



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

Issued on Friday, July 06, 2007

Tuesday, July 17, 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,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.42 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.42 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 71302 “Printing Publicity and Scales of Books” Department of Educational Publications of the Second schedule to that Act.

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| (i) | Maximum limit of expenditure | | | |
| | specified in Column II of the | From | . | 1,200,000,000 |
| | Second Schedule to that Act. | To | | 1,547,500,000 |
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| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts | | | |
| | specified in Column III of the | From | Rs. — | 600,000,000 |
| | Second Schedule to that Act. | To | Rs. — | 665,700,000 |

(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance	From	Rs.	—	150,000,000
	specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	611,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised			

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA

Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

15.06.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Customs Ordinance,— That the resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 03.07.2007, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No.1497/5 of May 14,.2007)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Thursday, July 19, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0825/06

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. P.B. Rajanayake of Muduna Kade, Thalathuoya has been working as a Grade II Grama Niladhari in the Pathahewaheta Divisional Secretary's Division, in Kandy District since 22.01.1989?
- (b) Will he inform this House, of the reason for the termination of his service with effect from 24.06.1999?

- (c) Will he admit that it is imreasonable to interdict Mr. P.B. Rajanayake of the same village because one Mr. R.M.P.B. Rajanayake of Madunkade, who was a defendant in the case No. 54132/85 in the Kandy Magistrate Courts was subjected to a fine of Rs. 1000/=?
- (d) Will he take action to reinstate the above mentioned Mr. P.B. Ranajayake in the post of Grama Niladhari and to retire him with due arrears?
- (e) If not, why?

1118/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) when the Cabinet approved was granted for the “Mihin Air” air line, which commenced recently;
 - (ii) who the chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and other Chief Officials of that “Mihin Air” air line are?
- (b) will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total strength of the staff of this Company including the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer;
 - (ii) their designations, qualifications obtained and the criteria of recruitment?
- (c) Will he state separately, the salary scale applicable to each member of the staff including the Chairman, the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer?
- (d) If not, why?

1119/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of aircraft that were purchased for the airline Mihin Air;
 - (ii) when the said aircraft were purchased;
 - (iii) whether a fromal tender procedure was followed in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, what it was; and,
 - (v) the relevant period?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries or companices who tendered their officers; and,

- (ii) what prices were offered by each such body?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the company to which the aircraft thus purchased had belonged to;
 - (ii) the year of manufacture of the aircraft;
 - (iii) whether there was a technical evaluation committee for the purchase of these aircraft; and,
 - (iv) if so, the names of the members of that committee?
- (d) If not, why?

1120/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the “Mihin Air” Air Line for the year 2006 and 2007 separately;
 - (ii) the total expenditure incurred as at 31.03.2007;
 - (iii) for what purpose?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether these moneys were allocated only from the Treasury;
 - (ii) if moneys were obtained from other institutions what those institutions are?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 20, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1125/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land allocated by the Urban Development Authority to individuals and institutions from 01st January 2005 to 31st March 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the persons and institutions who were allocated the lands and the extents of such land so allocated, separately,

- (ii) the basic on which the persons and institutions concerned were selected for the allocation of such lands?
- (c) Will he state the basis of allocation of such lands (whether freehold or lease) and the prices?
- (d) If not, why?

0775/06

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—
 - (i) the name of the institution responsible for transferring a considerable number of shares of Air Lanka airline to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the percentage of the shares given by Air Lanka in the above mentioned deal and the period of time for which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the local and foreign companies and the institutions that bid for the tender when the shares of Air Lanka were given to Emirates;
 - (ii) separately, the bids made by those institutions and the bids made by the Emirates; and,
 - (iii) the members of the tender board appointed for this transaction?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any of the conditions of the aforesaid transaction has been changed after the tender pertaining to the issue of Air Lanka shares was awarded to the Emirates company;
 - (ii) if so, the conditions that have been so changed?
- (d) if not, why?

