



**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
OF
PARLIAMENT**

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Tuesday, July 03, 2007

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under sub paragraphs (b)(i) and (ii) of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2006, relating to Motor Vehicles Concessionary Levy and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1497/4 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.07.2007, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002, as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No.48 of 2006, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1497/3 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.07.2007, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.01),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise (Special Provisions) Duty and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1492/9 of April 11th, 2007, which was presented on 19.07.2007, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, (No.02),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise (Special Provisions) Duty and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1497/1 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 19.07.2007, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duty on liquors other than toddy or any liquor made from any cereal and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.893)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duty on Molasses, Palmyrah, Coconut and Processed Arrack and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.894)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duty on country made foreign spirits manufactured in Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.895)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Excise Ordinance, (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Duty on bottled toddy and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1488/1 of March 12th, 2007, which was presented on 19.06.2007, be approved.

(Excise Notification No.896)

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Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.1),— That the “Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1376/9 of January 19th, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

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The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.2),— That the “Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations” made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1405/3 of August 11th, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

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The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.3),— That the “Food (Bottled or Packaged Water) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Health in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1420/4 of November 21st, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

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The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Regulations under the Food Act, (No.4),— That the “Food (Irradiation) Regulations 2005” made by the Minister of Healthcare, Nutrition and Uva Wellassa Development in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No.26 of 1980, and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1420/5 of November 21st, 2005, which were presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

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The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Export Development and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979, relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.1497/2 of May 14th, 2007, which was presented on 22.06.2007, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, July 04, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0752/06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women’s Empowerment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons as to why action has not been taken hitherto with regard to a complaint made by Mr. K.M. Wasantha of No.51, Regal Range, Batawalakanda, Weligama to the Sri Lanka National Child Protection Authority that his 12 year old child was abused on 08/12/2005;
 - (ii) the reasons as to why action has not been taken hitherto with regard to yet another complaint made by Mr. Saman Weeramunda of No.211/2, John Wesley Mawatha, Dalupatha, Negombo regarding the abduction of his one day old baby delivered by his wife at Negombo hospital on 29/07/2005;
 - (iii) the reasons as to why action has not been taken with regard to the other complaint that have been received that some children of Dawsamara Vidyalaya in Seeduwa have been abused by a teacher employed there?
- (b) if not, why?

0779/06

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

- (a) Will he present to this House separately—
 - (i) the names of the projects that have been implemented and the projects that are being implemented by the State Development and Construction Corporation from 1995 to October 2006;
 - (ii) the agreed value of each of the aforesaid projects?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the projects which were started in the year 1995 and completed by November 2006;
 - (ii) the dividends earned by the institution out of the projects completed as mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether any arrears are due to the institution out of the aforesaid projects;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of arrears;
 - (v) the actions taken so far to recover them?
- (c) Is he aware that it is this Corporation that has undertaken the contracts of building bridges which are being built across the Ging river in place of the bridges that were destroyed in the floods in 2003?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether monies allocated for these bridges are used to offset financial delays in other projects;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will take action to present it;
 - (iii) whether he will take steps to complete these bridges by the dates agreed?
- (e) if not, why?

1112/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) when the foundation stone was laid for the proposed Hambantota Air Port;

- (ii) whether a feasibility study was carried out in respect of this air port;
- (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will he submit in this House, the feasibility report concerned?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Central Environmental Authority was obtained for the proposed airport;
 - (ii) whether an environment study report was proposed;
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that will be covered by this airport;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands that will go under this airport?
- (e) Will he submit in this House the total amount of compensation that will be paid in respect of such lands and houses that will be lost?
- (f) If not, why?

1113/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House, the total estimated cost of the proposal Hambantota Air Port;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) how the construction of that Airport will be financed;
 - (ii) if it will be foreign loans or grants, what they are;
 - (iii) from which foreign institutes;
 - (iv) if these moneys where to be obtained from the Treasury, what that amount is?
- (c) Will he state in this House the number of years within which it is expected to complete this project?
- (d) Will he submit to this House separately the local and foreign compounds of funds expected to be utilized in each year?
- (e) if not, why?

