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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0934/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for each of the Ministers of Nation Building and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained; and
 - (iii) out of them the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House the names of the institutions or individuals from whom the aforesaid vehicles have been obtained, along with their addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent monthly and annually on those vehicles and the amount of money allocated for fuel per month and the amount of money allocated for fuel per year?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers have been recruited for these vehicles the basis on which they were recruited; and

- (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) If not, why?

1689/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools in which English medium classes are conducted, in keeping with the provision of Education in the Medium of English in government schools;
 - (ii) of those schools and the grades in which lessons are conducted in the Medium of English;
 - (iii) as to how many teachers trained in the Medium of English in relation to each subject are available in those schools; and
 - (iv) the policy adopted by the relevant Ministry with regard to the Minimum Qualifications of those English Medium teachers?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) of the number of students who appeared for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and (Advanced Level) examinations in the medium of English in the last three years;
 - (ii) of the results obtained by them at the aforesaid examinations; and
 - (iii) the percentages of students who got through in each subject, having appeared for the examination in the Medium of English?
- (c) If not, why?

1846/'07

Hon. Anurudda Polgampola,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money estimated for the upper Kotmale hydro power station;
 - (ii) the amount of money set aside for the year 2007;
 - (iii) whether foreign loans or grants are provided for this project; and
 - (iv) the number of years in which this project is scheduled to be completed?

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(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) out of the power requirement of the country, the amount that will be provided from the aforesaid project after it has been completed; and
- (ii) the anticipated power capacity of the aforesaid project?

(c) Will he state in this House—

- (i) the number of families that might be displaced if any, as a result of the above project;
- (ii) the area in which the lands proposed to be provided to them are located and the extent of lands provided; and
- (iii) the other facilities granted to the displaced persons in addition to the lands?

(d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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National Housing Development Authority (Special Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.

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School Teachers Pension (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

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Marine Pollution Prevention Bill—Second Reading.

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The Minister of Plantation Industries;—Regulation under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law;—That the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Tea Factories Construction and Operation) Minimum Standards Regulations No.01 of 2008” made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Paragraph (g) of Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/17 of January 10, 2008 which was presented on 09.04.2008 be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Wednesday, May 07, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1006/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the action taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairman Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopull, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the present Chairman, Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe on the 12th January, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action taken on the report submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General on the 1st June, 2005;
 - (ii) the Institutions investigated as per above; and
 - (iii) the action that has been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

1251/'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 benefits that an Executive President is entitled to;
 - (ii) whether the Cabinet of Ministers had approved certain benefits to the immediate past Executive President to be enjoyed after the retirement; and
 - (iii) what those benefits were?
- (b) Will he admit that the Supreme Court had directed to allow only the benefits specified in the Constitution?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the then Prime Minister and a certain Minister had misinformed the Supreme Court;

- (ii) if so, the way it happened;
 - (iii) whether they were asked to pay damages;
 - (iv) if so, whether they had paid damages;
 - (v) whether the decision of the Supreme Court had adverse effect on the then Cabinet of Ministers; and
 - (vi) if so, the detail of the adverse effects of the decision of the Supreme Court over the then Cabinet of Ministers?
- (d) If not, why?

1266/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he has gone through the COPE Report presented on 12th January, 2007; and
 - (ii) if so, the action taken on the matter referred to the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total debt of Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) the number of staff members in the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (c) If not, why?

1222/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of blocks of commercial lands that have been given to the people in Thambuttegama and Galnewa towns in the Mahaweli “H” zone;
 - (ii) if commercial lands have been given as mentioned above, the year in which it was done and the basis on which they were given; and
 - (iii) out of the blocks of lands given in the aforesaid manner, the number of blocks of lands that have been given deeds under Jaya Bhoomi, Swarna Bhoomi or any other basis?

- (b) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the persons who have been given deeds as mentioned above;
 - (ii) the number of people who are to be given deeds for the aforesaid lands in these two towns; and
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the persons who are to be given deeds as mentioned above?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the course of action that will be followed to provide deeds for these commercial lands; and
 - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to provide the deeds immediately to the businessmen who have faced difficulties without being able to develop their business?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1424/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees that served in the 'Selasine' Television institute which comes under the Ministry of Mass Media and Information, as at December 2004;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of employees that has been recruited from December 2004 to June 2007;
 - (ii) the total number of employees at present; and
 - (iii) separately, their designations, names, dates of recruitment and salaries?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether those who were recruited after December 2004, were working in a certain Private institution at the time of recruitment to 'Selasine' Institute; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of that private institution?

