



**ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3
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Tuesday, September 18, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1234/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Walldaisin Villas housing complex in Pepiliyana is in the Boralesgamuwa Postal Service area; and
 - (ii) however, the distribution of letters is done by the postal workers who belong to the Nugegoda Postal Service area?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for the distribution of letters in an area which does not come under the relevant postal service area on the payment of over-time?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to rectify this?
- (d) If not, why?

1236/07

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 150 vehicles have been sold through the tenders called in March 2006 by Mahaweli Livestock and Agro Enterprises?
- (b) Will he inform this House, the registration numbers, makes, selling prices, conditions and the names and addresses of the buyers of the aforesaid vehicles?

- (c) Will he state the reason for the relevant officers of the Mahaweli Authority to refuse the issue of the legal documents pertaining to those vehicles to the persons who have purchased the aforesaid vehicles?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether, necessary action will be taken to give the legal documents pertaining to those vehicles to the persons who have purchased them; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1291/07

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampola,—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) at the level of Grama Niladhari Division, the proposals have been selected for the development plan proposed for years 2006 and 2007 under the “Gama Neguma” development programme in each Divisional Secretariat division in Kegalle District; and
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money allocated for each proposal?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the proposals that have been completed by now;
 - (ii) the proposals that have not been implemented; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-implementation of the aforesaid proposals?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 21, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1292/07

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampola,— 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 number of licences issued for beer and liquor shops from the year 2005 to May 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the year in which the aforesaid licences, were issued, the relevant District, Divisional Secretariat division, the full name, the address and the occupation of the licence holder, and if the licence has been issued to a society or a club, the name and address of that society or club?
- (c) If not, why?

1293/07

Hon. Y.M. Navarathne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) whether any goods/items received as Tsunami relief were stored in Districts that were not affected by Tsunami;
 - (ii) if so, what those Districts are;
 - (iii) the addresses of such places where aforesaid goods/items were stored;
 - (iv) the reason for storing the aforesaid goods/items in the above mentioned districts; and
 - (v) the name of person who gave permission to do so?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the person who gave the order to store “Tsunami relief” at Vocational Training Centre at the Kundasale Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the name of the person who received aforesaid relief;
 - (iii) the goods that were there;

- (iv) whether, the remaining stock of goods is equal to the stock of goods that was given; and
- (v) if that relief has been dispatched from the aforesaid store the names of persons who dispatched relief and the name of the persons who received it?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action that he will follow if any fraud has taken place?
- (d) If not, why?

1294/07

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sub-Post Offices in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether all of the Sub-Post Masters who serve at the aforesaid Sub-Post Offices have been confirmed in service;
 - (iii) the number of Sub-Post Masters who are working on acting basis; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not confirming them in service up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the persons who have been appointed as acting Sub-Post Masters have fulfilled the required educational qualifications; and
 - (ii) whether action be taken to absorb all of them into the permanent service?
- (c) If not, why?

1207/07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the monthly salaries of the General Manager and the Deputy General Manager of the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) the monthly allowances entitled to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names and designations of officers of the Ceylon Electricity Board who are entitled to official quarters in Colombo District;

- (ii) the names and the designations of officers who are in quarters in respect of which the rent is paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and,
 - (iii) separately, the monthly rent paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board for each of such official quarters?
- (c) If not, why?

1213/07

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— 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 number of ‘Gama Neguma’ projects approved in the Kandy District for 2006?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of projects implemented out of them, at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the amount of money apportioned for each project; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent in implementing the said projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are projects which were approved in 2006 but not implemented;
 - (ii) if so, what they are; and,
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-implementation of those projects?
- (d) Will he state, separately in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for projects that were not implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

1023/07

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 Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would 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 would 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 could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

Tuesday, October 09, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1195/07

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

- (a) Is he aware that Regional Development Banks of Ruhuna, North-West, Up country, Sabaragamuwa and Uva have signed a collective agreement with the Bank of Ceylon Employees Union for a period of three years from 01.01.2006 to 31.12.2008?
- (b) Will he submit a copy of the said agreement this House?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there are any obstacles to legalize the above said agreement?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Labour Commissioner has rejected to publish the said collective agreement as the gazette saying that the conditions related to the volunteer service as per that agreement are illegal;

- (ii) the General Managers of the Development Banks have taken action to cut the allowances entitled to the workers even when the Commissioner of Labour has pointed out that conditions relating to the volunteer service are illegal?
- (e) Will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken to restore the rights of the workers who have been denied such rights and of the steps that would be taken against the General Managers who act illegally on this manner?
- (f) If not, why?