1128/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a system known as Subject Basket System has been suggested for the curricular revision;
 - (ii) whether this is a suggestion submitted during the time of Mrs. Tara De Mel;

- (iii) whether a choice has been offered for the children in grades 10 and 11 to select subjects under this system;
 - (iv) whether there is a Subject Basket for Aesthetic Subjects and Literature; and,
 - (v) of the Subjects included in this Subject Basket?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether a subject of Literature can be selected one of this Basket in place of an Aesthetic Subject, through this system;
 - (ii) whether Aesthetic Subject is intended to be removed gradually from the school curriculum;
 - (iii) the reason for the inclusion of the Technical Subjects in the 3rd Basket mentioned there itself; and,
 - (iv) whether it is a step taken on the advice of the world bank towards expanding Vocational Education and reducing the Academic Education?
- (c) Will he agree with the opinion of the Educationists that, if Vocational Education is to be developed, it should be done by strengthening Vocational Education and not through Schools or Universities?
- (d) If not, why?

1089/07

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 amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers, Non-Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers as at 01.03.2005 and 01.03.2007;
 - (ii) whether it is correct that they are paid a salary of Rs. 75,000/= plus MP's salary, housing allowance of Rs. 200,000/=, two vehicles or Rs. 250,000/= per month per vehicle, overseas allowance of Rs.25,000/= per trip, fuel allowance of Rs. 65,000/= per month for outstation MPP of Rs. 125,000/= and received 5 telephones at Rs. 34,000/= each, entertaining allowance of Rs. 75,000/=, 5 staff members along with vehicles and two mobile phones up to Rs. 100,000/= per phone as benefits;
 - (iii) if not, what the correct figure;

- (iv) the number of staff, they are entitled to have and the total benefits they receive as at 01.03.2005; and,
- (v) the total cost per month as at 01.03.2007?
- (b) if not, why?

1109/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately on District basis—
 - (i) the number of International Schools operate in this country; and,
 - (ii) the number of students attend?
- (b) Will he state the twenty biggest International Schools in Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private schools that get Government grants; and,
 - (ii) the name of those schools along with the amount that have been given for the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (d) Will he state the controls and protective measures that the Ministry has taken to ensure that the national policies are not violated?
- (e) If not, why?

0611/06

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 whether,—
 - (i) the Registra of Colombo District Court was due to retire in 2006;
 - (ii) he was taken into custody on an allegation of bribery;
 - (iii) he was facing criminal charges in the Magistrate's Court of Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) he was completing 60 years in 2006; and,
 - (v) he has been given an extension beyond 60 years on a contract basis?
- (b) Will he state why only he has been selected for appointment on a contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1071/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. R.M. Tikiri Banda, who served in the Ceylon Electricity Board's Dambarawa Electricity Superintendent Area in the Badulla district has been removed from his service as a result of a personal revenges?
- (b) Will he accept that after the hearing of a case filed against him under No.9703 in the Badulla high court, for 8 years, he was acquitted and freed from all charges on 17.12.2004?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for reinstating the person named K.A. Indrasena, the first defendant in this case, in his service and for not giving employment to this person who is the second defendant?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to reinstate in service the above mentioned person, Tikiribanda?
- (e) If not, why?

0755/'06

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— 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 extent of the lands that have been distributed under the distribution of lands to the middle class people from the lands which belong to the Land Reform Commission and the government in the Galle district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid lands and the number of acres that have been given to them at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been given and the relevant conditions;
 - (iii) whether the government has charged any money for the lands given to the middle class people;
 - (iv) if any money has been charged, the amount of it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands given to the middle class people have been transferred to other persons by them;
 - (ii) the names of transferrers and transferees of the aforesaid lands and the names of the relevant lands; and,

- (iii) out of the distributed lands, the lands that have not brought under Cultivation and their extents?
- (d) Will he take action to take over the lands that have not been brought under cultivation and are covered with jungle and keep them as reserves of distribute such lands among the landless, if they are barren lands?
- (e) If not, why?

1200/07

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number appointed as the Board of Directors (including the Working Director) of Sri Lanka Telecom?
- (b) Will he submit to this House their list of names and details?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether all these individuals are performing their duties with transparency and honourably; and,
 - (ii) if there are any persons who are not doing so, who they are?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, August 07, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0814/06

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 direct tax supposed to be collected;
 - (ii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
 - (iii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts;
 - (iv) the amounts of rewards paid to the relevant authorities; and,
 - (v) the number of tax files?
 - (vi) the amount of GST/VAT, excise duty, due as at 31st December, of each year;

- (vii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
- (viii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts?

for the last 10 years

- (b) if not, why?

