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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1605/'07

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any retired persons who have not yet received their pension gratuity eventhough they have retired from Public Service as a result of reaching sixty years of age; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of retired persons who have not received their pension gratuity up to now;
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant the pension gratuity to the aforesaid retired persons immediately; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant the officers who retire from Public Service hereafter, with their pension gratuity at the time of going on retirement itself?
- (d) Is he aware that steps were taken with regard to the rectification of the pension anomalies of the Public Servants who went on retirement before 01.01.1997?
- (e) Will he take necessary steps for the immediate rectification of the aforesaid anomalies pertaining to the retired persons whose pension anomalies have not yet been rectified?
- (f) If not, why?

1678/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that 3 vehicles of PRADO make bearing the registration numbers 65-1986, 65-1988 and 65-1990 which belonged to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon are missing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any complaints have been made to the Police regarding these vehicles;
 - (ii) the action that has been taken to get the vehicles bearing the aforesaid registration numbers back to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon; and
 - (iii) if these vehicles are used by any outside persons, whether legal action has been taken against them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the names and designations of the persons who have been assigned with these three vehicles officially; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid persons have informed the relevant transport section of this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

1679/'07

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the depot managers, assistant managers, and mobile managers who were employed in the SLTB depots in Gampaha, Welisara, Divulapitiya, Ja-Ela, Kadawatha, Kirindiwela and Negomobo in the Gampaha District have been employed in services that are lower than their regular services; and
 - (ii) if they have been employed in such services, their names and the designations they held, and their present designations?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately the reasons for employing the aforesaid employees in grades lower than their regular services?
- (c) Will he admit that Sri Lanka Transport Board has caused an injustice to aforesaid employees by employing them in that manner?

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- (d) If so, will he take action to rectify it immediately and reinstate them in their regular services?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.287),— Second Reading.

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Finance (Amendment) Bill (No.288),— Second Reading

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Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

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Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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Butchers (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.

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Environment Conservation Levy Bill,—Second Reading.

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Strategic Development Projects Bill,— Second Reading.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by His Excellency the President under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No.12 of 2006, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/13 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act,— That the Order made by His Excellency the President under Section 31 of the Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act, No.15 of 1995 relating to Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Cess Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/15 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002 as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No.48 of 2006, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/18 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 58(4)G and Section 66A of the Finance Act, No.11 of 1963, relating to transfer of Property Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/16 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Debit Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 13 of the Debit Tax Act, No.16 of 2002, relating to Debit Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/17 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002 as incorporated by Amendment Act, No.6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1530/14 of 01st January, 2008, which was presented on 06.02.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Notification under the Consular Functions Act,— That the notification made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 8 of the Consular Functions Act, No.4 of 1981 regarding the fees levied for consular services and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1501/10 of 11th June, 2007, which was presented on 05.02.2008, be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1243/'07

Hon. Jinadasa Kithulegoda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the names, permanent addresses, the distances to the school from permanent addresses, the periods of residence in the aforesaid addresses, names of the parents and the basis of admission to school (e.g. on the basis of chief occupant, Past Pupils etc.) of the children who have been admitted to the Grade one classes in all the national schools in Matara town in 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the information regarding the children who have been admitted to schools, contravening the provisions of the relevant circular?
- (c) Is he aware that children have been admitted to schools violating the provisions of the Ministerial circular pertaining to the admission of children to Grade one class?
- (d) Will he submit separately—
 - (i) according to the aforesaid classification, the names of the children so admitted violating the provisions of the circular;
 - (ii) the reasons for the admission of children by violating the provisions of the circular as mentioned above;
 - (iii) the disciplinary action taken or the investigations conducted against the officers who are connected to it;
 - (iv) if disciplinary action has not been taken as mentioned above will action regarding this matter be taken in the future; and
 - (v) the period within which such action be taken?
- (e) If not, why?