1114/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Public Utilities,—

- (a) Will she inform this House whether—
 - (i) a housing project known as ‘Jaya Lanka’ is in operation;
 - (ii) cabinet approval has been granted for a housing project known as ‘Jaya Lanka’ for the displaced people in the North East areas and for other people; and,
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) Will she state in this House—
 - (i) by which state institution the said housing project is managed;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost of the relevant project; and,
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid out of this?
- (c) if not, why?

1059/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunications,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. B.M.P. Priyanthi Kumari Basnayake of Kirindagolla, Ibbagamuwa has been issued an appointment letter bearing Postmaster General’s No. VG/01/Wayamba/Actg/05 Wayamba No; W/2/1060/05 and dated 06.06.2005 for the post of Acting Sub Postmaster of the Kirindagolla sub post office with effect from 29.06.2005?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a sum of Rs. 3750/= was deposited on 11.06.2005 being a deposit required for acting as sub postmaster of Kirindagolla
 - (ii) on 29.06.2005, Mr. N.P. Herath, the Divisional Investigation Inspector, who was responsible for handing over the duties to her, has given a telephone call to the said post office informing that he was unable to come there on that day;
 - (iii) subsequently, investigation have revealed that this appointment was suspended on political influence; and,
 - (iv) the relevant applicant has not yet been informed of the suspension of the appointment?
- (c) Will she state whether necessary action will be taken to appoint Mrs. Basnayake to the aforesaid post?
- (d) if not, why?

1060/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there is any arrangement to appoint the teachers who are engaged in teaching in Pirivenas at present to Government schools?
- (b) Will he state the procedure that is followed when these teachers are appointed to government schools?
- (c) if not, why?

Thursday, July 05, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1116/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the object of the agreement signed between the secretary to the Ministry of the Defence and the Ambassador of America, recently?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether this agreement was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers and approval was obtained before or after it was signed;
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) Will he table that agreement in this House?
- (d) if not, why?

1117/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the object of the agreement signed, between the Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and the Ambassador of America regarding Petroleum resources of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether this agreement was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers and approval was obtained before or after it was signed;

- (ii) if so, when?
- (c) Will he table that agreement in this House?
- (d) if not, why?

1124/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when the Lankaputhra Development Bank was established;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Bank for the year 2006/2007, separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of loans provided by that Bank so far, and the number of people provided with loans by that Bank so far, separately; and,
 - (iv) its total staff and the number of Branches?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any institution owned by the state has deposited funds in the Lankaputhra Development Banks;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those institutions and the relevant amounts of funds separately; and,
 - (iii) the rates of interest paid?
- (c) if not, why?

1061/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Jayani Awanthi Ranaweera of No.07, Mangala Road, Kalubowila, Dehiwala had been working since 07.05.2001 at the Ridee Rekha Centre of the National Savings Bank as a Casual Computer Data Entry Operator;
 - (ii) her service has been terminated since 31.12.2004 without a prior notice?
- (b) Will he inform this House for what reason her service was terminated without confirming her in service as she had been working on casual basis for a period of 3½ years?
- (c) Will he take action to reinstate and confirm her in service?
- (d) if not, why?

1062/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that a report containing plans and proposals has been submitted to the Director General of Irrigation by the District Secretary, Hambantota, bearing No. දිසාපති/5/24 dated 17.08.2005, in order to provide relief to those who had lost their houses and lands in the construction of the Kakiri Oya reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why the aforesaid plans and proposals have not been implemented?
- (c) if not, why?

1063/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that the four-acre portion of land set aside for common purposes of the Dolosbage Colony in Nawalapitiya, which is situated next to the tea factory, has been occupied by several persons without permission and is being cultivated by them?
- (b) Will he take action to evict the unauthorized cultivators in the said land as it is the only land available for common purposes of the village?
- (c) if not, why?