- (d) Will he inform this House the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of this private institution?
- (e) If not, why?

1621/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the relevant Minister visited since being appointed to the post up to now;
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;
 - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

1622/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister of the Ministry concerned visited since the new Government came to power in year 2004 up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by the Minister and the Deputy Minister separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations; and

- (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the officers of his personal travelled?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

1623/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Minister and the non-cabinet Minister of Enterprise Development and non-cabinet Minister of Investment Promotion visited since the relevant Minister was appointed to the aforesaid office up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied them;
 - (ii) if any officers of the personal staff accompanied, names and designations of them;
 - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Ministers and the other officials travelled; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Ministers and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

1625/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Minister visited since the Minister of National Heritage was appointed to the aforesaid office up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;
 - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

1705/07

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

- (a) Is he aware that an interview was conducted on 27.05.2006 for the purpose of recruiting persons for the post of Trainee Bank Assistant of the Uva Development Bank?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list of the names of candidates who appeared for the aforesaid interview in the order of the marks that they scored at it?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the names of candidates who have been selected for the aforesaid post?
- (d) Will he state the reason for not selecting Miss. Azmiya Zarook residing at No.37/8c, Hospital Road, Bandara Wevatenna, who appeared for the aforesaid interview as a candidate?
- (e) 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?

1631/'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 internally displaced people (IDP) in the country for the last two years to-date on District basis separately;
 - (ii) the cost incurred by the Government for these internally displaced people on district basis;
 - (iii) the reason for being internally displaced; and
 - (iv) the date that they would be sent to their homes?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, May 08, 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 and 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?

1572/'07

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Power and Energy is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
- (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
- (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?

(d) If not, why?

1589/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he state in this House—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
- (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
- (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
- (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
- (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
- (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?

(d) If not, why?

1591/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1329/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of 'Machinery Agency' was maintained under the North Central Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been paid by this institution to the Inland Revenue Department as Goods and Services Tax, from 1999 to 2001; and
 - (ii) if money has not been paid as mentioned above, the amount of money that should be paid?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount of money that has been paid by this institution as Goods and Services Tax or VAT in each year from 2001 to 2006;
- (ii) if money has not been paid, the amount of tax money that should be paid annually;
- (iii) if so, the purpose for which this tax money has been utilized; and
- (iv) the course of action that will be followed to recover this unpaid tax money?

(d) If not, why?

1607/'07

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a few weeks ago, the government took steps to provide fuel subsidy to the fishermen; and
- (ii) all the fishermen have not been given the aforesaid fuel subsidy?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the fuel subsidy is given to one day fishing boats of 28 feet and multi day fishing boats;
- (ii) the period of time for which the aforesaid subsidy is given; and
- (iii) the monetary value of the subsidy given to one fisherman?

(d) If not, why?

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 it's 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 Hangeranketha 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?
- (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?
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Friday, May 09, 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?

1592/'07

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Ports and Aviation is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1594/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1596/'07

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of National Heritage is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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, Weluwewa, 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 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?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.03/'05

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

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

P.04/'05

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

P.05/'05

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

P.07/'05

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

P.08/'05

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

P.09/'05

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

P.10/'05

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

P.11/'05

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

P.12/'05

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

P.13/'05

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

P.14/'05

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

P.15/'05

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

P.16/'05

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

P.17/'05

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

P.18/'05

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

P.19/'05

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

P.20/'05

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

P.21/'05

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

P.22/'05

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

P.23/'05

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

P.24/'05

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

P.25/'05

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

P.26/'05

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

P.27/'05

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

P.28/'06

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

P.29/'06

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

P.31/06

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

P.32/06

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

P.33/06

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

P.36/06

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

P.37/06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought 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.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0780/'06