Thursday, February 21, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1680/'07

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the employees who served in the SLTB depots in Welisara, Divulapitiya, Gampaha and Kelaniya in the Gampaha district have been transferred to other depots; and

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- (ii) the names of the employees who have been transferred as mentioned above and their present places of work?
- (b) Will he state separately, the reasons for transferring the aforesaid workers?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel these transfers and attach them again to the same depots in which they served earlier since these workers face various difficulties due to their transfers?
- (d) If not, why?

1737/'07

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that 36 trainees are serving in the Urban Development Authority under the computer training scheme?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) these trainees have the maximum qualifications required for the relevant training;
 - (ii) the trainees have undergone training continuously for a period exceeding two years as their service has been extended every 03 months during the period of training; and
 - (iii) there are trainees who have received training for more than 05 years among them?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) As vacancies exist in the permanent cadre of the Urban Development Authorities, will he take action to appoint these trainees who have undergone training continuously for several years to the aforesaid vacancies on the permanent basis?
 - (ii) If so, the date from which they will be appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

1226/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that a function has been held under the name of “Livestock Awards Ceremony”?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the venue of that ceremony and the amount of money spent on that venue;

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- (ii) the amount of money allocated for the expenses related to the Publicity of that ceremony and the amount of money spent for that purpose;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on the posters and the expenditure incurred on each medium; if advertisements have been published through electronic media or in newspapers;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money spent on each strategy, if any other strategies have been used for publicity; and
 - (v) the total expenditure incurred on the ceremony including the cost of publicity?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether money of the Ministry was spent on the aforesaid ceremony;
 - (ii) if so, the expenditure head under which the above mentioned expenditure was done;
 - (iii) whether money was obtained from the departments, boards, corporations etc. that come under the relevant Ministry; and
 - (iv) separately, the amounts of money so obtained, if money has been obtained as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, March 04, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1330/07

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 acres of paddy lands that have been partially or completely destroyed due to the non-availability of water as a result of the closure of Mavil Aru sluice gate by the Tiger terrorists; and
 - (ii) the amount of compensation paid for the destruction of the aforesaid paddy fields, the expenditure head under which the aforesaid payment was made and the fund from which it was done?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the criterion followed for the selection of recipients for the aforesaid payment of compensation; and
 - (ii) the names, addresses, the amounts of compensation and the dates of payment of the farmers who have received compensation and the names and addresses of the farmers who have been selected for the payment of compensation?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether irregularities have taken place in the aforesaid payment of compensation; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been obtained in a fraudulent manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1603/'07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. J.B. Bandaramenika, a Grade II Officer of the Public Management Assistant Service, is presently attached to the office of the Samurdhi Commissioner General's Department in the Galgamuwa Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (ii) the Samurdhi Commissioner General in his letter, bearing no: ෦03/ku-28 and dated 12.04.2007, has intimated to her that her service will be suspended until the approval of the Director of Combined Services is received in terms of Public Administration Circular 30/96, in order to extend her service beyond 55 years?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the approval of the Director of Combined Services is not required to extend the services of officers in the Public Management service beyond the age of 55 years whereas the aforesaid approval is required to extend the service beyond the age of 57 years?
- (c) Will he, therefore take steps to make necessary arrangements to allow Mrs. Bandaramenika to serve in her post further since the approval of the Director of Combined Services is not required until she is 57 years old?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 05, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1599/'07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 400 employees who formerly served at the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) and lost their jobs after serving at Wesco Company Limited at Werahera, have been reappointed to work places of Sri Lanka Transport Board itself?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) these employees who were recruited on casual basis on 06.08.2004 have not been made permanent; and
 - (ii) they have not been allocated the Employees Provident Fund numbers even though deductions are being made from their salaries for the Employees Provident Fund Account?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he consider the amount paid to them as compensation for the service that was deprived to them when they had formerly served at the SLTB, as a reasonable compensation?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken regarding the injustice caused to the relevant employees, if that amount is not sufficient?
- (e) If not, why?

1627/'07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a land, which is more than 75 acres in extent and belongs to the Catholic Church, at Dampe, in Piliyandala;
 - (ii) there was an attempt for many years to divide this land into small blocks; and
 - (iii) the authorities had to stop it due to the protest launched by the people of the area?