1019/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 07 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of Casino Clubs in the country;
 - (ii) the amount of money earned by the government from Casinos; and,
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange inflowed to and outflowed from the country through these Casino operations;
- (b) if not, why?

1111/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of universities registered and operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of students sit for the Advanced Level Examination annually from 2005 to-date;

- (iii) the number of students who get sufficient marks to pursue the university education;
- (iv) out of them, the number of students who enter in the university?
- (v) the future of the students who cannot enter the university; and,
- (vi) what the Government commitment is to help them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans go overseas to pursue the university education; and,
 - (ii) the anticipated exchange loss to the country?
- (d) Will he further state the number of private sector universities operating in Sri Lanka?
- (e) if not, why?

1137/07

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. S.B. Dissanayake of Butawatta, Thalathuoya has retired having served as a principal?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) even though the verdict of the Case number 453/99, 454/97, 362/99 and 390/99 delivered on the fundamental rights of the principals enables the retired Principals to be entitled to Pension arrears it has not been paid to this Principal; and,
 - (ii) even though the Principals who retired after 1996 were able to obtain the pension arrears, this Principal has not been able to obtain the pension arrears under the salary steps?
- (c) Will he state whether arrangements would be made to pay the pension arrears to this retired Principal, who is spending the latter part of his life now?
- (d) if not, why?

Friday, July 06, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1067/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that a written commitment was submitted to the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka that the decisions made by the Cabinet of Ministers on 12.10.2001 concerning a group of teachers subjected to political victimization would be implemented exactly as stated in the relevant Cabinet Paper?

- (b) Will he inform this House what action will be taken concerning the responsible administrative officials in the Ministry of Education who have been omitting to comply with the determination of the Court for five years?
- (b) Will he take the necessary steps to grant to the group of teachers including the retired school teacher Mr. P.A.W. Peter Perera of No.158/1 Baseline Road, Amandoluwa, Seeduwa, their promotions with salaries in arrears which they were deprived of due to political victimization?
- (d) if not, why?

1074/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a petition has been presented to His Excellency the President by a group of employees in the Lakdiwa Engineering Company Limited stating that the company was gradually failing due to the conduct of Mr. Fizal Razik, the chairman of the Company;
 - (ii) those employees have been interdicted under false charges without any disciplinary inquiry being held by the chairman who had been infuriated over the action of the employees?
- (b) Will he inform this House on what grounds Mr. Sumal Anthony and Mr. S.A.N.W. Sisira Kumara who are employed there, have been interdicted?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to reinstate these two persons who have been interdicted without any disciplinary inquiry being held?
- (d) if not, why?

1077/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. M.D.M. Jayatilaka, residing at Aranayaka, Iddawela, had been called for an interview based on the result of the open competitive test held in 1998 to recruit persons to the posts of clerical and related services in the Public Service?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) she was called for an interview at the Deputy Director General's Office ,on 1st floor, Sawsiripaya, on 25.06.2002 by a letter dated 11.01.2002 No. 08/E/25/2002, to recruit her to the Health Services Department;
 - (ii) the appointment has not been given up to date even though a file has been opened in her name?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the reason for not giving her the relevant appointment so far;
 - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to recruit her to the relevant service based on the above competitive test and the interview?
- (d) if not, why?

0853/07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware the tank bund of the Nabiriththana Kadawara Weva in the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is damaged;
 - (ii) the number of farmer families displaced as a result of this damage;
 - (iii) whether the paddy fields belonging to this tank could be used for cultivation; and,
 - (iv) whether relief has been provided to the displaced farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action would be taken to reconstruct the above tank bund;
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

1079/07

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Water Supply?
- (b) Will he state this House the institutes which come under the purview of the said Ministers, separately?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the Cabinet Minister and those of the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills,which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1080/07

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources?
- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the institutions that come under the purview of the said Ministers?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the above Cabinet Minister and the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills,which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1005/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the total business generated through credit cards in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Will he state on a per year basis for the last 05 years, the percentage of bad debts on credit card transactions;
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the amount remitted out for franchises used for external credit cards; and,
 - (ii) their names separately?
- (d) if not, why?