1101/07

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) all bilateral agreements signed between Sri Lanka and the rest of the world from the 1st January 2006 to-date;
- (ii) whether those agreements were signed on government to government basis or as private institutions controlled by foreign grants with the Sri Lankan Government?
- (iii) the benefits received by the country to-date in accordance with those bilateral agreements?

- (b) If not, why?

1102/07

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 with regard to His Excellency the President's visit to China from end February to first week of March, 2007;

- (i) all the agreements signed between Sri Lanka and China;
- (ii) if not so, the agreements or letters of intent;
- (iii) the benefits received accordingly as of today;
- (iv) the direct benefits accrued from this visit;

- (b) Will he state in detail—

- (i) the number of members visited China in the Presidential Entourage; and;
- (ii) the entire cost of the trip and a detailed breakdown?

- (c) If not, why?

1123/07

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 the amount of goods transported by the government to the Northern Province by ships within the period of the year 2006 and 31st March 2007 and the types of goods so transported, on an annual basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) to which Shipping Company the ships that were used transport these goods, belonged;
 - (ii) the capacity of each ship and the amount of money paid to the Shipping Company for a single journey, separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid to each Shipping Company?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a proper purchasing procedure was followed when these goods and ships were procured for transportation?
- (d) If not, why?

1129/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) permission was granted to Aquinas Institution to start a University, at the 696th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 12th December 2004; and,
 - (ii) this has been further legalised through a Gazette notification in October 2005?
- (b) Is he aware that the 'Lankadeepa' newspaper on 23rd July 2006 carried a news item on page 16 that Aquinas Private University would be restarted?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps were taken to prevent this;
 - (ii) if so, what they are;
 - (iii) what actions were taken thereafter since it was mentioned again in the Lankadeepa newspaper on 15th October 2006 on page 19 that the Aquinas Institution will be started?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) the reply given to about 12,000 students of the Inter University Students' Federation when they launched a protest march on 30th November 2006 demanding that this be prevented;
- (ii) whether it was agreed to suspend the functioning of the Aquinas Institution before 31st December, at the meeting which the Inter University Students' Federation had with the then Minister concerned on 8th December?

(e) Will he admit that there were references in newspapers on 11th February again to the effect that students would be enrolled to the Aquinas Institution?

(f) Will he state in this House, the Legal actions taken in regard to the above instances?

(g) If not, why?

1130/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the courses in Universities are for sale;
- (ii) if so, what they are;
- (iii) whether the Agricultural Management Degree in the Wayamba University can be followed by paying a sum of money; and,
- (iv) whether the Information Technology Degree in the University of Moratuwa can be bought under the External Degree System (under the name Distant Education)?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he as the Minister incharge of the subject, agrees to the commencement of the above private courses;
- (ii) if so, the reason for it; and,
- (iii) if not, the steps taken to prevent it?

(c) If not, why?

1075/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) The house of Mr. R.M.P. Rajakaruna was completely destroyed by the landslide which occurred in the village called Dunukegolla in Wevakele, Kumbalgamuwa, Walapane, due to the torrential rains experienced on 12.01.2007 in Walapane polling division in Nuwara Eliya; and,

- (ii) Mr. Rajakaruna has been living in a camp for displaced persons with his wife and three children?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a plot of land will be provided and a compensation or some other support will be granted to him so that he can build a house?
- (c) If not, why?

1078/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Urban Development Authority has built a fence obstructing the road leading to the house where Mr. K. A. Sumanasiri resides at No.532/E Madiwela Rd, Thalawathugoda;
 - (ii) this property is a land which is 15 perches in extent as depicted in plan No.2988 made by Mr. M.W. Fernando, Surveyer, in respect of the land called Goda Owita which is a land settled in case No.11017/L of Colombo District Court in 1955 and that has an access road, 10 feet wide;
 - (iii) this Authority has attempted on a previous occasion also to build a fence obstructing the road and complaints against that were lodged with the Thalangama Police on 29.06.2006 under No.306/523 C1B1 and on 09.12.2006 under C.T.B. 138/133;
 - (iv) no investigation was made regarding this matter?
- (b) Will he accept that his day today activities have been severely interrupted due to this fence built by the Urban Development Authority, obstructing the access to his house at the above address which is being enjoyed by him uninterruptedly for 20 years?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to remove this fence after examining the approved plan of the area and by looking into the registered free hold titles and plans relating to this property?
- (d) If not, why?