(b) Will he accept that—

- (i) an attempt was made to make use of this land for a housing scheme by obtaining approval in the form of a Board of Investment project; and
- (ii) a discussion headed by His Excellency the President has been held also with the participation of the chairman of the Coconut Development Authority;
- (iii) at that meeting, requests have been received from the people of the area that the coconut land must be protected; and
- (iv) His Excellency the President has directed that the aforesaid land must be taken over by the Urban Development Authority?

(c) Is he aware that—

- (i) a request was made by me at the consultative committee of the relevant Ministry that this land must be taken over by the Coconut Development Authority;
 - (ii) it was pointed out in that committee that an attempt is being made by the owners to make it a bare land by felling the coconut trees; and
 - (iii) a request was made to take steps in order to prevent the aforesaid situation?
- (d) Will he inform this House, of the steps taken with regard to the aforesaid request?
- (e) If not, why?

1659/'07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that in the year 1984, the land called Uvahanawatta in Siyambalagoda was distributed under the programme named “Distribution of Lands in Rural Areas for building houses through Self-Reliance”, which was implemented by the National Housing Development Authority?
- (b) Will she admit that—
- (i) all the basic facilities necessary for the aforesaid housing programme were procured by the recipients of the allotments themselves;

- (ii) although the settlers under the aforesaid programme have been making requests to obtain the relevant title deeds for the lands for the past 23 years, the National Housing Development Authority has not taken action to give the above-mentioned title deeds to them; and
- (iii) the reason for not giving title deeds is that, none of the recipients of lands have offered to pay the value cited by the Government Valuer?
- (c) Taking into account the living standard of them, will she inform this House of the relief that could be granted to these settlers, who have spent what they had for building houses?
- (d) If not, why?

1448/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of times the ships belonging to the Liverpool Navigation Private Limited have transported goods to the North in the year 2006 and up to 30th April 2007 in respect of their departure and destination respectively;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid shipping company is a registered shipping company in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the names of its proprietor, the chairman, and the members of the board of Directors of the Company;
 - (iv) separately, the names of the ships which were used to transport goods to the North by the company as mentioned above; and
 - (v) separately, the amount of goods transported by the aforesaid ships, in relation to each type of good and the ship that transported them during the aforesaid years?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the names, designations and Permanent addresses of the crews of the ships which transported the goods along with the name of the ship in which they served and the period of service in the relevant ship?
- (c) If not, why?

1522/'07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Plan Implementation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Divisional Coordinating Committee has met during this year; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which the said committee has met?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the Dickwelle Divisional Coordinating Committee held a meeting on 21.08.2007, which was a day on which Parliament had its sittings; and
 - (ii) the decisions which were made at the aforesaid meeting?
- (c) Will he state whether the Chairman of the Committee is making arrangements to grant a portion of the plot of a state-owned land on which the Kottegoda Post office is located, to an acquaintance of his, without allowing it to be used for constructing a library?
- (d) If not, why?

1509/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. D.B.J.P. Atukorala of Gonawala, Thalhena joined the Police service as a Sub Inspector on 26.12.1990 and he has been dismissed over a telephone message on 19.11.1991?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if Mr. Athukorala has been found guilty of each of the offences against him, the names of the courts that have convicted him;
 - (ii) the dates on which such convictions were made; and
 - (iii) the numbers, dates of receipt and the name of the officer who conducted the investigations if there were complaints against him in the Police?

- (c) Will he admit the fact that he has been dismissed on false charges with no complaint against him in a court or a police station?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons as to why an opportunity was not granted to him for making submissions or to be present before a disciplinary inquiry prior to the dismissal;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to reinstate him in service subsequent to a disciplinary inquiry;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which he will be reinstated and the manner in which it will be done?
- (e) Will he state the officers who are responsible for the aforesaid dismissal made on false charges?
- (f) If not, why?

