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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution,— That this Parliament hereby determines that the monthly allowance paid to the Chairman and Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be an amount equivalent to $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ of their monthly salary of their substantial position and such allowance be payable from January 01, 2007. It is further determined by this Parliament that the Allowance determined earlier by Parliament as payable to the Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be substituted by the Allowance determined by this Resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Special Commodity Levy Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/13 of 09th January, 2008, which was presented on 04.03.2008, be approved.

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Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

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The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the Institute of Construction and Engineering Services 2005,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the Institute of Construction and Engineering Services together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2005 and presented on 24.11.2006 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Construction and Engineering Services)

* Indicates Government Business

Friday, April 11, 2008

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. Puththasigamoney,— 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, April 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1854/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of fish unloaded at Modera Fisheries Harbour by the Fishing Company by the name of “Tropic” during the year 2007; and
 - (ii) of the names of the owners of the above mentioned fishing company?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of fish of the second grade that has been unloaded in July 2007 by the ship bearing No.TF-75, which belongs to the aforesaid fishing company;
 - (ii) the amount of fish that has been supplied to the Fisheries Corporation by the aforesaid ship in July; and
 - (iii) the price at which a kilo of fish was purchased by the Fisheries Corporation from that company?
- (c) If not, why?

1803/'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 Mr. P.G. Jayawardane, who served as Agricultural Research and Production Assistant of the Athimale agrarian service area in the Monaragala District, is yet to be paid salaries due for five months and 23 days?
- (b) Will he admit that the Agrarian Development Commissioner has informed the Assistant Commissioner of Monaragala District in writing that action should be taken to pay the salaries to which he is entitled?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to pay the relevant salary arrears to Mr. P.G. Jayawardane?
- (d) If not, why?

1671/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Agrarian Centres in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of paddy, vegetable, flower, fruit and other farmers registered in each Agrarian Centre?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the type of farmers who are provided with the fertilizer subsidy given by the government; and
 - (ii) the quantity of fertilizer provided annually and the cost incurred on it?
- (c) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the fertilizer subsidy is given to the vegetable cultivators; and
 - (ii) the relevant Ministry has any new courses of action in its possession to protect vegetable cultivators?
- (d) If not, why?

1859/'07

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Asgiriya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of Yatawatta, Matale was founded;
 - (ii) separately, the number of members, employees and clients of the aforesaid Society; and
 - (iii) the assets owned by the aforesaid Society?
- (b) Will he state the date on which the aforesaid Society was attached to the Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of Matale?
- (c) Is he aware that the aforesaid joint programme was terminated on 25.11.2007?
- (d) Will he admit that at present, the aforesaid Society has faced a crises situation with no Board of Executives or Board of Directors?
- (e) if so, will he take necessary steps to appoint a Board of Management and bring the Society to an operational level again?
- (f) If not, why?

1847/'07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the cost of living index of the country in November 2005 and November 2007;
 - (ii) the increase in the cost of living index during the relevant period;
 - (iii) the amount of salary increase that should be given for the above mentioned increase of the cost of living index in respect of the cost of living allowance paid by the government;
 - (iv) whether action has been taken to increase the salaries of private sector employees in relation to the aforesaid increase; and
 - (v) if not, whether the government will take necessary steps to increase the salaries of private sector employees?
- (b) If not, why?

1848/'07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the minimum salary of private sector employees as at November 2005;
 - (ii) the amount by which the aforesaid salary had been increased by November 2007;
 - (iii) the minimum salary of private sector employees as at 30th November 2007; and
 - (iv) the amount by which the real salary had dropped from November 2005 to November 2007 on account of the impact of the inflation?
 - (b) Will he state as to what measures will be taken to increase the real salary of private sector employees?
 - (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1853/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— 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 persons who have been granted loans by the ten Samurdhi Banks in Hanguranketha to start the garment factory named “Diyatilake Apparel”;
 - (ii) the names of the recipients of the aforesaid loans and the amount of loans obtained;
 - (iii) the number of officials and the employees at the inception of the relevant garment factory;
 - (iv) separately, their salaries and allowances; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent on constructions and purchase of machinery?
 - (b) Is he aware that the aforesaid garment factory has been sold to another person subsequently?
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(c) Will he state—

- (i) if it has been sold, the price for which it has been sold;
- (ii) whether the amount of money fetched from the sale was utilized to settle the loans taken from Samurdhi Banks; and
- (iii) the outstanding amount of loans and whether the relevant payments are made continuously?

(d) If not, why?

1657/'07

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratna,— 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?

1397/'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 Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Ratmalana electorate in Colombo District; and
- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
- (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?

