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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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Social Security Contribution Levy (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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National Eye Bank Trust of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Elections (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Conferring the Honour of Senior Instructing Attorneys-at-Law Bill — Second Reading.
(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 regarding CESS levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2336/71 of 16th June 2023, which was presented on 08.08.2023, 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 Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71 read with Sections 52 and 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2343/60 of 04th August 2023, which were presented on 10.08.2023, 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 Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to Welcomehotels Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2339/08 of 04th July 2023, which was presented on 11.08.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Mediation (Special Categories of Disputes) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 27 read with Section 4(2) of the Mediation (Special Categories of Disputes) Act, No. 21 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2314/80 of 14th January 2023, which were presented on 08.08.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Order under the Judicature Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 29A(2) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2328/16 of 21st April 2023, which were presented on 08.08.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*** Indicates Government Business.**

Tuesday, September 05, 2023
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2845/2023

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for the power crisis that has emerged in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether relevant authorities had predicted of such a power crisis;
 - (iii) whether short term and long term solutions had been sought out to resolve the power crisis; and
 - (iv) what measures will be taken to avert such power crisis in due course?
- (b) If not, why?

2932/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Police unit of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment was established and the date on which it was removed;
 - (ii) of the reasons for removing that unit;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the decision to remove the said Police unit was taken without a legal and logical basis in a backdrop where bribery, fraud and corruption have increased in the foreign employment sector; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures taken to reestablish that Police unit?
- (b) If not, why?

2971/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of registered institutes organizing pilgrimage to Dambadiva and their addresses separately for each district in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Sri Lankans who had worshiped Dambadiva from 2015 to 2018, separately, relating to each year;

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- (iii) Whether he is aware of the fact that certain institutes organizing pilgrimage to Dambadiva do not follow proper measures regarding the security of those pilgrims;
- (iv) whether he admits that the said pilgrims suffer severe hardships as a result; and
- (v) whether formal measures will be formulated to ensure the security of pilgrims and to regulate the institutes organizing pilgrimage to Dambadiva?

(b) If not, why?

3078/2023

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the tasks that have been carried out so far under Kelani Valley Renovation Project;
- (ii) of the current progress of the aforesaid project;
- (iii) whether the said project has been halted midway; and
- (iv) of the current status of the aforesaid project;

(b) If not, why?

3095/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the income earned from and the cost incurred on the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport from 2017 up to date;
- (ii) the amount of local and foreign loans obtained to construct that Airport, separately; and
- (iii) each of the institutions from which those loans have been obtained, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the loans that have been obtained to construct the above Airport have not been utilized efficiently as revealed by the Audit Reports; and
- (ii) the measures that would be adopted to maintain that Airport without it being a burden to the economy?

(c) If not, why?

3107/2023

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the tourist locations of the Delft island, Jaffna;
 - (ii) separately, the number of tourists who visited Delft island from year 2010 to 2020;
 - (iii) whether the said tourist destinations are maintained in order to attract more tourists?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the tourist locations renovated out of the tourist destinations mentioned in (a)(i) above;
 - (ii) the amount allocated to renovate the said tourist locations;
 - (iii) if the said tourist locations are yet to be renovated, the reasons are;
 - (iv) the measures taken by the Ministry to protect and maintain tourist locations properly situated in Delft island?
- (c) If not, why?

3173/2023

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the size of the rice reserve that should be maintained by the government annually;
 - (ii) the institutions that maintain the said reserve; and
 - (iii) the method used to obtain rice for the reserve?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the size of the rice reserve that had been maintained by the government from 2017 to 2021, separately for each year;
 - (ii) the amount of rice released from the reserve during that period, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) the institutions to which rice was released from the said reserve?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not maintaining a rice reserve sufficient for the annual requirement;
 - (ii) the impact on the economy of Sri Lanka owing to not maintaining a sufficient rice reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

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3231/2023

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of foreign fishing vessels taken into custody by the Sri Lanka Navy in the year 2023;
 - (ii) countries where those vessels have been registered; and
 - (iii) number of persons arrested during such incidents?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Navy submitted recommendations to the government to prevent illegal entry of fishing vessels into Sri Lankan waters;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid recommendation;
 - (iii) the recommendations, among them, have not been implemented so far; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not implementing those recommendations?
- (c) If not, why?