1098/07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— 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) Cabinet approval has been given on 16.06.2004 to the cabinet recommendation No.04/0559/016/019 submitted on 03.06.2004 to promote Tax Officers in the Inland Revenue Service, to the Assessor Grade immediately;

- (ii) the number of Assessor, Grade II/II post was increased to 750 according to cabinet decision No.05/1063/016/068 dated 11.08.2005?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the relevant Minister has given an order on 09.02.2006 to promote all senior Tax officers who have completed a service of more than 10 years in the Inland Revenue Service, to the Assessors grade;
 - (ii) the Secretary to the Ministry has intimated in writing on 21.02.2006 to the Inland Revenue Commissioner that action is being taken by the relevant Ministry to approve the additional number of posts of Assessors, Grade II/II which is required additionally to promote Senior Tax Officers who have completed a 10 years of service, to Assessors Grade?
- (c) Will he take action to promote Senior Tax Officers, III/I who are serving in the Inland Revenue Department, to Assessor Grade II/II?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 08, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1131/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the multi-optional text books system is still in force;
 - (ii) it is a project implemented with the World Bank assistance?
- (b) Is he aware that there are printing mistakes in many text books this year including the subject of Buddhism?
- (c) If so, will he state the reasons for them in this House?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually for the printing of text books;
 - (ii) respectively, the amount of money allocated to the three parts of 3 years each under the 10 year paper;
 - (iii) as to how Rs. 1500 million would be sufficient for the printing of text books for the next three years;

- (iv) whether text books are printed at present by the private sector; and,
- (v) whether text books would be released to the market at a price of Rs. 160/= from the year 2008?
- (e) If not, why?

1132/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the of Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform in this House—
 - (i) the changes affected through circular No.2006/09 dated 27.03.2006; and,
 - (ii) whether the subject existed as commerce and Accounting for Ordinary Level students was changed as Entrepreneurship through that circular?
- (b) Will he state the arrangement that has been made to cover the section on Accounting which was left out when this change was made?
- (c) If not, why?

1158/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Imaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1159/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1160/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1133/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. A.A. Costa of No.50/1, Palugama, Dompe, served in the Department of Broadcasting, having joined as an ordinary labourer in 1967; and,

- (ii) having served successfully and obtained a promotion, too, she retired (A/PF1649/S5) as Office Work Assistant on 01.04.1996?
- (b) Will he admit that the other workers who worked with her and retired are receiving pensions under the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (Special Provisions) Act, No.08 of 1996?
- (c) Will he state in this House the names and designations of those who have served and retired from the Department of Broadcasting and are entitled to pensions?
- (d) Will he admit that measures have not been taken to give Mrs. A.A. Costa her pension?
- (e) If so, will he take the necessary steps to have her pension and arrears paid promptly?
- (f) If not, why?

1219/07

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state in this House whether he accepts the gazette notification extraordinary No.1493/3 of 14/11/2005 relating to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service minutes?
- (b) Is he aware that examinations are to be conducted by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs in order to enable public officers who are covered by that gazette notification, to fulfil the necessary requirements?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House the reasons for not conducting those examinations?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) as a result of that, there is a dearth of qualified public officers and that there are public officers who are willing to and capable of fulfilling the qualifications;
 - (ii) an injustice has been caused to the above mentioned officers as a result of granting service extensions to those who are over 60 years of age?
- (e) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of officers over 60 years of age who have been granted service extensions;
 - (ii) separately their names, posts and the relevant institutions?

- (f) Will he admit that—
 - (i) these officers who have been granted service extensions receive a salary in additions to the pension;
 - (ii) an officer receiving two salaries in this manner is a liability on the government?
- (g) Will he state as to what steps would be taken regarding officers who have been subjected to injustice in this manner?
- (h) If not, why?