1533/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) was started; and
 - (ii) the legal basis on which it was done?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of employees in the aforesaid institution including its chairman and Chief Executive Officers; and
 - (ii) the designation, educational qualifications, salary and allowances, and the basis of recruitment in respect of each of the aforesaid employees?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned for the use of officers by the aforesaid institution;
 - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid vehicles have been allocated to the relevant chief officers, together with the make and the registration number of each such vehicle; and

- (iii) separately, the basis on which each of the aforesaid vehicles were obtained and the amount of money spent on each of them, if the aforesaid vehicles have been obtained on rent, contract or in any other manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1534/'07

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money which was allocated to the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) in the years 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) whether these monies were allocated only from the Treasury; and
 - (iii) if monies were obtained from any other institution the name of the institution from which the monies were obtained?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names and designations of the officers who granted permission to allocate the public funds to the aforesaid Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA);
 - (ii) if the powers have been delegated to the Treasury or to any other government institution to issue public funds to the aforesaid institution, the name of the person who is responsible for delegating the powers in that manner?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the documents pertaining to the delegation of above mentioned legal power?
- (d) If not, why?

1699/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether his attention has been paid to the newspaper article published in the Ravaya newspaper of 23.09.2007 under title “පොලිස් සැරයන් උසස්වීම්වලදී බලවත් අසාධාරණයක්”, which means “A Grave Injustice in Police Sergeant Promotions”?
- (b) Will he state the reason as to why a marks system was introduced by abolishing the hitherto followed system of considering 16 years of service when a police constable is promoted as a sergeant?

- (c) Will he admit that an injustice is caused to officers who do not engage in duties in the Presidential Security Division or at Elections when promotion are granted under the new marks system, as they do not get marks for that service even though the officers who fall short of 16 years of service by one or two months would definitely get their promotions at the next occasion of granting promotions, under the old system?
 - (d) Will he take the necessary steps to rectify the serious anomalies in the aforesaid promotional procedure?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Friday, March 07, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1724/07

Hon. Laskman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.G. Chandradasa who resides at No.107/A2, Weera Uditha Mawatha, Hedigama, Piliyandala at present, was a resident in Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara;
 - (ii) his house was destroyed due to floods and landslides in the year 2003;
 - (iii) a sum of Rs. 15,000/- was provided by the Divisional Secretary of Pasgoda for the aforesaid damage; and
 - (iv) the balance sum of Rs. 85,000/- has to be provided to him?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the District Secretary of Matara has informed the Divisional Secretary of Kesbewa that the balance amount should be provided;
 - (ii) steps should be taken by the National Disaster Relief Services Centre to take the necessary measures;
 - (iii) even though, Mr. Chandradasa has come forward to obtain the money on several occasions, no solution has been given?

- (c) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken to provide the aforesaid balance?
- (d) If not, why?

1535/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether quotations were called to select the consultants or institutions that provide consultancy services for the housing projects which were implemented by the Reconstruction and Development Agency in Kilinochchi, Mulativu, Trincomalee, Batticaloe, Ampara, Vavuniya and Mannar districts;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the institutions which submitted the aforesaid quotations and the relevant quotations submitted by them;
 - (iii) the names, designations and the addresses of the members of the board that approved the aforesaid quotations;
 - (iv) the names and the addresses of the institutions that were accepted or approved, out of the aforesaid quotations; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who co-ordinated the activities between the institutions which were approved, and the Reconstruction and Development Agency?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money spent on the aforesaid consultancy services in each district and for each project; and
 - (ii) the names, designations and the addresses of the officers who monitored the construction work relevant to the aforesaid expenditure and approved the payments?
- (c) Will he state separately the agreements signed with the aforesaid Institutions that provide consultancy services in respect of each district and each project?
- (d) If not, why?

1537/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether forged Grama Niladhari certificates have been issued by the relevant Grama Niladharis regarding the residence at the following addresses,

1. No. 347A, 3rd Lane Hirunapukulama, Kandikulama.
2. No.1/113, Lake Road, Ukulankulama.
3. No. 45/4, Church Road, Wattala.
4. No. 48/A, Albert Place, Dehiwela and
5. L.M. Management Services Limited, No.291/32, Havelock Road, Colombo 05.

when documents were furnished in connection with a housing project implemented by the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) spending public funds?