1024/07

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 Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division, under indentified 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would 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 would 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 could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1025/'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 Okewela 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he state this House the manner in which the allocations would 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 would 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 could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1026/'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 Walasmulla 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would 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 would 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 could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) 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 numbers 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 Mr. S.B. Dissanayake who is spending the latter part of his life now?
- (d) if not, why?

0840/06

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Clerical Service that existed in hospitals, Health Institutions and in the Health Ministry has been declared a separate Closed Service called the Health Clerical Service, through the Gazette Extraordinary No.177/11 dated 28.01.1982; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid Health Clerical Service was subsequently declared as the Health Management Assistance Service with Cabinet approval through the Gazette notification No.1355/15, dated 25.08.2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether he would take action to absorb this Closed Service into the Public Management Assistance Service which has a minute different to that of the former, without consulting any segment of employees or a trade union?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that it would lead to frequent strikes in the health service, if action is taken without consulting the relevant parties in view of the repeated requests by the trade unions concerned?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he would take action to provide them an opportunity to discuss matters at a time when they face a crucial phase in their employment; and
 - (ii) he would take action to suspend the absorption of the Health Management Assistance Service into the Public Management Service until an agreement is reached?
- (e) If not, why?

1155/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— 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; and
 - (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 in 2007?
- (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 Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural 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; and
 - (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; and
 - (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?

1157/07

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there were electricity extensions proposed under the Asian Development Banks' Rural Electrification 6 project in the Galle District?
- (b) If so, will he state in this House the names of the said proposals and the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division along with the names of the Member of Parliament or proposer concerned?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the estimated plan which was surveyed and prepared under the direction of the Member of Parliament and the proposer has been amended without the approval of the Member of Parliament concerned; and
 - (ii) if so, what those proposals are?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the proposals in respect of which work has been completed by now;
 - (ii) whether the proposer, Member of Parliament who proposed the projects had been given an opportunity when the completed projects were handed over to the public ownership;
 - (iii) if not so, the reason for not giving him such opportunity; and
 - (iv) whether the opportunity of handing over the completed electricity projects to the public ownership will be given only to the proposer, Member of Parliament who proposed the projects?
- (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (v) when it would be?
- (f) If not, why?

1217/07

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Dr. Imitiyaz Lathif who has served on casual basis in the Government Homeopathy Hospital, Welisara and has been dismissed at present, has imported large quantities of Chlorine mixed globulus (globes) in an unauthorized manner;
 - (ii) a large amount of the drug Lactose too has been imported in excess of the required amount and the consignment of that drug is stored at Welisara hospital although its date of expiry is very near; and
 - (iii) there is a shortage of this drug in the Kurunegala, Matale and Dehiwala Free Homeopathy Dispensaries?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) according to the recent investigation report (C.S.R.), it has been found that the globulus (globes) contains Chlorine and therefore this drug would not cure the patients concerned; and

- (ii) this doctor has caused damage to the property of the Homeopathy Medical Council and also committed a number of financial misappropriations?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to appoint a commission to investigate the above mentioned irregularities and corruption?
- (d) If not, why?

1218/07

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the students of Raddolugama Pannananda National School are severely affected due to a teacher of that school, Mrs. Wasantha Nandani, suffering from a mental disease; and
 - (ii) she scolds and threatens the students within the school premises using abusive language?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) she has come to this school on transfer recently, after serving as a housemaid in America for 5 years on approved leave; and
 - (ii) so far, no steps have been taken regarding any of the complaints made to the principal against this teacher's improper conduct?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to initiate suitable legal action regarding this teacher and the principal?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1027/07

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 Katuwana 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would 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 would 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 could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
 - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1028/07

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 Weeraketiya 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 would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would 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 would 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 could be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
- (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects; and,
- (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?