3527/2023

Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the hoardings owned by the State Engineering Corporation have been rented out since the year 2015;
 - (ii) if so, of the establishments that have acquired such hoardings on rental basis;
 - (iii) of the annual income received from that;
 - (iv) of the methodology according to which such hoardings are rented out; and
 - (v) of the period for which the said hoardings are thus provided on rent payment basis?
- (b) If not, why?

3537/2023

Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees recruited to the National Housing Development Authority and its affiliates from 2015 to 2019, separately according to each position;

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- (ii) whether the employees so recruited met the required qualifications;
 - (iii) if not, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (iv) the areas covered by the said recruitment;
 - (v) whether the high productivity expected of those employees has been achieved?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 06, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3335/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) of the name of each Presidential Task Force established after November 2019, the date established, the number of meetings held thus far, the names, positions and qualifications of the members as well as wages, allowances and additional facilities provided;
 - (ii) of the objectives sought to be achieved through each task force; and
 - (iii) of the progress towards such targets?
- (b) If not, why?

3338/2023

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) it was decided by the budget proposals of 2016 to make a one off payment of Rs.250,000.00 to the 1980 July strikers instead of the monthly payment of Rs. 6,000.00 which was paid to them until 31.12.2015 under the programme of providing redress to the persons who lost employment for engaging in the aforesaid strike;
 - (ii) accordingly, the above sum has been duly paid to the strikers who completed 65 years of age up to December 2022; and
 - (iii) no striker who has completed 65 years from January 2023 up to date has been paid with this sum?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the payment of that sum to the strikers mentioned in the (a) (iii) above will commence; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not paying that sum to them?
- (c) If not, why?

3350/2023

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Chief overseer currently employed at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children has been serving in the same hospital for more than 16 years; and
 - (ii) a large number of complaints have been received by the Ministry of Health regarding various irregularities committed by him?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the abandonment of the investigations into the aforesaid complaints;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not taking any action against the above employee; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to avoid the misconducts and irregularities committed by him?
- (c) If not, why?

3355/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archaeological sites identified by the Department of Archeology to be gazetted as archaeological sites;
 - (ii) separately of the name of each archaeological site and the province, district and divisional secretariat division where they are located;
 - (iii) of the number of archaeological sites gazetted so far; and
 - (iv) separately of the name of each archaeological site, the province, district and divisional secretariat division in which they are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a time frame has been fixed for gazetting archaeological sites which have not been gazetted so far as archaeological sites; and
 - (ii) if so, what the said time frame is?
- (c) If, now why?

3365/2023

Hon. Mayantha Disanayake,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Early Childhood Development Centres, Day Care Centres and preschools in Kandy district, separately;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid institutions come under the direct supervision of the government;
 - (iii) whether an allowance is paid by the government to preschool teachers; and
 - (iv) whether a novel programme has been commenced to regularize the educational activities of preschools?
- (b) If not, why?

3483/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a Cabinet decision has been taken on 06.09.2021 in relation to establishing Dairy farms in the estates belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the extents of land in acres obtained from each of the estates of “Galaboda” and “Mount Jin” for that purpose;
 - (ii) the name of each estate that obtains such land, names of directors of each company and the nationality of each such director (whether local foreign);
 - (iii) the advance payment made by each of the above companies and the annual tax of an acre; and
 - (iv) the number of line houses and worship places in separated lands for the Dairy farms in the aforesaid estates?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is sufficient lands in the Dairy farms in the districts in which the above estates are located;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which the above lands are given for Dairy farms; and
 - (iii) whether feasibility study have been conducted in relation to establishing those dairy farms?
- (d) If not, why?

3505/2023

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of total funds allocated from the Budget for higher education for the year 2023;
 - (ii) separately, the percentage of funds allocated on capital expenditure and recurrent expenditure from the aforesaid total allocation;
 - (iii) separately, the funds released from the above allocation by now for capital and recurrent expenditure;
 - (iv) separately, the funds allocated and released for Research and Development in the State Universities during the period from 2019 to 2023; and
 - (v) of funds allocated and released for the Open University of Sri Lanka, Ocean University of Sri Lanka, University of Vocational Technology, Institute of Engineering Technology, Katunayake, General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University and Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka for the period from 2021 to 2023, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3514/2023