0868/07

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara ,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the years in which the first and second Perennial Crop Cultivation Loan Projects were implemented and the relevant district where the aforesaid projects were implemented;

- (ii) the crop cultivation for which they were implemented;
 - (iii) the number of farmers for whom loans have been granted through the aforesaid projects and the amounts of those loans at district level;
 - (iv) the state banks that have granted the aforesaid loans and the amount of loans granted by each bank separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money that has been recovered by each of the aforesaid banks out of the total amount of loans issued through the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans that have not been recovered;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been written off by each bank from the aforesaid total amount of loans when the cultivation loans were written off at the request of the farmers?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid project was a failure due to various reasons?
- (d) If it has been a failure, will he inform this House in detail, the reasons for it?
- (e) Will he take steps to write off the remaining amount of loans which is a big burden on the farming community?
- (f) if not, why?

1138/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of various complaints received by the Foreign Employment Bureau against the employment agency called Ourown International (Pvt.) Ltd., which has been registered under Foreign Employment Bureau, holding L.No.944, since the day that institution was registered under the Bureau?
- (b) Will he inform this House, with respect of each complaint—
- (i) who the officials involved in the investigation were (name and destination);
 - (ii) what the decisions taken were;
 - (iii) out of the decisions taken, the number implemented and the number not implemented, separately; and,
 - (iv) how long it has taken to investigate and make a decision since the day on which those complaints were received?
- (c) if not, why?
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Tuesday, July 17, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1069/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that W.K. Wasantha Ramya Kumari (168), K.N.G. Fernando (341), W.S.A. Fernando, (386), R.P.S. Premarathne (444), A.R.R.P. Seetha Gunarathne (451), K.P.G. Silva (458), R.G. Malini (475), and J.S. Kumari (492), who are employed at Moratuwa Municipal Council as Management Assistants, have been transferred to Colombo Municipal Council from 01.01.2007, without a request being made by them to do so?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for the Chief Secretary of the Western Province to transfer the aforesaid persons in this manner?
- (c) Will he take action to cancel this transfer order and allow them to work at the Moratuwa Municipal Council continuously?
- (d) if not, why?

1072/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the qualifications that are required for registration as a photographer of the Department of Registration of Persons to take photographs for National Identity Cards in Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Will he state the reason for not allowing Mr. Ishad Jayawardhane of Uragasmanhandiya, a photographer who has been registered under No.03/02/315 and No.01/06/01/288 for Karandeiya and Benthara divisions respectively, to take photographs for the purpose of registration of persons from 1994 up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to obtain the service of this registered photographer again?
- (d) if not, why?

1029/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the

existing water projects in the Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;

- (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1030/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1031/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Hambantota Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1004/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total external aid and grants received by the country from 1995 to-date, under the categories of grants, bilateral loans, multilateral loans and commercial loans;
 - (ii) the average interest rates, payable period, maximum and minimum interest rates applicable; and,
 - (iii) the purpose that the loans have been used for?
- (b) if not, why?

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1032/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Tissamaharamaya Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1033/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
 - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1034/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
 - (iii) if not, when the money will be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations will be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility will be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
- (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
- (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
- (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?

(d) if not, why?

1007/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years on a per year basis, the amount of money earned through taxes, duties, excise duties, etc. from Liquor, Beer, Cigarettes and Beedi for imported items and local productions separately?
- (b) Will he state on a per year basis for the last 10 years the quantity manufactured or imported against the revenue?
- (c) if not, why?

1008/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 05 years separately—
 - (i) the total quantity of imported or locally produced commodities such as rice, sugar, wheat, dhal, milk powder, onion and chilli; and,
 - (ii) the Duty, VAT, Excise duty imposed on the above items on a per year basis;
 - (iii) the total revenue earned as per (i) above, for each year?
- (b) if not, why?