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 inform this House the name of the institution that carried out the process of privatization of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation?
- (b) Will he state the procedure followed when selecting its buyer?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the quotations under which the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was transferred to the private sector;
 - (ii) the income that the government received from it;
 - (iii) whether the total amount of money was paid in lump sum in the aforesaid transfer?
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that was paid;
 - (v) whether there is any arrears to be paid up to now with regard to the transaction of transferring the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation to the private sector; and

- (vi) if so, the amount of money that should be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

1684/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the aim of the Agreement signed between the Prima Institution and the Government at the inception of the said institution?
- (b) Will he submit the aforesaid agreement to this House?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the wheat flour factory was to be owned by the government in terms of the said agreement;
 - (ii) of the aim of handing over the factory back to Prima Institution without it being taken over by the government;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in handing over the factory back to Prima institution;
 - (iv) whether Cabinet approval was obtained for it;
 - (v) if so, when; and
 - (vi) as to who submitted the relevant Cabinet Memorandum?
- (d) If not, why?

1688/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the types and amounts of fertilizer made available on the basis of subsidy to each district for the Maha Season of 2005/06, Yala Season of 2006 and the Maha Season of 2006/2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the agents, who were appointed on behalf of the government owned Lanka Fertilizer Company and the Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Company for the Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) separately, the type and the amount of fertilizer given to those agents by the two government owned fertilizer companies in each of the aforesaid seasons;

- (iii) the names of the institutions that are responsible for the issue of the fertilizer given to the aforesaid agents, to farmers;
 - (iv) whether all the fertilizer given to the aforesaid agents has been released to the relevant Agrarian Service centres;
 - (v) if all the fertilizer mentioned above has not been released, the agents who have not done so;
 - (vi) of the amounts not released and the reasons for it; and
 - (vii) of the courses of action that have been taken against those persons and institutions that did not issue fertilizer?
- (c) If not, why?

1151/07

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 the number of families who have lost houses in the tsunami disaster occurred on 26th of December 2004?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately on the basis of each District—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid number, the number of families that have been offered with houses by the government, non-governmental organizations or individuals; and
 - (ii) the number of families who have not been able to obtain houses so far and live in temporary huts?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not being able to provide houses so far to these people who live in temporary huts; and
 - (ii) the date on which the provision of houses to all the persons who lost houses in the tsunami disaster will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1208/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of square kilometers in the country;
 - (ii) the square kilometers in each province, district and electorate separately; and

- (iii) the extent of land available for agricultural, construction and forestry purpose separately on district basis?
- (b) Will he state on district basis, the extent of land privately owned and vested with the Central Government separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1231/'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 main twenty rivers in Sri Lanka and the length of each river;
 - (ii) the places at which those rivers originate and end up; and
 - (iii) the districts those rivers passing through?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the development activities started to enhance the economy through these rivers;
 - (ii) whether the power generation ability has been developed through damming or used for agricultural purposes;
 - (iii) if so, give details; and
 - (iv) if not what is the use of them?
- (c) If not, why?

1235/'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 bullet proof vehicles imported after the 13th Parliament was elected;
 - (ii) the total cost paid for CIF and Duty;
 - (iii) if not so, the value of duty exempted;
 - (iv) to whom these cars were allocated; and,
 - (v) to whom they are allocated now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these cars were imported after tenders;

- (ii) from where they were imported;
 - (iii) where the money was paid; and,
 - (iv) the budget head that the money had been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

1474/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that foreign companies engaged in fishing have been given permission to use the harbours in our country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement is entered upon when such permission is granted;
 - (ii) if so, the conditions included in the agreements mentioned above;
 - (iii) the names of the harbour at which they have been permitted to unload fish;
 - (iv) of the amount of fish that they should hand over to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation out of the fish so unloaded; and
 - (v) of the amount of fish that the aforesaid companies have handed over to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation in the aforesaid manner during the last ten years?
- (c) If not, why?

1521/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of fishermen in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of persons to whom the fuel subsidy is provided, out of the aforesaid number of fishermen;
 - (iii) the monetary value of the subsidy so provided to each person; and
 - (iv) the duration of the period for which it is provided?
- (b) If not, why?

