transfer the private lands to the aforesaid institutions that are acquired for statutory bodies utilizing the allocations of the treasury; and
- (ii) the relevant law in this regard?

(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) the Ministry of Lands has instructed the Divisional Secretaries to transfer the private lands, that are acquired for statutory bodies utilizing the allocations of the treasury to the aforementioned institutions, from a transfer certificate in terms of the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act; and

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- (ii) Giving such advice is against the provisions of the aforesaid Act, Land Acquisition Orders and the Circulars?
- (d) If so, will he also state the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (e) If not, why?

37/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money allocated for improving the game of Carrom in Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
 - (ii) the amount allotted for schools out of the sum referred to in (i) above; and
 - (iii) the amount allocated for improving Carrom skills of children who have left school out of the sum referred to in (i) above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to guide school players to achieve international achievements in Carrom; and
 - (ii) if so, the said steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka and its affiliated associations; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner that involvement takes place?
- (d) If not, why?

252/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the ‘Lotus Tower’ project was commenced;
 - (ii) the date on which the work of that project was completed;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on that project;
 - (iv) the purpose of that project; and
 - (v) the date when the ‘Lotus Tower’ would be opened for public view?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of investments that have been made in the ‘Lotus Tower’ project at present;
 - (ii) the said investments; and
 - (iii) the manner in which it is expected to use that project for the economic development of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

572/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of establishing Dedicated Economic Centers;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the businessmen engaged in business activities and farmers who provide their products to the Dedicated Economic Centers are currently in a desperate situation; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that will be taken to support the farmers who provide their products to the aforesaid Economic Centers?
- (b) If not, why?

1025/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that the Co-operative Rural Bank system renders a yeoman service to the rural people?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Co-operative Rural Bank branches in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the loan schemes implemented by the Co-operative Rural Bank system at present;
 - (iii) the total amount of money that has been deposited in the Co-operative Rural Bank system at present; and
 - (iv) whether the deposited monies have been redeposited in state banks or private banks?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money available in the Co-operative common fund; and
 - (ii) the manner in which such money is invested?
- (d) If not, why?

1182/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Agriculture Research and Production Assistants serving in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the manner which those officers have been attached to the Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies existing on that post at present;
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to fill those vacancies;

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- (v) whether he is aware that such officers have not been appointed for the Northern Province; and
 - (vi) the steps that have been taken to appoint those officers for the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether he is aware that the above officers do not have a service minute;
 - (ii) if so, whether arrangements would be made to prepare a service minute; and
 - (iii) if so, the date and manner in which it would be prepared?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) whether he is aware that, when calculating the pension of some of the Agriculture Research and Production Assistants, their period of service as Samurdhi Animators and Agrarian Service Animators has not been taken into consideration;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such officers; and
 - (iii) the date and manner in which such service of those officers would be calculated?
- (d) If not, why?

1194/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of land given to build the tyre factory started in Wagawatta area, Horana;
 - (ii) the amount of money charged when the aforesaid land is given;
 - (iii) the name of the party who had the ownership of those lands; and
 - (iv) the date of the Gazette Notification which the said lands were vested for constructing the above mentioned factory?
- (b) If not, why?

1315/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether permission had been granted to a financial institution known as Central Investments and Finance PLC (CIFL), by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to engage in business activities;
- (ii) the money of the depositors has not been paid back to their depositors by that institution;
- (iii) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka conducted an investigation over the bankruptcy of that institution;
- (iv) the measures that have been taken in relation to the recommendations of the report of that investigation; and
- (v) whether steps would be taken to pay back the money of the above depositors?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2255/8 of 23rd November 2021, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance under Sections 2(3) and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2259/9 of 21st December 2021, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2260/72 of 31st December 2021, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/15 of 11th January 2022, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 05.04.2022, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/14 of 11th January 2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, May 06, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.2/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— 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.3/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

P.4/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

P.5/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Preventing damages caused to cultivations by wild animals and paying compensation for damaged crops in order to enhance productivity of local agricultural production,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to prepare a national programme to implement a National Agricultural Production Protection Policy that is implemented jointly by all relevant ministries in order to prevent the damages caused by wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, porcupines and elephants to permanent crops such as nutmeg, cloves, pepper, coconut and various fruits and to seasonal crops such as potatoes, onions, vegetables and paddy that are cultivated by farmers engaged in the agricultural sector as small-scale farmers and as home gardening, and also to implement an agro-insurance scheme to pay full compensation to farmers for the damages caused to cultivations by wild animals.