Hon. Asanka Navarathna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of principals serving in the government schools in Kurunegala district by now; and
 - (ii) the name, official address, private address, telephone number, date of appointment to the post of principal, the grade held at present and the due date for retirement, separately for each of the said principals?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken by the line ministry or the Ministry of Education of North Western Province regarding the period for which the post of principal of a government school could be held;
 - (ii) if so, what that decision is; and
 - (iii) of the policy decisions taken by the Ministry of Education of North Western Province regarding the transfers of principals subsequent to 01.01.2023?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 07, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

7/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which a Presidential Commission was established in relation to the Central Bank scam that took place during the term of the Good governance government;
 - (ii) of the number of persons alleged to have been involved in that directly and indirectly according to the evidence recorded by that Commission;
 - (iii) if so, of the names and designations of those persons; and
 - (iv) of the legal action taken against those persons?
- (b) If not, why?

387/2023

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the risk of landslides in the Colombo-Kandy main bus route, in the upper part of the lower Kadugannawa area, close to the railway line, which was hit by a landslide during the rainy season of 2021, has not subsided until now; and
 - (ii) although the National Building Research Organization took steps to remove the water flowing through the inner soil layer of the above area, that area has been designated as a high risk zone?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the permanent measures that have been taken so far to free the above area from danger; and
 - (ii) whether attention has been paid to developing alternative routes for traveling from Colombo to Kandy?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether any steps can be taken in connection with the constant risk of landslides at the portion of the railway line from Kadugannawa to the Balana railway Station?
- (d) If not, why?

423/2023

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— 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 the ‘special credit scheme on Solar electricity facility’ for public servants proposed in the budget 2021 to reduce expenses on electricity bills is being implemented;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the above loan scheme was initiated;
 - (iii) of the amount of credit expected to be granted to one public servant under the above scheme and the corresponding interest rate; and
 - (iv) of the number of public servants to whom the loans have been granted under the above credit scheme as of now and the amount of money granted?
- (b) If not, why?

436/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately according to each company—
 - (i) of the selling price of a full cream milk powder packet and a skim milk powder packet each weighing 1 kilo gram and a full cream milk powder packet and a skim milk powder packet each weighing 400 grams;
 - (ii) of the output quantity of milk that could be prepared by those packets in litres; and
 - (iii) of the quantity of liquid milk in litres used in the production of the aforesaid packets?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the volumes of liquid milk packets that are sold in Sri Lanka and the prices of liquid milk packets according to each category of volume separately?
- (c) If not, why?

690/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the rural hospital situated in the Thuraiyelavanai area within the Kalavanchikudy Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District has been upgraded as a divisional hospital;

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- (ii) only one doctor has been appointed at present although two doctors should have been appointed for this hospital;
 - (iii) the people of this area have been affected because the doctor has been assigned to cover duties at one other hospital as well; and
 - (iv) although an ambulance was available at this hospital in the early period, no ambulance is available now?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor for this hospital;
 - (ii) the reasons for not providing the hospital with an ambulance;
 - (iii) the steps will be taken to appoint a permanent doctor for this hospital and to provide it with an ambulance?
- (c) If not, why?

818/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that certain crowds of persons caused damage or destruction to houses and properties of people including Members of Parliament during the upheaval that took place on and around 09.05.2022;
 - (ii) what political parties the perpetrators of such damage or destruction are affiliated to; and
 - (iii) of the number of ordinary persons including Members of Parliament, Mayors, Chairpersons of Pradeshiya Sabbas, Members of Urban Councils and Members of Pradeshiya Sabhas whose houses or properties were lost, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
- (i) of the number of persons involved in causing damage to public properties during the dates mentioned above;
 - (ii) of the value of the public properties so damaged; and
 - (iii) what steps have been taken regarding the persons referred to in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

837/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with teacher shortage and without drinking water facilities, toilet facilities, laboratory, library and sports facilities, out of the schools in Colombo district that are under the Central Government and the Provincial Council, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the name and address of each of the said schools separately;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address the shortcomings that prevail in those schools; and
 - (iv) if not, of the time required for that?
- (b) If not, why?