(d) if not, why?

0871/'07

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken by the Ceylon Hotels Corporation in collaboration with a company called “Hoke Lanka” to construct a hotel on the bank of Nuwarawewa;
- (ii) the amount of shares owned by the Ceylon Hotels Corporation in it;
- (iii) in which year;
- (iv) the extent of land acquired for this purpose; and,
- (v) the basis on which the land was acquired?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the Ceylon Hotels Corporation for the Construction of this hotel which has been abandoned midway;
- (ii) the amount of money spent by the company concerned?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction of this hotel has recently been entrusted to any institution or an individual;
- (ii) if so, on what day and on what basis

(d) Is he aware that, if it has not been so entrusted, this land is being illegally occupied by a certain group?

- (e) Will he state in this House whether action would be taken to utilize this land for a more fruitful purpose?
- (f) If not, why?

0932/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Co-operatives (non Cabinet) and Consumer Affairs (non Cabinet) 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?

0933/07

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Disaster Relief Services (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?

1233/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— 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) whether steps have been taken to distribute among some people, the land, adjacent to the Cemetery in Sandunpura Pedesa, Mattegoda Watta, which belongs to the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (ii) if not, whether plans have been made to distribute it?
- (b) Will he state the basis on which the said land is scheduled to be distributed?
- (c) If not, why?

1257/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an area has been set aside in the Wewala Karadiyana area belonging to the Kesbewa Urban Council for a garbage management project;

- (ii) garbage is discarded in this area without a proper standard being followed;
 - (iii) this has led to an environment damage in the area; and
 - (iv) a garbage management project has still not been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether money has been allocated for the said project; and
 - (ii) If so, the amount of money?
- (c) if not, why?

1259/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. P. Bandularatne joined Lanka Airlines as a casual employee on 04.01.1963;
 - (ii) he was made permanent with effect from 30.10.1967; and
 - (iii) he was dismissed on political grounds on 31.12.1979?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) several requests have been made to grant the gratuity arrears entitled to Mr. Bandularatne;
 - (ii) none of the past governments has paid the said money;
 - (iii) approval was not granted to the Cabinet paper presented on 04.11.2004 for the payment of compensation to 374 employees so dismissed; and
 - (iv) yet, justice should be done to these employees?
- (c) Will he state as to what steps should be taken to grant relief to this group including Mr. Bandularatne?
- (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 11, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0946/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Urban Development (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained; and
 - (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?

1224/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the lands in the Shasthrawelliya Village in the Ipalogama and Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Anuradhapura District which had been reserved for the Forest Conservation Department and were used by the farmers in the area for cultivation, have been given to any person or any institution; and

- (ii) of the basis on which this land, which was a catchment area of a number of tanks in the area and was inhabited by wild animals including elephants, was given away?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of land which has been given to a person or an institution for cultivation purposes in this area; and
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which it was given and the period for which it was given?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these lands have been obtained in an irregular manner; and
 - (ii) if so, the actions intended to be taken against it?
- (d) If not, why?

1225/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to modernise the Thambuttegama, Rajangana, Puttlam junction road in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) if arrangements have been made to modernise this road, when the work on it commenced; and
 - (iii) if work was commenced, by whom?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the length and the estimated cost of the road which is under repair;
 - (ii) the extent repaired so far;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been paid to an individual or an institution for the extent so repaired; and
 - (iv) at the time when repair work was entrusted to the contractor, the agreed dates of commencement and completion of the work?

- (c) Is he aware that the repair work on this road has been abandoned half way?
- (d) Will he state whether he will take action to repair this road speedily since a large number of vehicles ply daily on this road?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, October 12, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0943/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Petroleum Resources (non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained; and
 - (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

1136/07

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) whether the feasibility study on the construction of Moragahakanda reservoir has been completed;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the construction work will be started and the date on which the construction work will be terminated;
 - (iii) the maximum capacity of the Moragahakanda reservoir; and
 - (iv) the capacity of water that is expected to be received in the reservoir in each year?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the amount of water that is released for agricultural purposes from this reservoir and the names of the Districts which receive water from it;
 - (ii) whether water will be provided to the farmers who engage in cultivation activities in Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee, Puttlam and Kurunegala Districts; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of water provided to each District and the names of the reservoirs and canals through which the aforesaid amount of water is provided to each of the aforesaid Districts?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether water will be provided to the farmers in Anuradhapura, Padaviya Sripura area; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the area and the number of acres in that area for which water is provided as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1221/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of cases that have been filed in the Anuradhapura Magistrate Court in the year 2006; and
 - (ii) the number of cases that have been filed upto 30th March 2007?

- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) a large number of cases are filed in this Magistrate Court per month since a large number of people live in the jurisdiction of the Anuradhapura Magistrate Court and it has to cover a wide area; and
 - (ii) the court-house gets crowded due to the increasing number of people who come to this Magistrate Court daily for litigation?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to lessen this congestion considering the difficulties faced in litigation due to the congestion in the court-house?
- (d) If not, why?

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 (06th 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 in Parliament 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.

P.48/'07

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, – Establishment of a Common Fund for Buddhist Religious Affairs, –That, since the lack of involvements in Buddhist religious affairs in Sri Lanka most of the Buddhist shrines are maintained with the support of patrons and donors and since this is a deplorable situation when compared to the donations received from various sources for other religions and since the restrictions have been imposed on providing money from the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, that this Parliament resolves that a Common Fund be established for the conservation, development and maintenance of the Buddhist shrines which are rendering a invaluable service to the Buddha Sasana even at this poor condition.

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1222/'07

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of blocks of commercial lands that have been given to the people in Thambuttegama and Galnewa towns in the Mahaweli “H” zone;

- (ii) if commercial lands have been given as mentioned above, the year in which it was done and the basis on which they were given; and
 - (iii) out of the blocks of lands given in the aforesaid manner, the number of blocks of lands that have been given deeds under Jaya Bhoomi, Swarna Bhoomi or any other basis?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
- (i) the names and the addresses of the persons who have been given deeds as mentioned above;
 - (ii) the number of people who are to be given deeds for the aforesaid lands in these two towns; and
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the persons who are to be given deeds as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the course of action that will be followed to provide deeds for these commercial lands; and
 - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to provide the deeds immediately to the businessmen who have faced difficulties without being able to develop their business?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0792/06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western Province in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0795/'06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0800/'06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, November 09, 2007

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0796/06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Uva Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,

- (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0797/'06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Sabaragamuwa Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0798/06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Western Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0799/06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Southern Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?

- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

Monday, November 26, 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 an 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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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The Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,— Select Committee of Parliament to continue and complete the task of the former Select Committee to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission, established under the Act, No.21 of 1996,—

“Whereas a Select Committee of Parliament was appointed on 10th April 2002 to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission, established under the Act, No.21 of 1996; to assess the effectiveness of the provisions of the Constitution relating to pre-enactment review of laws and the exercise of the constitutional jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Chapter XVI of the Constitution to consider alternative methods of ensuring compliance with the provision of Constitution to consider widening the scope of said review and to propose amendments to the Constitution all necessary stages,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament presented an interim report dated 10th December 2002 outlining the work it had engaged in up to that point and setting out its future program of action,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament was unable to fulfill the said twin mandate due to the dissolution of Parliament in April 2004,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to continue and complete the work of the previous Select Committee, and as such, to carry out the following terms of reference;

- (a) to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under Act, No. 21 of 1996, and to propose ways and means of improving its effectiveness, reduce instances of duplication of work, and recommend amendments to the said law, with the objective of strengthening the role and mandate of the institution to protect and promote human rights; and
- (b) to assess the effectiveness of the provisions of the constitution relating to pre-enactment review of laws and the exercise of the constitutional jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Chapter XVI of the Constitution; to consider alternative methods of ensuring compliance with the constitutional provisions, to consider widening the scope of such review and, where necessary, propose amendments to the Constitution.

It is further resolved that:

2. (a) 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) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee on considering all such matters should submit its report to Parliament within six (6) months of the setting up of the Committee or such latter date as Parliament may in its discretion appoint”.

* *Indicates Government Business*