P.6/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Providing the physical resources necessary for developing Dhamma school education,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a programme with the contribution of the private sector and the donors as well to provide students' desks, benches, teachers' tables, teachers' chairs, black boards and white boards that have become essential for the majority of the Dhamma schools, to provide book racks necessary for small Dhamma libraries and also to provide children who attend Dhamma schools with necessary clothes for half sarees and the national costume as most children tend to avoid going to Dhamma school to receive Dhamma school education because of the difficulties they face due to the lack of physical resources in Dhamma schools despite that Dhamma school education lays the foundation for building a virtuous society.

P.7/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishing a national development bank and building an economic leadership in order to promote small and medium scale entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to create a Local Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Revival Task Force integrating all the public institutes that contribute to the entrepreneurship sector at present in order to establish a bank that offers long-term financial loan facilities on easy conditions and low interest rates to small and medium scale entrepreneurs, agricultural producers and service providing entrepreneurs who are engaged in innovative production and value addition businesses targeting the local and the global markets thereby protecting the small and medium scale entrepreneurs from the debt traps, namely microfinance loans, financial company loans, and leases that are offered in Sri Lanka at very high interest rates and to build an Entrepreneurial Economic Leadership that assists the economic development of the country, generation of employment opportunities, and to achieve the maximum productivity of the resources of the country.

P.8/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Standardize early childhood development programmes,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to establish an early childhood development policy by formulating necessary policies laws to regulate the registration and proper standards of early childhood development centres, pre-schools and day care centres, to make NVQ certificate a mandatory requirement for the entrepreneurs and the staff of such centres, to legalize the recommendations on the space and infrastructure facilities of those places, to establish a contributory social security system to start such centres in each Grama Niladhari division and to provide loans at a concessionary rate, as these centres are of utmost importance to create an intelligent citizen in future.

P.9/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establish a Co-operative societies system to face the challenges faced in the third decade of the 21st Century,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate action to reform the co-operative movement completely by strengthening the powers of the co-operative shareholders who are the real owners of the co-operative movement, which was established as per the recommendations made by the co-operative restructuring commission appointed a half a century ago, to face the challenges in the third decade of the 21st century based on the principles of co-operative movement i.e self-help, mutual aid and thriftiness, with a view to win the new challenges in this century by developing the agricultural sector to complete with large scale trade networks and as successful alternative to the capital problem and market problem.

P.10/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Ensuring women's rights and progression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take action to formulate policies and laws to impose punishment through trial for discrimination against women and to make violence against women, women abuse and rape of under aged girls or women a Non-Bailable offence, to expand the powers of the women and child section in the police, to establish a proper judicial system speedily solve maintenance and divorce cases, to allocate a set of seats in buses for women to impose laws to write off the loans obtained from micro finance companies that exploit people to ensure low cost energy for household water supply and cooking needs, to provide banking facilities to obtain low interest loans, to make loans to ensure that the widow get the husband salary, to provide a dependency allowance to unemployed widows, to pay equal salary to equal work and to develop a proper sales network to sell women's products since ensuring women's physical, mental, social security and progression is one of the most important development needs is the country.

P.11/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Enhance the development of Gem and Jewellery field,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to formulate appropriate policies and laws to develop the interrelationship required to improve the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry by formulating a national policy including national priorities since the lack of inter relationship between the parties involved in the process starting from identifying the lands with gem deposits to

the sale of gems in the market has become an obstacle to the progression and the development of the gem and jewellery industry, though many structures have their involvement, to provide tax relief and facilities to encourage value added gems or gem products, to introduce an insurance coverage to cover the lives of the miners and the damages caused to the environment, to legalize mining licences as a pre-condition, to expand the opportunities for the persons in the gem industry to re-invest their money, to remove the restrictions imposed upon foreigners who come to buy gems, to diversify the use of gems in handicrafts and cottage industry, to use new technology in every field in the process up to the sale.