- (b) Will he submit to this House the Grama Niladhari reports certified by the relevant Divisional Secretary as to who resided at the aforesaid addresses and whose names had been registered in the electoral register under the same addresses in the years 2006 and 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

1542/'07

Hon. Samansiri Herath,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this house of the place where the waste produced by a foundry known as “Buwalka” belonging to an Indian Company located in the Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division in Chillaw, is dumped?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained for the aforesaid foundry?
- (c) Will he admit the facts that—
- (i) the waste materials contaminate the water in the wells and ground water in the area;
 - (ii) the smoke emitted by the factory spreads in an area of 4.5 kilometers in the surroundings; and

- (iii) this has increased respiratory diseases among the people in the area?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the orders made by the Supreme Court to the management regarding the control of smoke emitted by the relevant factory;
 - (ii) as to whether the activities of the factory have been monitored accordingly; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of the persons who have monitored the aforesaid activities?
- (e) Will he take steps to put an end to the severe damage done to the environment by this factory at present?
- (f) If not, why?

1709/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that the person by the name of M.J.S. Ranjith of No.40, Welewewa, Nawagaththegama joined the Police Service as a Police Constable on 15.06.1989?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why his appointment was cancelled suddenly while he was undergoing training at the Police Training School in Wennappuwa where he was assigned for training?
- (c) Will he state whether action has been taken to reinstate Mr. Ranjith with effect from 10.04.1992, since the aforesaid cancellation of the appointment is unreasonable?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the reason for demoting the aforesaid person who was promoted to the post of Police Sergeant from 23.02.2006 according to a decision taken under an order issued by His Excellency the President to grant promotions to the persons who have not received promotions after serving in the Police Service for more than 16 years, from 30-07-2007 with immediate effect;
 - (ii) if there is any charge against him on breach of discipline, the nature of that charge;
 - (iii) the way in which his period of service was computed by considering his date of appointment as 01.08.1992, when granting promotions whereas the Police Department had approved his date of appointment as 15.06.1989?

- (e) Will he take necessary action to cause justice to Mr. Ranjith?
- (f) If not, why?

1657/'07

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunarathna,— 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 number of complaints that were received by the Kobeigane Police Station in Kurunegala District from 01.01.2006 to 01.01.2007;
 - (ii) separately, the number of complaints that have been investigated and the decision with regard to them have been declared and the number of complaints that have not been investigated, out of the aforesaid complaints?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the date on which the complaint was received, the officer who recorded the complaint, the nature of the complaint and the reason for not investigating complaint in respect of each of such complaints that have not been investigated?
- (c) Will he state the course of action that will be followed with regard to not investigating the complaints as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1661/'07

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunarathna,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there are special electrification projects which were planned to be implemented in the Kurunegala district in the years 2007 and 2008?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of such projects and the names of the aforesaid projects at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) whether monies have been allocated for these projects?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately the period of time in which the construction work of each of the aforesaid project is due to be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1700/'07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are vacancies in the fields of masonry, carpentry and lathe work in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a request has been made from foreign countries asking for professionals in those fields; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those countries?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions which provide training in the aforesaid professions;
 - (ii) whether there are institutions to provide suitable practical training after the aforesaid professional training; and
 - (iii) whether foreign employment opportunities are provided after the training?
- (c) Will he admit that the private sector is reluctant to recruit new employees for the above post since they do not have practical training?
- (d) If not, why?

1701/'07

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of foreigners who came for jobs in Sri Lanka in the years 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the names of the countries from which they had come?
- (b) Will he state separately whether the aforesaid foreigners came for jobs in the public sector or in the fields of estates, factories constructions and building works of the private sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how the issuing of visa to these people was done;
 - (ii) whether these people are brought in this manner to remedy the shortage of workers;
 - (iii) the amount of money sent by these employees to their mother countries as foreign exchange in the years 2006 and 2007; and

(iv) whether an exchange control has been carried out when sending money as mentioned above?