1532/'07

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— 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 eleven graduates employed at the National Savings Bank who had passed the Banking Services Examination and applied for promotions as per the accelerated procedure of promotions to Class III of Grade III according to Circular No.502/2001, have not been granted the promotions up to now?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) those who did not submit applications according to the aforesaid Circular have also been granted promotions to Class III of Grade III in 2003; and
 - (ii) it has been recommended that the aforesaid eleven persons including Mrs. K.L.S. Liyanarachchi, Mrs. Chandra Atapattu, Mr. Alahakoon Bandara, Mrs. Gunawathie and Mr. Damith Perera be granted the above mentioned grades at the hearing of the case filed at the Human Rights Commission under No. 2003 August HRC 1971/03/L3, 1972/03/L3, 1973/03/L3 and 1974/03/L3?
- (c) Will he state the reason for not granting the aforesaid promotions so far?
- (d) If not, why?

1544/'07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of foreign tours in which Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage, the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, has been a participant since he was appointed to that office;
 - (ii) the names of the countries so visited;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid Secretary left the country and the former period of time he spent in those countries;
 - (iv) the purpose of the aforesaid tours; and
 - (v) the benefits received by the country from those tours?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the other persons who participated in the aforesaid tours with the Secretary concerned;
 - (ii) their designations;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid tours;

- (iv) the head of expenditure under which the aforesaid amount of money was spent; and
- (v) the total amount of money spent on the foreign tours up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

1559/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Construction and Engineering Services is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1564/'07

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Higher Education is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;

- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1566/'07

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Mass Media and Information is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1813/07

Hon. Anurudda Polgampola,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the oil pipeline system of Sapugaskanda, Kolonnawa has been handed over to a company for restoration?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the qualifications that should be fulfilled when selecting the relevant company; and
 - (ii) whether that company has been selected by calling an open tender?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of companies that submitted tender applications for the restoration of the aforesaid pipeline system; and
 - (ii) the names of those companies?
- (d) Will he submit a detail report to this House regarding the quotations mentioned in the tenders submitted by each of the aforesaid companies?
- (e) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1362/07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Religious Affairs (Non-cabinet) is housed in a government building?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is 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 office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office 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 office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1364/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Petroleum Resources (Non-cabinet) is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is 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 office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office 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 office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1540/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of countries that the Minister and his Secretary visited since they assumed office as Minister of Foreign Affairs;
 - (ii) the names and the designations of the persons they had met during their visits; and
 - (iii) the reasons for such visits?
- (b) Will he table a report on achievements of such visits?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost incurred for each visit;
 - (ii) the names of the persons accompanied with them;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on them along with the reasons for such accompany;
 - (iv) whether the President had ordered that the Minister and his Secretary should not be out of the country at the same time; and
 - (v) whether this had not been flouted many times over?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the name of the Minister of Foreign Affairs prior to the present Minister; and
 - (ii) the date he had assumed office and the number of overseas visits he had made along with the cost related to them?
- (e) If not, why?

1686/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each district the amount of paddy purchased by the institutions belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture, in each year from 2004 to 2006;
 - (ii) separately, the amount issued to the market as rice and paddy, out of the stocks of paddy purchased in each of the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid stocks of rice and paddy were issued to the market;
 - (iv) the prices at which they were issued?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons and institutions that purchased the stocks of rice and paddy issued to the market, along with the amounts purchased; and
 - (ii) the prices paid and the relevant dates?
- (c) If not, why?

1712/'07

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House in detail with names—
 - (i) the Samurdhi recipients in the Kekulandala North Division of the Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara district; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid recipients, the persons who received aids for wells and aids for lavatories in the years 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (b) If not, why?

1820/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees in the approved cadre for the Development Lottery Board?
- (b) will he state the number of persons currently employed in the Development Lottery Board and the names of the relevant posts?

- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names, addresses, educational and professional qualifications of the persons holding the aforesaid posts; and
 - (ii) their monthly salaries?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 22, 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?