1220/07

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa,— 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 reasons for the situation in which the building that housed the security force checkpoint at the Malambe-Kaduwela Road was handed over to run a trade stall with the security force personnel being compelled to conduct security activities in a shed made out of corrugated roofing sheets?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the legal or illegal manner in which it has taken place?
- (c) Will he take speedy action to return it so that the security force personnel will be able to utilize that place again?
- (d) If not, why?

1205/07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that shelters for bus passengers were constructed by the Southern Provincial Council at the beginning of this year, in Devinuwara and Dikwella Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Matara District, with the aid from the Government of Papua New Guinea?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of shelters for bus passengers constructed and the length and width of a shelter;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on the construction of a single shelter for bus passengers;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the institutions or persons who carried out the construction work; and,

- (iv) on what basis the construction work was entrusted to the said institutions or parties?
- (c) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) by which party the relevant estimate for this was prepared;
 - (ii) the amount of dividends set aside for the party that carried out the constructions work;
 - (iii) whether financial irregularities have been committed in the said constructions; and,
 - (iv) if so, what measures will be taken against that matter?
- (d) If not, why?

1110/07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years—
 - (i) the revenue and the cost of the Foreign Employment Bureau separately;
 - (ii) the above revenue from Korean Employment activities?
- (b) Will he state for the last 05 years—
 - (i) the number of persons who had gone for overseas employments and the ten most popular destination countries separately; and,
 - (ii) the insurance premium revenue income received by the Foreign Employment Bureau from the persons going overseas;
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether there is a law that a parent who has children less than 05 years cannot leave the country for employments; and,
 - (ii) if so, whether any compensation have been paid to them who cannot go abroad?
- (d) If not, why?

1105/07

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Bandula Karavita, Chairman of the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha, has been operating a tourism business with the Dehena Falls which is a picturesque natural resource in Ratnapura District, as its centre of attraction?

- (b) Will he admit that the Director of Natural Environmental Tourism and Trade of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council provided a sum of Rs. 425,195/= to the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha for this project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on what basis and with whose approval the said sum has been provided to the Pradeshiya Sabha; and,
 - (ii) whether a project plan has been submitted for this project?
- (d) Will he submit the said project report to this House?
- (e) Will he inform this House whether the said Pradeshiya Sabha has obtained the legal approval as per Section 10 (a) (iv), Part II of the National Environment Act, No.47 of 1980 for carrying out construction work near this waterfall, which is a Government Property?
- (f) If so, will he admit the documents whereby such approval has been granted?
- (g) Will he admit that the project associated with the Dehena Falls is not an official affair of the Pradeshiya Sabha, but a private business of Mr. Bandula Karavita, Chairman which was carried out by him misleading the Pradeshiya Sabha to obtain money at using his position and using his official powers?
- (h) If not, why?

Thursday, August 09, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1161/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Bope Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1162/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1163/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1107/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that an injustice has been caused to all officers of the National Housing Authority in that they have been demoted in the process of the implementation of salary revisions in accordance with the Management Services Circular No.30 resulting in a salary anomaly?
- (b) Will she admit the fact that although the salary of Technical Officers of the National Housing Authority is required to be placed 33 1/3% higher than that of the Public Service Technical Service Officers, they do not receive even the government salary applicable to their post?
- (c) Will she state whether she would take prompt action to place these Technical Officers on their due salary scales when the recruitment procedure is revised, with the implementation of the salary scale in accordance with the aforesaid circular No.30?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, August 10, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1164/'07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1165/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Welivitiya Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1166/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
 - (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
 - (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
 - (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
 - (e) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.03/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (6th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—”That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers”.

P.04/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.14/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.15/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.16/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.18/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.19/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.27/'05

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.28/'06

Hon.V. Puththrasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/'06

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced inParliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings ,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought in to regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.39/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1167/'07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?

- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1168/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1169/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Bentota Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1170/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1171/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1172/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

Thursday, August 23, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1173/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1174/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
- (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
- (e) If not, why?