1009/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the inflation rate for the last 10 years to-date; and,
 - (ii) the inflation rate for the last 2 years on a per month basis;

- (iii) the interest rates, Treasury Bill rates and Repo rates for the corresponding years as above?
- (b) if not, why?

0776/06

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that Air Lanka Catering Services Company was a profit making institution at the time of handing it over to the Emirates Company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the purpose of selling the shares of Air Lanka Catering Services Company through the same tender for selling the shares of Air Lanka to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the annual gross profit of the Air Lanka Catering Services Company at the time of handing over its shares to Emirates Company;
 - (iii) the income generated through the sale of shares of the Air Lanka Catering Services Company?
- (c) if not, why?

1094/07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Is he aware that over 4 lakhs of rupees paid by the consumers had been defrauded by the cashier of the Lanka Electricity Company Limited, Kelaniya Branch, during January and February 2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a complaint has been lodged in the Police in respect of that fraud;
 - (ii) if not so, the reason behind and;
 - (iii) the step taken by the company to recover the relevant moneys?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, a comprehensive report of the Internal Auditors on the said fraud?
- (d) Will he state whether legal actions were taken against separately officers concerned when such corruptions and frauds were revealed?
- (e) if not, why?

1142/07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. Upali Gunarathna, Chairman of the National Savings Bank, was appointed to that post; and,
 - (ii) the number of times he has gone abroad after that date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries he has so toured;
 - (ii) for what reasons he has gone abroad; and,
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each tour, separately?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons who accompanied him on foreign tours;
 - (ii) the foreign countries in which each of them toured the purpose of such visits;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them separately?
- (d) if not, why?

1064/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the reason for the transfer given to Mrs. M.G. Somawathie, a graduate assistant teacher, from the Ambewela school in the Nuwara Eliya Educational Division to N/Blackful Dharmapala school w.e.f. 01-09-2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) she has lost her quarters and now she is rendered homeless with her three children due to this transfer;
 - (ii) she, who has served for a period of about 14 years with spells of difficult service in difficult schools from 1993 upto now, has made a request for a transfer to the Kandy district where she resides permanently from 2007?
- (c) Will he take action to transfer Mrs. M.G. Somawathie to a school in Kandy or Katugastota zone in the district of Kandy where she resides permanently?
- (d) if not, why?

1065/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. G. Oliver Fernando, who served as the Welfare Officer in the Veyangoda Textile Mills was shot dead at his house on 19.05.1989;
 - (ii) his wife Mrs. W. Agnes and six children have been living upto now at Naranwatta Housing Scheme belonging to the Veyangoda Textile Mills?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the Veyangoda Textile Mills and the housing scheme are today a property owned by the bank and;
 - (ii) when compensation was paid to officers who had worked in the Veyangoda Textile Mills, the value of their quarters was retained with the Bank and the balance was paid to them?
- (c) Will he take action to transfer the ownership of the quarters to Mrs. Agnes without charging the assessed value of the house which is 8 lacks of rupees, or to grant her any other relief, since she did not receive any compensation on account of the death of her husband?
- (d) if not, why?

1066/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are more than 100 families in the Ilukpelessa village situated in the Uva Kosgama Grama Niladhari Division in the Haldumulla Divisional Secretariat Division in the Haputale electorate in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) there is no arrangement to deliver letters or telegrams in this village?
 - (b) Will he take action to appoint a postman to the Balangoda-Kaltota post office, since it is the post office that is nearest to the village which is situated three miles from this village?
 - (c) Will he take necessary action to give the said appointment to Mr. A.G.P. Jayamanne residing at Ilukpelessa, Ganewatta, Kaltota, Balangoda, for the delivery of letters since he has presented himself for the interviews?
 - (d) if not, why?
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Thursday, July 19, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1035/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1036/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

- (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
- (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1037/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;

- (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1015/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years on a per year basis—
- (i) the number of Taverns and Wine stores in the country in each district; and,
 - (ii) the total revenue earned from them;
- (b) if not, why?