3521/2023

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cinema theaters in Sri Lanka with screening facilities for all film categories;
 - (ii) of the annual revenue generated by aforesaid cinema theatres;
 - (iii) whether plans have been made to increase the income, generated by the film industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid plans;
 - (v) whether plans have been formulated for the future progress of the film industry; and
 - (vi) if so, of aforesaid plans?
- (b) If not, why?

3539/2023

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the value of exports by Sri Lanka from 2010 to 2022; and
 - (ii) the foreign exchange earnings received from exports of Sri Lanka during the said period, in US dollars?

(b) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the amount of foreign exchange approved for imports to Sri Lanka from 2010 to 2022; and
- (ii) the value of imports to Sri Lanka during the said period, in US dollars?

(c) If not, why?

3549/2023

Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the number of Tamil medium schools in each of the Education zones of Kalutara, Matugama and Horana;
- (ii) the number of vacancies existing for Tamil language teachers in each such Education zone at present; and
- (iii) the number of Tamil language teachers posted to each of the above mentioned zones when appointments were given to Colleges of Education Diploma holders recently?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he is aware that there are nearly 15 vacancies for teachers including the vacancy for a Mathematics teacher in the Ka/ Al-Hasania Maha Vidyalaya in the Kalutara Education zone in which around 620 students study;
- (ii) if so, whether steps would be taken to fill those vacancies for teachers;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the above school does not have sufficient building facilities;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the construction work of the three-storied building consisting of 12 classrooms being constructed with the support of the philanthropists is at its final stage at present; and
- (v) whether steps would be taken to provide desks and chairs to those 12 classrooms?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, September 08, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

853/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the current heads of the government have declared that police powers should be devolved to Provincial Councils as per the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether it is scheduled to devolve the police powers currently held by the central government to the Provincial Councils;
 - (iii) whether the expenses currently spent on the Sri Lanka Police and other related institutes be revised owing to the said fact; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount thus revised?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the changes occurs in the existing recruitment process of the Sri Lanka Police since the Provincial Councils were given police powers; and
 - (ii) whether the powers to purchase weapons are directly vested in the Provincial Police due to the devolution of police powers to the Provincial Councils?
- (c) If not, why?

862/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the total number of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) and the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for COVID-19 performed by the government and private sector in Sri Lanka from 2019 to 2022;
 - (ii) the names of the registered local agents for each of the aforesaid tests with the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA);
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the unit cost incurred by the government sector for Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) and the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test; and
 - (ii) the total cost for Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) and the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests incurred by the government sector for the period from 2019 to 2022?
- (c) If not, why?

873/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of families residing in Mahaweli “H” zone;
 - (ii) number of families who have received deeds and those who have not received deeds for the land on which they reside out of the aforesaid families, separately; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to provide deeds to the families residing in the lands for which deeds have not been received?
- (b) If not, why?

1332/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the extent of paddy lands cultivated in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the quantity of paddy harvests in the Yala and Maha Seasons, respectively, in the Provinces concerned;
 - (iii) the quantities of paddy purchased by the government in each of the years from 2019 to 2021, separately;
 - (iv) the amounts of money spent for it in each of the respective years, separately; and
 - (v) the prices at which the government purchased paddy in each of the years separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1462/2023

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the strength of the approved cadre of the Excise Department;
 - (ii) out of the number of employees working at the Excise Department, of the number of those belonging to that Department and the number of those belonging to the combined service separately;
 - (iii) of the amounts of the monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive-grade officers, non-executive grade officers and the minor staff of the Excise Department separately in terms of each post; and
 - (iv) of the amounts of the monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive-grade officers, non-executive grade officers and the minor staff belonging to the combined service separately in terms of each post?
- (b) If not, why?

1717/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sources of which Sri Lanka Cricket receives its funds;
 - (ii) of the mechanisms implemented to ensure that the aforementioned funds are used in a productive manner;
 - (iii) separately, of the value of Fixed Deposits of the aforesaid institution from year 2015 to date, according to each year; and
 - (iv) separately, the expenditure of the aforementioned institution during the aforesaid period, according to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

2019/2023

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there was a program to recruit persons who had successfully completed the courses conducted by the Ceylon German Institute of Technical Training into the Sri Lanka Railways Department;
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons thus recruited since 2015; and
 - (iii) the current program of recruiting persons with advanced technical knowledge for the service of the Sri Lanka Railway Department?
- (b) If not, why?

