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No. 1(5).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

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PARLIAMENT

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Tuesday, March 21, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Electronic Transactions Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 and Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2308/08 of 29th November 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 27 read with Sections 7(3), 8, 10, 11 and 12 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002 and Article 44(3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2310/30 of 15th December 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 with regard to amend the rate of CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2306/15 of 14th November 2022, which was presented on 08.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— 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 08.03.2023, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/75 of 01st January 2023)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117(2)(q) read with Sections 6(3)(a) and 31 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/18 of 26th October 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 117(2) and 117(3) of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2304/46 of 02nd November 2022, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Rules under the Council of Legal Education Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Incorporated Council of Legal Education with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice under Section 7 of the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2208/13 of 30th December 2020, which were presented on 10.03.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Petroleum Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/47 of 05th January 2023, which were presented on 07.03.2023, be approved.

(3)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Annual Report of the National Crafts Council (2020),— That the Annual Report of the National Crafts Council for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 28.11.2022 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries on 20.01.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.02.2023)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited (2017/2018),— That the Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2017/2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2018 and presented on 18.01.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries on 20.01.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.02.2023)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries and Minister of Industries,— Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited (2018/2019),— That the Annual Report of the Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Limited for the year 2018/2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2019 and presented on 18.01.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Industries on 20.01.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 21.02.2023)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Central Bank of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

(4)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, March 23, 2023)

1296/2023

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the monthly pension that Mr. M. Naimullah, Pension File No. 01-802666, entitled to is Rs. 31,833.33 according to the revised pension grant letter dated 31.12.2021;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the said pension was last paid to him; and
 - (iii) if not paid so, the reasons for it?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons why the necessary measures have not yet been taken to provide the pension as stated in paragraph 3 of the letter No. ඩ.ඉ.ආ.36/202 dated 30.10.2022 addressed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs and Local Government by the Director General of Pension; and
 - (ii) the date on which the pension referred to in (a)(i) above along with the arrears salary and allowances will be paid to Mr. Naimullah?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, April 04, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Ministry to which the Central Bank of Sri Lanka had been attached at the time of Central Bank Bond Scam during the previous “Good Governance Government”;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the Minister in Charge of the above Ministry and the Secretary to the Ministry at that time; and
 - (iii) the course of action that has been taken regarding the said bond scam so far?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

382/2023

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that roadside tree planting has been done using trees with an environmental value in the Kandy city under the City beautification programme of Sri Lanka currently;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to do the roadside tree planting using trees with an environmental value in place of the old trees in the major cities in the district of Kandy under the said programme;
 - (iii) if so, whether the appropriate cities in the district of Kandy have been identified to implement the aforementioned programme;
 - (iv) the said cities; and
 - (v) the date on which the said programme will be implemented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the beauty and the cleanliness of the Kandy city have been negatively affected due to the beggars who constantly roam in the public places and the places with a historical importance located in the Kandy city;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to direct the aforesaid beggars to any other appropriate location; and
 - (iii) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

416/2023

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of official police dogs in the possession of the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) the breeds of the aforesaid police dogs; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of dogs as per each breed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers attached to the Police Kennels Division; and
 - (ii) separately for each year of the number of crimes that have been disclosed with the support of police dogs from the year 2017 to 2021?
- (c) If not, why?

431/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the public institute authorized to confer the honorary titles namely Professor, Doctor, Kala Nidi, Vidya Keerthi, Vidya Jothi, Desha Bandu, Desha Keerthi, Deshamanya, Vishwa Keerthi, Desha Shakthi;
 - (ii) separately, the educational and other qualifications considered when conferring the aforesaid honorary titles;
 - (iii) whether there are any other honorary titles conferred by the government in addition to the aforementioned titles; and
 - (iv) if so, the institutions that confer the aforesaid titles are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the private institutions/organizations in Sri Lanka that confer honorary titles;
 - (ii) separately, the honorary titles conferred by aforementioned each institute/organization;
 - (iii) whether a mechanism is available with the government to regulate aforesaid institutions/organizations;
 - (iv) if so, the mechanisms available are;
 - (v) whether there is a mechanism to have a follow up regarding the persons who have been conferred with honorary titles; and
 - (vi) if so, the aforementioned mechanism is?
- (c) If not, why?