(c) If not, why?

1398/'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 Samurdhi recipients as at 30th June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Dehiwela electorate in Colombo District; and
- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
- (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
- (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1849/'07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees serving in the private sector as at the end of November 2007;
 - (ii) the number of Wages Control Boards that have been established to determine the salaries of the aforesaid employees;
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees covered by the aforesaid Wages Boards and the number of employees not covered by them;
 - (iv) separately, the minimum salary approved by each of the established Wages Control Boards;
 - (v) the manner in which the minimum salary for the employees who do not come under the Wages Control Boards is decided;
 - (vi) whether the government accepts the minimum salary of the employees who come under the Wages Boards and the employees who do not come under them, as the minimum salary for the private sector employees; and
 - (vii) if the government does not accept it, the minimum salary accepted by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

1850/'07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the difference between the minimum salary of a public sector employee and that of a private sector employee?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a cost of living allowance is paid to the public sector employees in addition to the minimum salary; and
 - (ii) the government has not proposed any such allowance for the private sector employees?

- (c) Will he take necessary steps to provide the private sector employees also with the cost of living allowance that is paid to the public sector employees, in order to control the rising cost of living?
- (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 about 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?

1661/'07

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratna,— 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?

Thursday, April 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1851/'07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to increase the salaries of the private sector employees from November 2005 up to now; and
 - (ii) if so, the relevant date and the amount of the increase given?
- (b) Will he admit that it is necessary to intervene to increase the salaries of the private sector employees considering the prevailing inflation?
- (c) if so, will he state the amount of salary increase that should be given?
- (d) If not, why?

1852/'07

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that a tender has been awarded to a supplier for providing new type of cards required for driving licenses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the fee that is expected to be charge for the aforesaid license;
 - (ii) whether there had been three bidders for the aforesaid tender;
 - (iii) of the qualification that were considered in selecting the tenderer who had been awarded the relevant tender;
 - (iv) of the necessity of introducing this new card;
 - (v) whether the technical equipment required to fulfill the relevant requirement, has been provided; and
 - (vi) the significant differences in the new driving license, when compared with the existing driving license?
- (c) If not, why?

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?

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?
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Tuesday, May 06, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1199/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money invested in “Mihin Air” by the Government or Government institutions; and
 - (ii) the names of the directors and the share holders of “Mihin Air”;
- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the corporate plan of “Mihin Air”; and
 - (ii) the interim accounts from the inception and the balance sheet as at today?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of aircrafts “Mihin Air” possess;
 - (ii) whether it is acquired and on dry or wet lease together with the terms;
 - (iii) date of manufacture of these aircrafts and countries from which they were obtained; and
 - (iv) the destinations of flights?
- (d) Will he further state—
- (i) the number of tonnage airlifted and the revenue obtained;

- (ii) the number of passenger it has carried; and
- (iii) the number of passengers airlifted per country ratio or passage local factor ratio?
- (e) Will he advice the committed cost or the overhead cost of the airlines on per month basis from the date of inception?
- (f) If not, why?

1420/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people of Padavipura, Welioya battered by three decades of war and drought are suffering from a host of social, economic and environmental problems;
 - (ii) the kidney disease has been spreading very fast in these areas for a period of nearly 10 years; and
 - (iii) a large number of persons have already died from this disease?
- (b) Is he aware that residents of the area are undergoing immense difficulties as the stretch of road up to Kebitigollewa in the Anuradhapura-Padavi Sri Pura main road which was constructed along with the Padaviya scheme has not been properly restored?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures taken so far to resolve these environmental issues?
- (d) If not, why?

1423/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of technical equipments and tools that were purchased from January 2005 to June 2007 by the Selacine Television Institute that comes under the relevant Ministry; and
 - (ii) separately, the value of said equipments and tools?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the establishment from which the aforesaid equipments were purchased;

- (ii) the names of the establishments which made bids, if tenders had been called in purchasing the aforesaid equipments;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid bidding was done;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on computer links purchased by this institution; and
 - (v) the establishment which carried out this task?
- (c) If not, why?

1426/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Miss. A. Jasintha of No. 224, Gandhi Town, Trincomalee was appointed as a casual office worker in the Trincomalee Urban Council on 17.12.1992; and
 - (ii) she served as a Tamil typist in that office since then?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that although Miss. Jasintha sent in an application in terms of the Gazette Notification dated 19/06/1997 to the Provincial Public Service Commission through the Heads of Institution and appeared for the interview seeking confirmation in the Post, she has not been confirmed so far?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to confirm her in the post?
- (d) If not, why?
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