(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 inhiabition 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 into 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, compe 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.

P54/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Punishments for Government Officials,—That this Parliament resolves that, High Ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P55/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the government officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P56/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a "Quality Assurance Council" be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P57/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Position named "Special Prosecutor",— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named "Special Prosecutor" that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P58/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P59/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,—Since the Ussangoda mountain range area on the coastal belt in the south belonging to the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, popularly known as the Horton Plains of the South and identified as a site belonging to Middle Paleolithic has inherited an immense importance as an open settlement site from which twenty eight thousand years old geometrical tools and rocks have been discovered and also as a site extremely rich in marine and land bio-diversity and an ideal turtle habitat and as a wall that protected people from the Tsunami waves, this House resolves that it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1660/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of casino clubs operated lawfully at various places in the country at present;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the owners of such casino clubs; and
 - (iii) the period of validity of the relevant license?
- (b) Will he state the basis that was followed in issuing the licenses to aforesaid casino clubs?
- (c) Will he state the various types of taxes received annually by the Government from the casino operators in the years 2006 and 2007, and the amount so received?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the action taken with regard to the casinos operated illegally?
- (e) If not, why?

1694/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the aim of the research project that is being carried out by the Ragama Medical Faculty affiliated to the University of Kelaniya with the Research Institute International Medical Center and National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry and National Institute of Mental Health in Japan?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan citizens who have been selected to obtain blood samples for the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) in the areas from which the citizens will be selected to obtain blood samples;

- (iii) the number of blood samples that have been collected up to now;
 - (iv) the number of blood samples that have been sent to Japan under this project;
 - (v) the source from which the financial allocations are provided for the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

1727/07

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the number of Chief Ministers' conferences that have been held since the inception of Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid conferences were held, the places where they were held and the names of the Chief Ministers who participated in those conferences;
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid Chief Ministers' conferences;
 - (iv) the names of the fund or the Ministry from which the aforesaid amount of money was spent?
- (b) Will he state separately the decisions that were taken at the aforesaid Chief Ministers' conferences?
- (c) If not, why?

1653/07

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. K.M. Yohan Chaminda who worked as an Accounts Clerk at the Wellawaya Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board has been interdicted on a false charge with effect from 01.09.2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a disciplinary inquiry was conducted in this regard?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to reinstate Mr. Yohan Chaminda in the relevant service?
- (d) If not, why?

1728/'07

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— 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) a compensation of Rs. 50,000 was paid to the family members of Mr. A.M. Jayawardane who resided at Kukulanmulla, Buddama of the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division following his assassination by terrorists;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid sum, Rs. 15,000 was given to his wife and Rs. 17,500 each had been deposited in the Monaragala Branch of the National Savings Bank respectively under Account No. 26645 and 26646 in respect of his two under-aged daughters, A.M. Geetha Irangani and A.M. Geetha Malkanthi; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid savings account passbooks had been placed under the custody of the Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) Will he admit that a sum of Rs. 10,500.00 has been withdrawn from each of the aforesaid accounts without the knowledge of the account holders?
- (c) Will he take necessary action against those responsible for this fraud and return the aforesaid money to these helpless children?
- (d) If not, why?

1318/'07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether providing health services to the estates that come under the plantation sector in Sri Lanka is a responsibility of the government;
 - (ii) the amount of money that will be spent to fulfill that responsibility, out of the amount of money that has been allocated for the health sector for the year 2007;
 - (iii) the institutions through which this aforesaid amount of money is spent and the health services that are being provided; and
 - (iv) institutions that are in charge of the administration of the Institutions of the health sector that fulfill each of the aforesaid responsibilities;
- (b) Will he state separately the number of hospitals, maternity homes and maternity and child clinics in the estate sector of Sri Lanka?

- (c) Will he present to this House separately, on the basis of each category, the number of doctors, nurses, para medical officers, supplementary medical officers, family health services officers of junior staffs who work in the estate health sector?
- (d) Will he admit that action has hitherto been taken without considering the estate employees' right to health is a responsibility of the government?
- (e) Will he take necessary action to recognize the estate workers health as a responsibility of the government?
- (f) Will he submit in this House—
 - (i) whether there is a proposed plan to implement it; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid plan?
- (g) If not, why?