0994/07

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are foreign-funded projects in operation within the National Institute of Education; and,
 - (ii) if so, what they are?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the officers who are engaged in formulating the curricula for school education at the National Institute of Education;
 - (ii) the overseas tours made by the said officials within the last 02 years separately; and,
 - (iii) the way in which financial allocations have been provided for it?
- (c) if not, why?

1100/07

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that personal file of Mrs. Malathie R.G. Thirimanna, who retired having served as Assistant Officer in charge of the Rural Development

Training and Research Institute (pension No. 616394) which is required for the revision of her pension and which is at present in the Ministry of Local Government, has been misplaced?

- (b) Will he issue necessary instructions to locate this file?
- (c) Will he state the length of time it will take to locate the file?
- (d) if not, why?

1139/07

Hon. Renuka Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi Officers, Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi Management Officers serving at present in Walapane Division in the Nuwara-Eliya District; and,
 - (ii) the amount spent per month on salaries and allowances for the said officers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipient families in the Walapane Division;
 - (ii) out of them, the number receiving allowances of Rs. 500/-, Rs. 300/- and Rs. 140/- separately; and,
 - (iii) accordingly, the total amount spent per month on Samurdhi recipients?
- (c) Will he take steps to grant Samurdhi assistance to those in the Walapane Division, who are eligible to receive the assistance but are not receiving it?
- (d) if not, why?

1070/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) trade stalls bearing No. 779 and 777A situated at the Baseline Road and belonging to Mr. L.A. Wimalasena and Mr. Bandula were demolished with the widening of the Baseline Road, Colombo 9 in 1995;
 - (ii) neither alternative locations nor compensation had been offered for them until now?
- (b) Will he take action to provide alternative locations or compensation for these trade stalls which had been transferred to them under a lease agreement on 05.12.1990, by the National Housing Commissioner?
- (c) if not, why?

Friday, July 20, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1038/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1039/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or

gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

1040/07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning for the Road Development activities in the Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007 under the identified Development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (ii) whether such monies have been received by the respective Ministry; and,
 - (iii) if not, when they will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the estimated amount, the length and width of the portion of road being developed, whether concrete, tar or gravel is being used and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the roads earmarked for expansion development and the reconstruction of bridges, culverts and kerbs;
 - (ii) which roads and culverts devastated by the Tsunami would be reconstructed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Kilometers of roads which have not been categorised and which have been categorised as A,B,C,D and E in the respective Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) whether a Common National policy would be followed in the year 2007 for the maintenance of the said roads; and,
 - (v) if so, what it is?
- (d) if not, why?

Wednesday, August 08, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0872/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that large propaganda hoardings with the photograph of the Minister were made in year 2005 out of the funds of the Agricultural and Agrarian Services Insurance Board?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the number of hoardings made in year 2005;
 - (ii) the place, the Divisional Secretariat Division and the District in which each of the aforesaid hoardings was fixed;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money spent for each district for fixing the aforesaid propaganda hoardings;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure was followed for the erection of the aforesaid hoardings;
 - (iii) the name of the institution to which the erection of the hoardings was entrusted;
 - (iv) whether a waste or corruption has taken place as a result of the fixing of the aforesaid propaganda hoardings?
- (d) if not, why?

Thursday, August 09, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0873/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tanks in the Anuradhapura District that were selected for reconstruction in year 2006;

- (ii) out of the aforesaid selected tanks, the number of tanks of which the reconstruction work is over?
- (b) Will he present to this House separately the number of tanks selected from each Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura district along with the name and the location of each tank?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money estimated for the reconstruction of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid out of the estimated money;
 - (iii) the names of the persons and the institutions that were estimated with the task of reconstructing the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) if not, why?

0875/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House, the number of non-Cabinet Ministers in the present government?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of persons approved to be recruited by a non-Cabinet Minister as his personal staff and as advisers?
- (c) if not, why?

0970/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Scientific Affairs and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?

- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

Friday, August 10, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0973/'07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Water Supply (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0974/'07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Developments,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Highways (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?

- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0975/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Industrial Development, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Textile Industry Development (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Tuesday, August 21, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0976/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Home Affairs (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0978/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?

- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0979/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Rural Industries (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0980/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Deputy Minister of Vocational Training and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

1134/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an excess in the paddy production of this country;
 - (ii) if so, in what years;
 - (iii) for what purpose, this excess paddy was used?

- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the excess paddy or rice was exported in the years 2005 and 2006;
 - (ii) if so, to which country, in what quantities and at what prices?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an excess paddy harvest is expected in the year 2007 or in future years;
 - (ii) if so, for which purpose it is expected to utilize such harvests?
- (d) if not, why?

0904/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Land and Land Development and the Deputy Minister of Land and Land Development and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Thursday, August 23, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0909/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0913/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Special Projects, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Special Projects and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?

- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0915/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

Friday, August 24, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0852/07

Hon. Ajith Kumara, — To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence Public Security, Law and Order, —

- (a) Will he state in this House separately and at the Divisional Secretariat Division level—
 - (i) the number of low income families in the 18 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle district that receive Samurdhi benefits;

- (ii) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have been granted Samurdhi benefits anew after the 2005 Presidential elections; and,
 - (iv) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive?
- (b) Will he state in this House whether—
- (i) approval has been obtained from the relevant Ministry when granting Samurdhi benefits to those new Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) an investigation is in progress by the Samurdhi Director General regarding the granting of Samurdhi benefits without the relevant approval; and,
 - (iii) if so, in regard to which Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (c) Will he state in this House as to what action would be taken by him against the officers involved in granting the Samurdhi benefits in illegal manner?
- (d) Will he take steps to grant the Samurdhi benefits to the low income families which have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefits without the approval of the Ministry, by conducting legal investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P.45/'07.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Ranjith Aluwihare
Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka,— Vote of No Confidence on Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

In as much Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare and the Defence Spokesman of the Government stated a blatant falsehood in Parliament on 07.06.2007 in regard to the forcible transportation of Tamil persons residing in lodges in Colombo in the early hours of the 7th of June, 2007;

And thereby he deliberately misled the House;

And whereas no retraction nor an apology was made by Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella in the House of Parliament even on Friday the 08th June 2007, the last day of the Sitting Week of Parliament after the facts became evident that the persons were forcibly evicted.;

And whereas in the light of the statement made by the Prime Minister, Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake on 10th June 2007 at a specially convened press conference wherein he himself apologized for the deportation of the Sri Lankan Tamils and publicly pronounced that it

was a mistake and denying that the persons who were transported voluntarily agreed to go, thereby contradicting the statement made by Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella on the floor of the House;

And in as much as the Hon. Prime Minister has gone to the extent of apologizing to the deportees on behalf of the Government and assured that there will be no repetition of such occurrences;

This House resolves that it has no confidence in the ability of Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella to continue as a Minister in the Government.

P.46/'07.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ranjith Aluwihare

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the arbitrary and forcible eviction of Tamil Citizens from Colombo—

Whereas admittedly several hundreds of Tamil citizens of Sri Lanka were rounded up arbitrarily and forcibly evicted from their places of residence situated in the Pettah, Wellawatta, and Kotahena areas in the early hours of 7th June 2007 without any warning whatsoever;

And whereas they were huddled into buses against their will and were transported to places such as Vavunia and Trincomalee;

And whereas now the Government has admitted that this was an illegal action;

And whereas this position was officially announced by the Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, the Prime Minister wherein he publicly apologized to the Tamil people that it was a mistake;

And whereas this whole action of the Government has brought discredit to the country in the eyes of the international community and caused severe consternation in the Sri Lankan Tamil Community;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) inquire into the circumstances under which these persons were deported,
 - (b) determine who were responsible for these actions,
 - (c) recommend measures to prevent such occurrences in future,
 - (d) recommend steps to punish those responsible for these illegal actions,.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and,
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.
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