P.12/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of an innovative industrial zone related to export agricultural crops including an Economic Centre for Minor Export Crops,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary measures be taken by the Government to set up innovative Industrial zones with a value addition to the minor export crops, including economic centres based on the districts with a substantial production of minor export crops, with a view to victoriously accessing the global market while rebuilding the glorious “Ceylon Spice” brand which was inherited by the Sri Lanka minor export crops in the past; to formulate a tax policy related to the enhancement of the export agricultural crops industry, having revised the tax policy currently applied to these exports; to grant loans to the cultivators of minor export crops as an encouragement, enabling them to pay back after selling the harvest and to establish a methodology for providing crop insurances to cultivators.

P.13/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Declaring upcountry dance, traditional arts, wood carving, sculptures and architecture as world heritages and their conservation,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to declare traditional upcountry dance and arts, art, wood carving, sculptures and architecture which depict historical arrogance and identity of Sri Lanka, as world heritages considering the fact that they are intrinsic, unique and rare forms of culture and arts inherent to our country, to ensure the conservation and development of the aforesaid heritages, to ensure the socio-economic development of the artisans who practice and protect the said forms of arts and to establish a statutory Foundation or a Board to guarantee the protection, promotion and proper control of the upcountry heritages.

P.14/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Promotion of Sri Lankan Foreign Service Affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be launched by the Government to establish an institution to train labourer in line with the foreign labour demand in view of promoting the sector, to enable the migrant citizens to exercise their franchise to establish a social protection system similar to a contributory pension scheme, to set up an insurance scheme to compensate the migrant workers during unavoidable misfortunes, accidents and disasters, to grant higher interests for their savings by the banks, to provide loans with subsidized interest rates enabling them to construct their houses to prioritize the children of migrant parents when granting government employment, to establish a proper methodology to solve the issues and injustices caused by Sri Lankan embassies and local and foreign employment agencies

and to set up a pre and post emigration trust, having deducted contributions from labourer registration charges and the payments settled by the agencies at the departure of workers for domestic assistance services, considering the fact that the migrant labour force make a contribution of 8% to the gross national income of Sri Lanka.

P.16/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Properly giving transfers to officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement a proper transfer policy for the officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as officers in this Service have become utterly helpless due to the unavailability of a proper transfer system in effect.

P.17/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Revision of the farmers' pension scheme based on the timely needs,— That this Parliament resolves that the farmers' pension scheme be reviewed by the government in order to provide more benefits to the farmers, as it has been difficult to attract the farmers to it, as the pension scheme for farmers in Sri Lanka remained unchanged, whereas even in developed countries various welfare programmes are implemented.

P.18/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Commencing a television channel exclusively for education,— That this Parliament resolves that a television channel exclusively for education that will be helpful for children's education be commenced speedily by the government as schools have been closed in the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

P.19/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Following a fair policy in providing jobs at local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be prepared by the government to distribute the jobs to cover every ward of the relevant local government institution as occasions of favouring the ward of the Head of the local government institution are often witnessed at present in granting appointments for minor employee, labourer etc. at the local government institutions that play a significant role for the public from birth to death.

P.20/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Eliminating physical punishment of children from Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to end the national crisis of child protection through speedy amendment of legislation and proper implementation of existing laws whereas a determination has been given on 12.02.2021 through Supreme Court Case No. SC/FR/97/2017 condemning physical punishment and mental harassment of children and for repealing Section No.341 (i) of the Penal Code, implementation of Sections No.19, 28 (2) and 37 of the UNCRC and implementation of Circular No.12/2016 of the Ministry of Education, whereas significant steps were not taken in relation to the killing of an 08 year old girl child by caning her at home on 01.03.2020, at least based on the said Supreme Court determination even though that incident was paid attention by national and international media, whereas the crisis situation in relation to child protection, specially putting an end to physical punishment, has been emphasized in the

monitoring report of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on Sri Lanka dated 02.02.2018 highlighting the possible long term consequences for children and whereas it has been stated by the Minister of Education that the service rendered by the National Child Protection Authority was not satisfactory in relation to extensively increasing incidents of child abuse as per Hansard No.304/2020 dated 06.10.2020.