2394/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the bus stand at Kekirawa town, which is used by a large number of commuters, is very old; and
 - (ii) it is unusable during the rainy season?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to repair the said bus station?
- (c) If not, why?

2551/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan women serving in foreign countries as house maids by now;
 - (ii) the number of women serving in Sri Lanka as house maids;
 - (iii) the measures taken for the safety and welfare of the house maids mentioned in (ii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

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Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the members of the committee appointed to investigate the irregularities in the 2022 World Cup Cricket tournament;
 - (ii) the name and position of each official of Sri Lanka Cricket who attended the said tournament to observe it;
 - (iii) the amount spent by Sri Lanka Cricket on behalf of those officials;
 - (iv) the recommendations made by the above committee; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken in relation to those recommendations?
- (b) If not, why

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.22/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— Strict regulation of microfinance institutions and leasing companies,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to strictly regulate microfinance institutions and leasing companies as the urban and rural community is shattered by the actions of the microfinance institutions, and whereas a large number of families that obtained loans due to the inducement of such institutions on microfinance and leasing facilities are traumatized, and whereas the interest rates of those institutions are at different levels, and whereas people who fail to pay lease installments are subjected to various harassments and violations.

P.24/2023

Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara, — Granting transfers to Sri Lankan teachers once in five years,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate programme be formulated by the Government to grant transfers to all teachers once in five years for the purpose of creating an educational system that will fulfil the sole objective of providing education and creating a good social citizen, since the personal contacts formed due to working in the same school for many years may at times cause injustice to some children, working with children from different layers of society deprives teachers of the opportunity to understand child mentality and gain experience, Political and Social relationships can create obstacles to maintain an independent education system, the opportunities to understand different subcultures in the society could be lost, opportunities would be very little to gain experience from dialects and subcultures.

P.23/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law,— Issuance of a circular outlining the methodology to be followed in school development activities,—That this Parliament resolves that appropriate measures be taken by the Government towards releasing a circular outlining the method of allocating the required funds for school development initiatives, the manner of display of such financial statements, and as to how the follow up on the aforesaid developmental activities be carried out because the financial allocations required for school development activities are charged annually from parents and which are unbearable for some parents due to the current economic crisis and students of such parents have to endure inconveniences in the classroom.

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.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.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.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.25/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— Procurement of office equipment from the State Timber Corporation and other responsible institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate programme be implemented by the Government to procure office equipment from the State Timber Corporation and other responsible institutions due to reasons that although the wooden furniture used as office equipment in the past by Government and statutory bodies in Sri Lanka had been used for longer period of time, the equipment utilized by such institutions at present are produced of plywood sheets and other artificial sheets which are brittle and nondurable do not last long, importation of raw materials from foreign countries required to manufacture contemporary office equipment causes a huge outflow of money and because these materials have an immense impact on our environment.

P.28/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law,— Re-promotion of traditional local vegetable and fruit seeds,— That this Parliament resolves that the government shall implement a national program to re-promote traditional indigenous vegetable and fruit seeds that are currently depleting in Sri Lanka because it is costly to import seeds to meet the local deficit of traditional vegetable and fruit seeds and also the seeds obtained from the harvest of such imported seeds are dormant whereas the yield obtained by germinating traditional indigenous seeds contain more properties resilient to pests.

P.29/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of an institution attached to the subject Ministry of Vocational Training to issue an identity card for skilled workers,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to establish an institution attached to the subject Ministry of Vocational Training to register skilled workers and to issue an identity card since both the skilled workers who are trained in institutions and persons having an innate ability to engage in certain occupations are among such employees and there is no registration agency for those employed in the trades such as masonry, carpentry, motor-mechanic, welding, painting, etc., hence, the same person engages in several occupations and also for the convenience of providing medical treatment in the event that a skilled worker meets with an accident, there arises the need to produce an identity card including information on the blood group and including the information conforming the identity of the skilled worker to the person who obtains his services.

P.30/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney-at-Law,— Granting transfers to officers in combined service and all island services once every five years, — That this Parliament resolves that the government should make necessary arrangements to provide transfers every five years to the officers who are engaged in the combined service and all island services in order to establish an efficient and optimal public service, as working in one place for more than five years leads to a depletion in gaining experience and knowledge of special skills, as they will be deprived of the opportunity to relieve frustration and distress and perform duties with a refreshing, enthusiastic, fresh mindset, as the resulting social interactions may lead to irregularities, fraud, and corruption, and due to political and social relationships, obstacles may arise to maintain an independent service, and as the positive effect of increasing diversity of experience in divisional administration is less.