687/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 44 houses were awarded in year 2018 for the people living in the villages belonging to Wavunativu Divisional Secretariat Division in Baticaloa district; and
 - (ii) however, the construction works of the aforesaid houses have not been fully completed so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons as to why the construction works of the aforesaid houses have not been fully completed;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to complete the construction works of those houses; and
 - (iii) if so, the said date?
- (c) If not, why?

1798/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Muthukandiya reservoir at Siyambalanduwa in Moneragala district was constructed;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that people who lived in some ancient villages in that area lost their habitat owing to the construction of that reservoir;
 - (iii) whether provision of alternative lands or compensation for those people has been done;
 - (iv) if so, the number of such people; and
 - (v) the amount paid to them as compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that there are some individuals among the said people who have not received any compensation;
 - (ii) the number of such people;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to pay them compensation; and
 - (iv) if so, the date by which they will be paid compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

1807/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of M-9 locomotives imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the year in which those locomotives were imported;
 - (iii) the country from which they were imported; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number used for running and the number kept parked separately, out of the locomotives mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the measures taken to import locomotives and compartments on need basis only; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to utilize the locomotives and compartments kept parked by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2527/2023

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the acquisitions of lands done in the Eastern Province since recent times by the Department of Archeology;
 - (ii) the objective behind such acquisitions of lands carried out only in the areas where the traditional settlers are mostly minority groups; and
 - (iii) the objective of getting the involvement of Buddhist temples and Buddhist monks for the administration of the lands that are thus acquired by the Department of Archeology?
- (b) If not, why?

2572/2023

Hon. D. Weerasingha— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries in the farmers' pension and social security benefit scheme;
 - (ii) the grants paid to them from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of members who have been given membership to this scheme from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iv) whether special projects will be implemented to recruit members to the aforesaid scheme and to encourage them; and
 - (v) whether the money in farmers' pensions and social security fund is invested in other investments?
- (b) If not, why?

2619/2023

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Buddha Sasana Fund during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid fund; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

(9)

- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, April 06, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

814/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of eggs needed for Sri Lanka daily and annually;
 - (ii) the number of eggs produced in Sri Lanka daily, monthly and annually at present; and
 - (iii) if there is a shortage of eggs in Sri Lanka at present, that shortage on daily and monthly basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of small, medium and large scale producers of eggs involved in the egg production industry;
 - (ii) the number of producers who produce eggs in each category of over 1000 eggs, over 10,000 eggs and over 100,000 eggs daily; and
 - (iii) the number of eggs produced daily under each category mentioned in (i) above, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the cost of importing an egg;
 - (ii) the price at which such an imported egg can be made available to customers; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that unscrupulous traders sell certain essential commodities including eggs at exorbitant prices?
- (d) If not, why?

831/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that—
 - (i) the preliminary work of the development of the School Lane of No.746-Indiriligoda Grama Niladhari Division in Beruwala Divisional Secretariat Division by carpeting, was carried out by the Kalutara office of the Western Provincial Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) stone chips for concrete were laid on the said road as the first stage; and
 - (iii) the said road is in a dilapidated condition and remains not fit for transport as the stone chips were washed away by the rains?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to develop the said road by carpeting it;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such work will be started;
 - (iii) the amount allocated for the said project; and
 - (iv) the individuals to be held responsible for that, if money had been wasted as a result of the matter mentioned in (a) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

835/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of high risk houses identified in Colombo district since 2016 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the families residing in the aforesaid houses, the number of families who were benefitted from the resettlement programme; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that there is a delay in providing benefits to the said families residing in those high risk houses?
- (b) If not, why?

847/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the economic impact made on Sri Lanka by the chemical fertilizer ban imposed in 2021 has been computed;
 - (ii) if so, the decrease in the produce of each crop such as paddy, tea, rubber, cinnamon, coconut and vegetables, separately;
 - (iii) whether farmers have given up farming due to the chemical fertilizer ban; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of farmers that have taken this action?
- (b) If not, why?

858/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of COVID-19 dead bodies buried at the Government designated COVID-19 burial site at Oddamawaddi during the period of 2019 - 2022;
 - (ii) separately, the breakdown of the aforesaid dead bodies according to their age, gender, ethnicity, religion and province/district of residence;
 - (iii) the basis upon which the government selected Oddamawaddi as the burial site of the COVID-19 dead bodies; and
 - (iv) whether the government made any attempt to select any other site/s other than Oddamawaddi as the government designated COVID-19 burial site/s using the same basis and criteria as Oddamawaddi?
- (b) If not, why?