P.22/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice mill owners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should set up an accelerated program immediately, in order to solve the host of issues that the small and medium scale rice millers who are capable of controlling the price of rice in Sri Lanka, are encountered with.

P.23/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Establishing all public institutions in Government owned buildings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to establish all public institutions in Government owned buildings only whereas a massive amount is unnecessarily spent as a result of establishing the public institutions maintained using tax monies of the public in private buildings whereas a huge amount can be saved by establishing such institutions in Government owned buildings.

P.24/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P.25/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P.26/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

P.27/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P.28/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P.29/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Manufacturing railway carriages locally,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made to manufacture railway carriages locally whereas the Department of Railways is replete with immense physical and human resources to avoid massive amount of money flow in to foreign countries when railway carriages required by the country are imported.

P.30/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Cultivation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to cultivate wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally should be implemented by the government to avoid the outflow of a huge amount of money from Sri Lanka to foreign countries for the importation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu), as a huge amount of money drained out of the country in the last few years as a result of importing wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) to this country.

P.31/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Promoting ginger cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to promote the cultivation of ginger locally to stop the huge outflow of the country's foreign exchange as a huge amount of money drained out of the country as a result of importing ginger to this country in the past few years.

P.32/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.33/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the problems faced by Betel Cultivators,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to mitigate the problems faced by betel farmers since a considerable number of families in the North Western Province who are engaged in betel cultivation have faced a number of problems at present.

P.34/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Cultivating the barren paddy fields in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that since food security is of utmost importance to the development of a country, an appropriate accelerated programme be implemented by the government to cultivate barren paddy fields in the North Western Province.

P.35/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the human - elephant conflict in Kurunegala district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare a proper programme to provide a sustainable solution since the human-elephant conflict is intensified in many villages in Kurunegala district.

P.36/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reconstruction of small tanks in Kurunegala district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps necessary to reconstruct all small tanks in the North-Western Province expeditiously whereas a large number of people in the North-Western Province are engaged in agriculture-based occupations, and whereas water is an essential factor for the uplifting of the farming community concerned.

P.37/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the ancient places in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the Government to protect the ancient places in the North Western Province for the future generation, as the history of a country is very important for the future generation of that country and because several incidents of damaging the historic heritage of Sri Lanka have been reported.

P.38/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province that form an invaluable resource, to safeguard the future of the considerable number of people of the North Western Province who engage in agriculture.

P.39/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Promoting the game of Elle,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be developed by the Government to further promote the game of Elle as it is the game played by the rural people of Sri Lanka.

P.40/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Relocating the Prisons away from cities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to get the maximum use of Prison premises by relocating them away from cities since most of the prisons are located in the cities and a huge congestion prevails in Sri Lankan Prisons.

P.41/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Appointment of an Ombudsman to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that an Ombudsman should be appointed by the Government to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries as those employees face various difficulties in those countries and as minimal service is provided to those employees by the Sri Lankan embassies in those countries.

P.42/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting the Anawilundawa wetland,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should introduce an accelerated programme to protect the Anawilundawa wetland which has been declared as a wetland by Ramsar International Convention, for the future generation.

P.43/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting mangrove eco-system in Puttlam district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate steps to protect mangrove eco- system in Puttlam district which makes a huge contribution to maintain the ecological balance, for the future generation.

P.44/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Home quarantine for returning Sri Lankan foreign employees at their own houses,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should introduce a suitable programme to quarantine the returning Sri Lankan foreign employees who have spent a hard time in foreign countries due to loss of their jobs owing to Covid-19 pandemic, in their own houses as the quarantine mechanism that the government has introduced poses an unbearable financial burden on them at this time.
