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PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, January 12, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Secured Transactions Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Prescription (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Trust Receipts (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Mortgage (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Finance Leasing (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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

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Companies (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Microfinance and Credit Regulatory Authority Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration) (Amendment) 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 Special Commodity Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2356/20 of 01st November 2023, which was presented on 09.01.2024, 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 Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 22 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2363/26 of 20th December 2023, which was presented on 11.01.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice with the concurrence of the Chief Justice under Section 60 read with Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2238/34 of 30th July 2021, which were presented on 09.01.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms with the concurrence of the Chief Justice under Section 60 read with Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/23 of 26th October 2022, which were presented on 09.01.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms with the concurrence of the Chief Justice under Section 61 read with Section 60 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2362/67 of 14th December 2023, which were presented on 12.01.2024, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Anti Terrorism Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, February 06, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, February 09, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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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.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.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.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.31/2023

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.32/2023

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.33/2023

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.34/2023

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.35/2023

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.36/2023

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.37/2023

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.38/2023

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.

P. 39/2023

Hon. Samanpriya Hearth,— 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.40/ 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.41/2023

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.42/2023

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.

P.44/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

P.45/2023

Hon. Velu kumar,— Developing cricket in up country estate areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a special program should be implemented to provide necessary training facilities to the areas whether many talented players are residing, in order to get the contribution of the talented cricket players in estate areas, as Sri Lanka is a country which had earned international recognition in Cricket and the performance of the Sri Lankan Cricket team was very unsatisfactory in the recent past.

P.47/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improvement of Traditional Arts of Up Country People into a Commercial Activity,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should establish a suitable centre in order to facilitate the protection of Traditional Arts and improve them as commercial activity as up country people of Indian Origin of Estate Sector is a community representing Sri Lanka, and Traditional arts such as Nadagam, Kohombakale dance, kavadi dance and traditional stick dance are seen within this community.

P.48/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Setting up a Standard and a Regulatory System for Child Day Care Centers,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take appropriate steps to set up a proper standard and a regulatory system with regard to Day Care Centers for the safety and the welfare of the children who decide the future of the country, as private parties run Day Care Centers in different areas of the country and no proper standard, methodology and a regulatory system in regard to such centers that are run by estate Companies.

P.49/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improving the process of forest cultivation in the Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should initiate necessary measures to stop cultivating the pine trees completely and launch the natural afforestation system as an alternative whereas most of the water catchment areas in Sri Lanka are located in the central hills, especially in the Kandy and Matale districts have severely been affected by pine cultivation.

P.50/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Providing drinking water supply to the Estate community of the upcountry,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken for the inclusion of plantation areas in the Government programme for the provision of potable water, having paid attention to the need for the implementation of drinking water supply programme carried out in other areas since the people of the plantation sector in the upcountry fulfill their drinking water requirement from natural water springs, rivers, canals and wells as a result of the poor implementation of plans for the supply of drinking water, whereas these people have to face various health problems owing to a situation where they are unable to find water suitable for drinking due to increasing population and environment pollution caused by excessive use of agrochemicals, and whereas a scarcity of water has occurred due to the diversion of water in plantation areas to other parts of the country.

P.51/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Acquisition of estate roads to the Government,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to acquire the estate roads to be under the Local Government and Provincial Council roads as the ownership, as management and administration of estates that have a significant place in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka are subjected to changes at different times whereas the dwellings of the plantation workers are located in the middle of the estates far away from the main road and whereas the estate roads used by these people are in highly dilapidated condition with no development.

P.52/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayake,— Empowerment of female-headed families,— That this Parliament resolves that a sustainable plan be drafted by the government to successfully respond the problematic situation which has arisen and encountered by the female headed families in a context where 25% out of the total family units in Sri Lanka are female headed families, whereas 50% out of the said females are widows and

whereas the issues related to gender, land ownership and limitations of livelihood opportunities, are prominent among the major challenges faced by the aforesaid families and whereas the females already engaged in livelihood activities encounter immense difficulties and hindrances related to lack of training and facilities required, and further, whereas matters pertaining to marketing and issues related to prioritizing male children in land inheritance matters hamper them immensely.

P. 53/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Declaring the Day of the Martyrs of the Hill Country Trade Union,— That this Parliament resolves that the Hill Country Trade Union Martyrs Day be declared in order to commemorate the first worker and all the martyrs who laid down their lives in the pursuit of non-violent struggle for the rights and welfare of the plantation workers and that the day shall be set on the 10th of January as it aligns with the sacrifice of the first Hill Country martyr, “Mulloya Govinthan”, who had been shot dead by a white national in the face of their opposition to the struggle, during the first trade union struggle for salary hikes of plantation workers in Sri Lanka unfolded from December 1939 to January 1940, and whereas through democratic means, the Hill Country plantation workers have fervently fought for and secured their rights and as a testament to their struggles, the Hill Country people of Indian origin have long demanded that these martyrs who selflessly laid down their lives in the pursuit of democracy be commemorated on a designated day, and the Hill Country plantation workers stand as a community in Sri Lanka’s history, having made significant contributions to its economic growth.