1281/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware of the environmental destruction and the damage to the public property committed by Mr. Bandula Karavita, Chairman of the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha, in the area centered around the water fall called “Dehenella” situated in the area of his authority?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Mr. J.A. Ranjith, Secretary to the Minister of Power, Provincial Roads, Environment, Tourism and Trade of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has given Rs. 425,195/= to the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha on 09.11.2006, for this business;
 - (ii) a false project report without the signature of the chairman concerned or a date has been forwarded for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iii) the legal clearance of the Central Environment Authority has not been obtained for this project; and
 - (iv) this project which is connected to “Dehenella” is not an official activity of the Pradeshiya Sabha but a personal act of the chairman that is being implemented after obtaining money from the Provincial Council by misleading it with the use of the office of the Chairman and the powers of the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (c) Will he take legal action against the Chairman regarding the use of public funds fraudulently?
- (d) If not, why?

1502/'07

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

- (a) Is he aware that an injustice has been caused to the officers who have been recruited for the posts in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service on the results of the limited competitive examination held in 1999, as a result of granting the relevant appointments with effect from 01.01.2002?

- (b) As the appointments made on the results of the limited competitive examination held in 1996 were granted with effect from the date on which the aforesaid examination was held, will he take steps to grant appointments to the persons who sat for the examination in 1999 with effect from the date on which that examination was held?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the salaries of most of the principals who have been appointed for these posts are lower than the salary scale of the officers of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service; and
 - (ii) in certain cases, they draw a salary which is lower than the salary of the assistant teachers of those schools?
- (d) Will he therefore, take the necessary action to rectify this salary anomaly in order to avoid the difficulties faced in the school administration?
- (e) If not, why?

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) eventhough, 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?

Friday, May 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0822/'06

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the past twenty years—
 - (i) the amount that the Government had spent per expenditure item for transfers to households or subsidies that have been given; and
 - (ii) the above cost as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether our country can afford such subsidies; and
 - (ii) the number of people who get the benefit of these subsidies and the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1018/'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 05 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of cars, lorries and commercial vehicles, tractors, motor cycles and vans imported to the country;
 - (ii) the duty slabs applicable for the above vehicles at the time of importation?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the total revenue earned at the imposition through Duty, Excise duty and VAT for the last 10 years on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the above information for the last 12 months on per month basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1232/'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 TV stations that are in operation in the country;
 - (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
 - (iii) the frequency of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and

- (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

1604/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-Employment Promotion,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local brass industry which has a long history is the major source of livelihood of the residents at Denuwara;
 - (ii) more than three (03) lakhs of people receive the benefits of the aforesaid industry; and
 - (iii) this industry has faced with an unfortunate situation at present?
- (b) Will he admit that a shortage of raw materials is prevailing in the local brass industry as a result of exporting bronze, brass, zinc and aluminum, which are mainly used for this industry, to India, in the form of metal blocks, at a higher price?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to stop the exportation of the aforesaid raw materials to India in the form of metal blocks in order to protect the local brass industry?
- (d) If not, why?

1618/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resource Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) according to the internal notice issued on 28.03.2005 for the posts of Personal Manager (Grade A2-3) of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Samantha Pushpalal, the Assistant Personal Manager faced the interviews held for the recruitment of suitable persons for the aforesaid post; and
 - (ii) the management of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has acted in an illegal manner by appointing a person called Amara Ranasinha who has not completed the relevant qualifications stipulated in the Section “B” of the notice that was issued calling applications for the aforesaid post, to the post of Personnel Manager?
- (b) Will he admit the right of every citizen to get the equal protection of the law, which has been guaranteed according to the Article 12 of the Constitution, has been violated by this act?

- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel the appointment given to the unqualified persons and offer the aforesaid post to the persons who obtained the highest marks out of the rest the persons who faced the interview?
- (d) If not, why?

1619/07

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.K.A. Kumarawansa of school Lane, Diyasenpura served as the Staff Intelligence Officer of the Naval Base in the Manner Island in the year 2004;
 - (ii) he was transferred to the Gotaimbara Naval Base in the Pungudutivu Island in the same year; and
 - (iii) the request made in the year 2005 to resign from the Navy was recommended in the year 2006 and directed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence?
 - (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the letter of resignation was withdrawn on the instructions of the then commanding officer due to the conflict situation prevailed during that period; and
 - (ii) he was subsequently transferred to the Trincomalee Naval Base?
 - (c) Will he inform this House as to why a common decree has been issued notifying that he has been removed from the Navy from 08th October 2006?
 - (d) Will he take the necessary steps to reinstate him with salary arrears?
 - (e) If not, why?
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