866/2023

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a new shopping complex has been constructed by Mihintale Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent on the construction of the said shopping complex?

(12)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the total number of shops that have been constructed in the aforesaid shopping complex;
- (ii) whether he is aware that there has been some irregularity in distributing the aforesaid shops; and
- (iii) if so, the steps that will be taken to correct the same?

(c) If not, why?

1300/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that a power cut is currently being implemented in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the technical methodology that is currently adopted in determining the time and the areas for which power is cut; and
- (iii) the criteria that are taken into consideration in developing the aforesaid methodology?

(b) If not, why?

1302/2023

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of trains currently deployed for transportation of goods;
- (ii) separately, the destinations of each of the aforesaid trains; and
- (iii) the actions that will be taken to increase the use of trains as the mode of transportation of goods?

(b) If not, why?

1313/2023

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) 02 reservoirs are to be built under the Mundenai Aru river basin development project of Eastern province implemented with a loan grant provided by the French government;
- (ii) the parties that provide the loan grant for the said project expect to get the assistance of foreign consultants to construct the earth dams of those reservoirs; and
- (iii) there are local engineers with expert knowledge in that regard?

(13)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether there was pressure from the loan granting parties to obtain the service of foreign consultants?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he is aware of the fact that the work of Galoya Navodaya project of Eastern Province has not been completed as certain work including mechanical work has not been completed even by now even though all funds of that project have been spent?
- (d) If not, why?

1318/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of factories established around the Kelani river;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the waste water discharged from those factories are released to that river;
 - (iii) whether a test has been conducted in relation to the damages caused to the river water of the Kelani river by such waste water; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been adopted to prevent the release of waste water to the Kelani river?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, May 12, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.2/2023

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.3/2023

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.4/2023

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.5/2023

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.6/2023

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.7/2023

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.8/2023

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.9/2023

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.10/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— 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.11/2023

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.12/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions with a focus on the development work undertaken by the relevant ministries,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal procedure be formulated by the government to make use of the research theses written by the students of the universities and the other tertiary education institutions to achieve the long-term, medium-term and short-term objectives of the relevant ministries when the future development processes are undertaken as it is of utmost importance to draft the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions functioning in Sri Lanka at present related to their courses of study, with a focus on the economic, social and cultural developments in Sri Lanka, and whereas an officer responsible for each ministry at ministry level is required to be appointed to coordinate between the thesis supervisor and the ministry concerned.

P.13/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking the initiative to protect the Buddhist places of worship worldwide,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government enabling Sri Lanka to initiate advocating the Buddhist leaders and organizations around the world with a view to establishing a strong organization to tighten the security of the Buddhist temples worshipped by the Buddhists living around the world to lobby on behalf of Buddhists at the international level.

P.14/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the Maintenance Boards for Elders island wide,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government enabling the expansion of Maintenance Boards for Elders functioning under the National Council and Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Health to the provincial, district and divisional secretariat levels with the objective of facilitating the elders, who spend the last stage of life, to lodge complaints regarding various injustices faced by them due to the discrimination caused by their family members and certain organizations.

P.15/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P.16/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Suppressing the drug rackets carried out through online marketing,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated and implemented by the government whereas substandard pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and beauty culture products are hugely sold online at present and this makes a huge threat to the safety of the lives of the people of our country.

P.17/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.18/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of elderly communities through a loan scheme,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make a suitable arrangement to implement a loan scheme through the banking system for those who are above 60 years of age, whereas the contribution of the elderly community over 60 years can be obtained to enhance the development in the entire Sri Lankan economy by strengthening their livelihood, and whereas they are discriminated against in the society as that elderly community is not granted loan facilities through the banking system.

P.19/2023

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice mill owners,— That this Parliament resolves that an accelerated programme be setup by the government 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.20/2023

Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda,— Controlling the Toque Macaque population that damages crops,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme that can scientifically control the Toque Macaque population be implemented by the government whereas massive damage is caused to the agricultural crops of Sri Lanka by wild animals, and whereas according to the reports of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, the annual damage caused to crops by wild animals is nearly 40% which amounts to over 1800 Crores, and whereas the farmer community and the national economy of the country are directly affected owing to the fact that crop damage by Toque Macaque is gradually increasing, and whereas killing Toque Macaques as a solution to this problem cannot be approved as Sri Lanka is a country that upholds a Buddhist and non-violent culture.
