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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Amendment to the resolution for the constitution of the “Select Committee of Parliament to study the practical problems and difficulties that have arisen in relation to enhancing the rank in the Ease of Doing Business Index in Sri Lanka and make its proposals and recommendations”,— That the Resolution which was duly adopted by Parliament on 04th October 2022 be amended as follows as per the decision of the Committee on Parliamentary Business at its meeting held on 22nd September 2023:—

Title:

Delete the Title and substitute the following:—

“The Select Committee of Parliament to study the practical problems and difficulties in relation to preparation for the proposed ‘Business Ready (B-READY) Index’ in Sri Lanka and make its proposals and recommendations.”;

Part 1:

Delete paragraph two and substitute the following:—

“However the World Bank’s ‘Ease of Doing Business’ index was discontinued in 2021 concerning about data irregularities and in May 2023, the World Bank has launched the new index under the rebranded name ‘Business Ready (B-READY)’ rankings;

Whereas preparation for the new ‘Business Ready (B-READY) Index’ ranking will help attracting foreign investments to this country and encouraging large-scale and small & medium-scale enterprises in the local public and private sector as well as youth entrepreneurship;”

Delete paragraph five and substitute the following:—

“Whereas it has been identified that various difficulties have to be faced in preparation for the new ‘Business Ready (B-READY) Index’ ranking; and”

“Except the aforementioned amendments, other parts of the Resolution, which was duly adopted by Parliament on 04th October 2022, remain unchanged.”

Friday, October 06, 2023

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Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya,— Reissuance of withheld season tickets that have been rendered to students studying in technical colleges on concessional basis,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the Government to cancel the withholding imposed on season tickets that have been rendered on concessional basis and re-issue them whereas a majority of students studying in many technical colleges are from low-income families, whereas one daily commute costs a lot of money per student, whereas students come to study courses amidst many economic hardships, whereas the concessionary season tickets rendered to above students until the end of academic year 2022 have been withheld from the academic year 2023, and therefore.

P.59/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— Production of very human-friendly Mee oil,—That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious course of action be implemented by the government to plant Mee (Madhuka) trees around paddy fields in order to propagate Mee trees that are necessary in the production of Mee oil that is both Human and agriculture-friendly, to raise public awareness regarding the consumption of Mee oil that can be produced locally and to raise awareness abroad about the quality of Mee oil, and to export Mee oil.

P.60/2023

Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara,— Implementing a biological course of action to control Dengue mosquitoes,—That this Parliament resolves that a biological course of action to control Dengue mosquitoes be implemented promptly by the government together with the participation of the relevant parties, whereas the Measures adopted to control Dengue in Sri Lanka do not show much progress, whereas the number of Dengue patients increases annually, whereas the increased demand for mosquito coil manufacturing companies and thereby people being misled by the attractive commercials used in selling mosquito coils is inevitable unless proper scientific methods are adopted to curb mosquito breeding.

P.61/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— Protecting the Maragala Ecosystem,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should urgently take necessary measures to stop the clearing and construction of houses in the Maragala mountain range and to provide alternative lands from other suitable areas for the second and third generations whereas drinking water is supplied to more than 4000 families living in Monaragala town and suburbs from the sources of water found in this area, whereas rubber cultivation is currently under the Janatha Estate Development Board in this mountain range, where it was used to grow tea and coffee during the British rule, whereas there is a large number of people living in line houses here, since clearance and setting fire to the forest, for the construction of new houses and for cultivation has become a big environmental problem, and whereas this area has been designated as an ecological protection area by a gazette notification to protect the ecosystem and water sources that are being destroyed.

P.62/2023

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Establishment of a medical council for indigenous medical affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to establish an indigenous medical council from amongst the indigenous medical doctors and with the intention to secure and nurture the indigenous Hela medical practice tradition and its practitioners, in order to protect, the local traditional doctors and the future of the tradition of indigenous Hela medical practice that have cured hundreds of thousands of people throughout the two thousand five hundred years old history of Sri Lanka that possesses a great culture in the world, is crucial for the future generation.

P.63/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Preservation of dilapidated Buddhist shrines located in remote and underserved areas,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should put into action a suitable program to protect the temples and historical Buddhist shrines that have been destroyed in the Northern and Vanni areas and in the remote areas and to use a state fund to carry out development activities in these places.

P.64/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Repatriation of stranded migrant workers into Sri Lanka safely,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to execute an expedited programme to get them repatriated into the country safely whereas the migrant workers contribute the highest amount of foreign exchange earnings in Sri Lanka, and whereas the labourers concerned have become helpless in most of the countries in the Middle East due to fake racketeers who send labourers for foreign employment.

P.65/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Minimizing the damage caused to Victoria Lake by invasive plant species,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken by the government to control the spread of these invasive plant species whereas invasive plant species cause huge damage to the bio-diversity and the reservoirs in Sri Lanka, including Victoria Lake, and whereas several zones of it have already been affected by this menace.

P.66/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Promoting Cultivation of local paddy varieties and introducing new paddy varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable program be arranged and implemented by the government to make the farmers aware of local paddy varieties, and provide them with all the facilities to cultivate them, and further, import globally produced new paddy varieties after conducting researches on them from which a higher harvest could be obtained and provide such varieties to the farmers with the facilities needed for their cultivations.

P.67/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Introducing a concessional loan scheme for producing youth entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable arrangement be made by the government to introduce a loan scheme with a concessional interest rate through the banking system in order to produce entrepreneurs among the unemployed youth.

P.68/2023

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— The need for preventing religious extremism,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an expeditious program to prevent the attempts made to surface and promote religious extremism and to rehabilitate those who have already become victims of it, since having extremist views in any field in any country can be immensely harmful, whereas there has been a serious discourse in society regarding religious extremism following the Easter Sunday attack taken place.

P.69/2023

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Continuing the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to carry out the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway continuously at least in phases since not only the people living in Ratnapura district but also in Badulla and Hambanthota districts will be benefitted from the construction of the Expressway as it would help gain immense benefits despite the economic difficulties the country is currently experiencing.

P.70/2023

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Hambanthota and Badulla will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.