1378/'07

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— 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 amount of money that has been allocated under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money would be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each project—
 - (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;
 - (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities would be carried out;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, and the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected; and
 - (iii) their names?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?
- (e) if not, why?

1506/'07

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Sujatha Balika Vidyalaya at Kumbiyangoda in Matale;
 - (ii) whether the land on which a new three storey building for the aforesaid school is being constructed, belongs to that school; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to acquire that land?
- (b) Will he take necessary action regarding the officers who granted approval to construct a government building on a land which has not been acquired?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the access road to the agricultural land adjoining the school belongs to the school premises;
 - (ii) if not, name of the institution to which it belongs; and
 - (iii) whether the principal has the authority to fix a gate closing the aforesaid road belonging to another institution?
- (d) Is he aware that the principal is acting in an arbitrary manner disregarding the order of the District Co-ordinating Committee?
- (e) Will he take steps to stop this act of the principal and to protect the road which is used by residents of the area to gain access to the paddy fields and the stream?
- (f) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1536/'07

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether quotations have been called for the implementation of housing projects in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mulativu, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Vavunia and Mannar through Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA);
 - (ii) the names of the institutions which have submitted quotations and the relevant quotations;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid institutions and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their owners;
 - (iv) the names, designations and addresses of the members of the board which approved quotations;
 - (v) the name and the address of the institution which was approved after the quotations were called as mentioned above; and
 - (vi) the names of the persons who co-ordinated between the institution which was approved and the aforesaid Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA)?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether financial allocations for the aforesaid housing project were obtained from the state or any other government institution;
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which those financial allocations were spent, with relevance to each project and district; and
 - (iii) the names, designations and addresses of the officials who supervised and approved the expenditure and relevant constructions?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately with relevance to each housing project, the agreements signed with the institutions of contractors which carried out the aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

1606/'07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was exported annually during the period of last 05 years and the value of the aforesaid amounts of fish; and
 - (ii) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was imported annually during the above mentioned period and the monetary value of the amounts of fish so imported?
- (b) Will he state whether the importation of fish in the aforesaid manner is done as the local fish production is not sufficient?
- (c) Will he admit that the local fish production can be increased if the government provides relief to the fishermen?
- (d) If not, why?

1658/'07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources uses the vehicles of the Ministry of Fisheries;
 - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles used as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on fuel during the period of past eight months?
- (b) If not, why?

1122/'07

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

- (a) Will he state whether Air Lanka Company will be taken over by the government again after the agreement on which the management and a percentage of the shares of Air Lanka that belonged to the government were transferred to Emirates Company, has expired?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/'07

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of loans (including the Treasury Bills) that should be paid by the government as at 31st March 2007, indicating local and foreign loans separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of loans (including Treasury Bills) that has been borrowed by the government in each of the years during the period from 2000 to 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount that was paid by the government as interest and loan installments for local and foreign loans in each of the aforesaid years?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions from which these foreign loans were borrowed during the period of year 2006 and up to 31st March 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of each of the aforesaid loans; and
 - (iii) rates of interest and other conditions followed in obtaining those loans?
- (d) If not, why?

1351/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the addresses of the places, the addresses of the owners of the places and the date on which they were obtained if the relevant offices are housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the offices and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the spaces for the offices have been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?

- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the spaces for the offices on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
 - (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid offices in a government building?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Tuesday, April 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1238/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total production capacity of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);
 - (ii) all the products manufactured;
 - (iii) the production cost, gross profit and the costs related to administration, distribution and marketing separately; and
 - (iv) the selling price of above products and the margins marked up?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) all the taxes subject to CPC in buying, producing, and selling of all products given above;
 - (ii) the import and selling cost of the items if such products are not manufactured by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iii) the total labour employed by CPC and other related companies; and
 - (iv) the profit or loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a group and LIOC for the last 4-5 years?
- (c) If not, why?