1175/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— 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 number of Samurdhi beneficiaries that have been selected from the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle District as per the criteria adopted in identifying the new Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2007?
 - (b) Will he state the difference between the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who had been receiving Samurdhi benefits as of December 2006 and the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the year 2007?
 - (c) Will he state separately the total amount that had been allocated by December 2006 and the total amount allocated for the year 2007 for the Samurdhi beneficiaries of this Divisional Secretariat Division?
 - (d) Accordingly, if there is a decrease in the amounts allocated for Samurdhi beneficiaries, will he admit that it amounts to a pruning of Samurdhi benefits?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Friday, August 24, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0870/07

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 Cabinet Ministers in the present Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the specified number of persons that can be recruited as members of the personal staff and as advisors to a Cabinet Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

0874/07

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 Deputy Ministers in the present Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the specified number of persons that can be recruited as member of the personal staff and as advisors to a Deputy Minister?
- (c) Will he state whether salaries or allowances are paid separately to the members of the present staffs and advisors so recruited?
- (d) If not, why?

0919/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries 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?

1141/07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that employees named I.M. Chandrasiri Hemakumara; W.G. Janaka Chandrakumara; Madushika Hewawitharana; Chandima Jayamali Adhikari; Chandima Seneviratne; Nadeera Rajapaksha and E.D. Abeysinghe who were serving at the Mahaweli Livestock and Agro Business (Private) Limited had been interdicted by its Chairman for a period of more than three months without notifying any charge?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the Chariman of the said Company has a special power to interdict employees in this manner without a charge sheet being served;
 - (ii) the Chairman or the General Manager or an authorized representative of that Company participated in the case filed by the interdicted employees in the Labour Tribunal?
- (c) Will he admit that it is a grave injustice to keep these employees under further interdiction without charge sheets being served?
- (d) Will he state as to what action he would take to reinstate the above employees?
- (e) If not, why?

1196/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this house the extent, the names of owners and the dates of acquisition of lands taken over by the Urban Development Authority for the Sacred Area City Development Plan of the Dambulla town and for all other development activities?

- (b) Will he submit to this House, the copies of the relevant gazette notifications?
- (c) Will he state in detail—
 - (i) the present status and the purposes for acquisition of the lands so acquired;
 - (ii) whether the lands had been utilized for any other purposes other than those for which they were acquired;
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of owners and the extents of land, which had been released to the owners again out of the lands so acquired;
 - (ii) the reason for such release?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether compensation had been paid for the lands acquired;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the amount paid as compensation and the extent of such lands;
 - (iii) the names of those without compensation at present;
 - (iv) if compensation is to be paid to them, on which basis it will be done;
 - (v) when it would be?
- (f) If not, why?

1155/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the names of schools that have been designated as “Isuru Schools” in the Galle District in 2007”;
 - (ii) the requirements that have to be fulfilled, for a school to be named as an “Isuru” school;
 - (iii) if some schools that have not fulfilled the requirements have also been included in the above list, which they are?
- (b) Will he state what impediment is there to name G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, where there are approximately 1700 students studying, as an Isuru school?

- (c) Will he admit the fact that G/Udugama Maha Vidyalaya was not included in any school development project in the recent times?
- (d) Will he take action to include the above mentioned Udugama Maha Vidyalaya, which is a developing school in the area, in the “Isuru” school project for 2007?
- (e) If not, why?

1156/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and National Resources,—

- (a) Will he submit in this House separately, the number of permits issued for sand mining in the Nagoda, Neluwa, Thawalama and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle District?
 - (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the names of those licence holders, their addresses and the date of issue of the licences;
 - (ii) under which provisions of the Environment Act such licences are issued;
 - (iii) which establishment has recommended the licences so issued?
 - (c) Will he state the procedure followed in issuing licences for the transportation of sand?
 - (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) issuing of licences by licence issuing centres without a receipt containing the particulars such as the date, time and quantity is illegal;
 - (ii) a serious environmental impact has been caused on the Ginganga due to permits issued for mining and transport of sand, on various grounds?
 - (e) if so, will he state whether he would take prompt action to issue licences, changing this situation by adhering to the relevant criteria in order to protect the Ginganga?
 - (f) If not, why?
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