P.31/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney-at-Law,— Engaging school students in extracurricular activities one day a week, - That this Parliament resolves that the government should urgently prepare a suitable program taking into consideration the prevailing situation to engage students in compulsory extracurricular activities on one day, such as Friday, out of the five school days, to prevent serious problems that may arise in the future, as social analysts have presented facts that the mental stress of school students has increased by not engaging in extracurricular activities by them due to various factors, and as it has been psychologically proven that the mental and physical development of students takes place by engaging in sports and aesthetic activities such as music, art, dance and agricultural activities such as gardening.

P/32/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— Standardization of unhygienic hotels, bakeries and canteens,— This Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to standardize unhygienic hotels, bakeries and canteens with the intervention of Ministry of Health and Public Health Inspectors in this respect, since the standard and the cleanliness of hotel and bakery products in the market remain at minimum level and since the chairman of the Association of Canteen Owners has himself stated that there exists a greater chance of customers being exposed to ailments due to certain bakery products are unhygienic.

P.33/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— Standardization of goods purchased online,— This Parliament resolves that the government should take action to standardize goods purchased through the internet, since a greater tendency has been created among customers to purchase goods and services via the internet at present, since there is no possibility to identify the parties responsible for the complications faced by the consumers while consuming the above products, and since a greater possibility may arise that this situation encourages various disparities and divisions in the society and gives rise to conflicts.

P.34/2023

Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama,— Launching a staff-participated cultivation program in lands belonging to the state institutions in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make the necessary arrangements to launch an island wide food promotion programme on the lands owned by the government institutions in our country with the participation of the staff and appraise on national level the most successful cultivations after imparting special training to the selected government employees, who are interested in cultivating, from agricultural training centres in Gannoruwa and other areas, as it helps to earn additional income through the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, and yams, and to solve the food shortage prevailing in the country.

P.35/2023

Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama,— Carrying out dairy cattle management in national parks,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement an appropriate course of action to issue an identity card after identifying the real dairy farmers to carry out dairy farming management in national parks as the consumption of liquid milk and milk powder is high in Sri Lanka, a large amount of money is spent to import milk powder as the local milk production is not sufficient, and because of the dairy farmers have been discouraged due to the difficulties in finding grass for the dairy cows, and dairy farmers are taken into custody as they keep the cows in national parks illegally.

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Hon. Samanpriya Harsh,— Expansion of Drumsticks (Moringa) Cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to introduce market to expand Drumstick cultivation since Drumsticks and Drumsticks related products are in high demand in various countries of the world as well as in the local market, and Drumsticks cultivation is a great help to raise the economic level of the rural people and Sri Lanka can earn a lot of foreign exchange.

P.37/ 2023

Hon. D.Weerasinghe,—Promoting fruits that fulfill the vitamin requirement throughout the island,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps should be taken to popularize and promote Pineapple, Papaya and Banana as these three fruits which fulfill the vitamin requirement of adults and children and, since they are currently being imported and a lot of money is spent on importing those fruits to Sri Lanka, although they are grown anywhere in the island.

P.38/2023

Hon. D. Weerasinghe,— Expanding the local production of Finger Millet,— That this Parliament resolves the government should implement a proper program to expand local production of Finger Millet by identifying new varieties and promoting them among farmers since huge amount of foreign exchange is being spent to import bulk quantities of Finger Millet at present whereas the nutritionists have pointed out that Finger millet used from ancient times in Sri Lanka has the ability to prevent and control various kind of diseases.

P.39/2023

Hon. D. Weerasinghe,— Obtaining the contribution of senior citizens who possess various skills for the national economy,— That this Parliament resolves the government should prepare a proper program to encourage senior citizens, who spend lonely lives at elders' homes and in their own homes, to make products from the skills they possess and transform it to a livelihood by introducing new markets while helping them improve concentration since there is no mechanism available to obtain their active contribution towards national economy whereas no study has been carried out on the capability and the knowledge they possess to make environment friendly products as majority of senior citizens possess aforesaid various professional skills.