1240/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total power generation of Ceylon Electricity Board as of today on the basis of Thermal and Hydro Electric Power, separately;
 - (ii) a list of ownership by the Ceylon Electricity Board and the private sector separately;
 - (iii) the date of completion of the above projects along with the maximum capacity;
 - (iv) the total operational cost and throughput cost of all the above projects?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the EPF or ETF, or both has financed the power generation costs of the Kerawalapitiya plant owned by Lakdhani;
 - (ii) if so, the amount spent;
 - (iii) whether it is legal; and
 - (iv) the dividends expected along with the period?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are any other projects of Ceylon Electricity Board or Lakdhani which have been funded by EPF or ETF; and
 - (ii) if so, advise as per (b) above?
- (d) If not, why?

1247/'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 number of staff workers at the Development Lotteries Board as at today; and
 - (ii) the cost per employee for the last 05 years?

- (b) Will he state from 01st January, 2007 to date on monthly basis and on per year basis for the last 05 years —
 - (i) to whom the advertising were given; and
 - (ii) the TV stations, Radio stations, and the Agents used for advertising?
 - (c) Will he also state the amounts of money spent on Members of Parliament along with the electorate on per year basis for the last 06 years?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, April 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1248/'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 number of staff workers at the National Lotteries Board as at today; and
 - (ii) the cost per employee for the last 05 years?
- (b) Will he state from 01st January, 2007 to date on monthly basis and on per year basis for the last 05 years—
 - (i) to whom the advertising were given; and
 - (ii) the TV Stations, the Radio Stations, and the Agents used for advertising?
- (c) Will he also state the amounts of money spent on Members of Parliament along with the electorate on per year basis for the last 06 years?
- (d) If not, why?

1250/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 08 years to date—
 - (i) the performance of Development Lotteries Board;

- (ii) the sales to cost percentage;
 - (iii) advertising expenditure as a percentage of total costs;
 - (iv) commission paid to agents; and
 - (v) the percentage of expenditure?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of agents appointed by the Development Lotteries Board; and
 - (ii) the cost paid to them for advertising etc.?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) who prints the instant lottery (scratch tickets) and normal tickets;
 - (ii) whether they have been awarded through tenders;
 - (iii) the date of the last tender done properly;
 - (iv) the value along with the date of all the printing given without going through the tender procedure; and
 - (v) the reason for it?
- (d) Will he also state the amount of money given to the President's Fund for the last 08 years on per year basis?
- (e) If not, why?

1267/'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 state—
- (i) the budget deficit for the last 15 years;
 - (ii) the deficit against budgeted at the time the budget was presented; and
 - (iii) the total budget deficit along with the total debt from local and foreign perspective for the last 15 years?

- (b) Will he state the reason for the budget deficit against the budgeted in the respective year?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, April 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1271/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when the Upper Kotmale site is going to be constructed and completed;
 - (ii) the cost at the start of the project and as of today separately;
 - (iii) the country or institution that the money would be received from; and
 - (iv) the terms of lending?
- (b) Will he state the cost per unit including the depreciation?
- (c) If not, why?

1312/'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 number of double taxation agreements which are in place with the Government of Sri Lanka as of now;
 - (ii) the names of the countries along with the dates of such double taxation agreements;
 - (iii) the cost for such double tax action agreements per country, and in total per year; and

- (iv) the benefits accrued to the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether we have made any request to those countries to provide information under double tax evidence agreement; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of the countries, the date requested and the outcome separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1197/'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 names of the owners and the directors of the casino clubs operating in the country; and,
 - (ii) the locations of these casino clubs?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of taxes paid by each entity in various forms for the last 04 years;
 - (ii) all forms of taxes that are imposed on casino clubs; and
 - (iii) whether the casino clubs are legal?
- (c) Will he further state for the last 07 years to-date—
 - (i) the revenue expected as per the budget;
 - (ii) the total of above revenue and the company revenue; and
 - (iii) the total revenue from all forms of taxes imposed on casino clubs and revenue of each company?
- (d) If not, why?