P.54/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularization of the Postal Service of Sri Lanka in the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be initiated by the Government to regularize the postal services for the plantation community, who have been integral to the nation for nearly two centuries, whereas marking two centuries since the establishment of settlements by plantation communities in Sri Lanka, it is noteworthy that this community has faced with various difficulties due to the deprivation of the convenience of door step mail delivery, and whereas Sri Lanka’s postal service has a history spanning two centuries which commenced in 1798 and subsequently came under regularization by the English in 1882, and whereas after independence, the Postal Service of Sri Lanka has emerged as one of the pivotal government service run by the Postal Department.

P.58/2023

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. Heshan 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.

P.72/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Filling all public sector job vacancies on the basis of Z-score obtained by students in the G.E.C. (Advance Level) Examination,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary measures to take into account the Z-score obtained in the G.E.C. (Advance Level) Examination by the students when filling vacancies at all government departments, corporations, authorities, boards and provincial councils affiliated institutions, whereas the policies adopted by the former and existing governments in recruitment to the public service on the basis of political allegiance or preferences have seriously damaged the independence of the public service, and due to the fact that it is necessary to make the highly politicized public service completely independent, as giving jobs only on the basis of educational qualification will ensure justice and fairness to the talented and qualified youth, and eradicate youth unrest, and as the vacancies arising in the district would be given to the residents of the respective district will assure the economic security of the employees and create the opportunity to get a highly efficient service to the public sector.

P. 73/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

P.74/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by me on 13th February 2020 as the Minister of

Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers by the year 2023 in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

P.75/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Giving at least 5% representation to citizens with disabilities in the election of representatives to all public representative bodies,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should amend the relevant Acts and Laws so that citizens with disabilities have at least 5% representation in the preparation of nominations for electing representatives to all public representative bodies, whereas the disabled community in this country has exceeded 8% of the total population as per the last census conducted in Sri Lanka, whereas the space is very little for the disabled community to be elected to public representative bodies from the local government where the rural administration takes place to the Parliament where national policies are formulated and whereas the policies related to the disabled citizens of this country have not been made and are not made in accordance with the concepts of developed countries.

P.76/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Compilation of the Constitution of Sri Lanka in “Braille” and “Audio” mode,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary actions be taken by the Government to compile the Constitution of Sri Lanka in “Braille” and “Audio” mode for hearing and visually impaired community to gain knowledge and understanding of the fundamental law of the country, whereas the Constitution is the fundamental law and the basic model of the state in any country, whereas almost two million citizens out of nearly twenty two million Sri Lankan citizens are from the disabled community, and whereas almost six hundred thousand citizens from among the disabled community are hearing and visually impaired citizens as well .

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Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Computing the Z-score, the index used to select the university admissions on National Merits and School Basis at 50% each,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken by the government to categorize all three thousand forty two schools (3042) within the school system in which A/L stream is available computing the Z-score for university entrance admissions based on National Merits and school basis distinctively at 50% each in place of the district and remote district basis, whereas the number of university admissions eligible for all faculties except for art faculties among the students who have passed the A/L examination is based on the Z-score as the accepted index, accordingly, whereas 40% of the Z-score is based on national merits, 55% is based on district basis and 5% is based on the remote district basis and whereas it is unfair and unjustifiable to consider or substitute the same cut-off mark for all schools in each district.

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Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Mentioning only the initials of the family name along with the first name or the National Identity Card number when calling out the name of a person publicly,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to mention only the initials of the family name along with the first name or the National Identity Card number when calling out the name of a person publicly abolishing the law, the custom or the tradition that is rejected by the present generation and which cannot be applicable to the modern world whereas many persons are left embarrassed when their first names are called out loud along with the family name during a court hearing or when a voter is asked to cast the vote during an election or when an undergraduate's name is announced during a convocation whereas in the Sri Lankan society family names are mainly based on the duties vested to each person in the feudal society and the positions their ancestors had served the king therefore indicating the caste relevant to each profession.

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Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Speedy implementation of the Nilwala River Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement speedily the preliminary plans of the Nilwala river development project with a focus on diverting the Uruboku Oya and Kirama Ara to Hambantota district in the arid zone, creating the Batuwita reservoir, Athuraliya reservoir, Kadawedduwa reservoir and Dediyaigala reservoir of the lower basin and reconstructing the abandoned bunds after making fresh studies on the safe zone and unsafe zone, all of which have a direct bearing on the districts of Matara and Hambantota, and whereas the daily lives and the economy of the people living in the Matara district and the Nilwala basin are faced with a severe crisis owing to the failure of the completion of the Nilwala River Development Scheme which was initiated in the 1980's,.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Launching a book on the history of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that suitable steps be taken by the government to launch a book on the history of Sri Lanka on the sponsorship of the government under a proficient board of editors upon studying archeology, literature, folklore and Roman, Greek and Persian history from the human evolution.
