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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

OF

PARLIAMENT

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Supplementary Sum— Head 112 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Million, One Hundred and Eighty Thousand and Three Hundred and Thirty Two (Rs. 2,880,180,332) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 112	—	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Programme 02	—	Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	401,881,272
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>2,478,299,060</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>2,880,180,332</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.03 of 2008 presented on 08th July,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos.1 and 2 Rs. 318,000,000/-

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The Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,— Supplementary Sum— Head 142 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eighteen Million (Rs. 18,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 142	—	Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage
Programme 02	—	Development Activities
Project 03	—	Social - Cultural Integration

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>18,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>18,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.04 of 2008 presented on 08th July,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-3 Rs. 3,198,180,332/-

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Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading

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The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, by virtue of powers vested in him by paragraph (a) of sub-Section (5) Section 02 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) published in Gazette Extraordinary No.1547/7 of 28 April, 2008, which was presented on 08.07.2008 be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Wednesday, August 06, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0627/08

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 Mr. Sarath Gamini Liyanage, his wife and his daughter, who were residing in a house by the name of “Anoma” in Raththota town which comes under Raththota Police area in Matale district, are missing from September 2004?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) Mr. Sarath Gamini Liyanage who is an ardent supporter of a certain political party was subjected to death threats and various other intimidations after the General Election of 2004; and
- (ii) he has also made complaints to the Raththota Police with regard to the aforesaid threats?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether Mr. Sarath Gamini Liyanage and the members of his family are still alive; and
- (ii) if they are still alive, the place in which they are living at present?

(d) If not, why?

0647/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunarathna,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of complaints that were received by the Kobeigane Police Station in Kurunegala District from 01.01.2006 to 01.01.2007;
- (ii) separately, the number of complaints that have been investigated and the decision with regard to them have been declared and the number of complaints that have not been investigated, out of the aforesaid complaints?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately the date on which the complaint was received, the officer who recorded the complaint, the nature of the complaint and the reason for not investigating complaint in respect of each of such complaints that have not been investigated?

(c) Will he state the course of action that will be followed with regard to not investigating the complaints as mentioned above?

(d) If not, why?

0648/'08

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?

0670/08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the person by the name of M.J.S. Ranjith of No.40, Welewewa, Nawagaththegama joined the Police Service as a Police Constable on 15.06.1989?
 - (b) Will he inform this House as to why his appointment was cancelled suddenly while he was undergoing training at the Police Training School in Wennappuwa where he was assigned for training?
 - (c) Will he state whether action has been taken to reinstate Mr. Ranjith with effect from 10.04.1992, since the aforesaid cancellation of the appointment is unreasonable?
 - (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the reason for demoting the aforesaid person who was promoted to the post of Police Sergeant from 23.02.2006 according to a decision taken under an order issued by His Excellency the President to grant promotions to the persons who have not received promotions after serving in the Police Service for more than 16 years, from 30-07-2007 with immediate effect;
 - (ii) if there is any charge against him on breach of discipline, the nature of that charge; and
 - (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?
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Thursday, August 07, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0535/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the recurrent expenditure and the capital expenditure allocated by the government for the National Institute of Education in the last 5 years;
 - (ii) the heads of expenditure of the capital expenditure allocated for the aforesaid years; and
 - (iii) the financial progress in the relevant year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money provided to the aforesaid institution through other organizations (such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc.) and institutions, within the relevant years;
 - (ii) the project for which money was provided by the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (iii) the aims of the aforesaid projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0666/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belongs to the Kolaeliya tank and the tank reserve situated in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (ii) the total extent of paddy land that can be cultivated by using water from this tank?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of marshy land that was identified as an area that would be submerged by being part of the tank bed, before the reconstruction of the Kolaeliya tank in 1984; and

(6)

- (ii) the names of the owners of the above mentioned lands?
- (c) Is he aware that action has been taken to grant alternative lands legally for the aforesaid indentified persons, prior to the reconstruction work at the tank?
- (d) Will he state separately, the list of names of the recipients who received such alternative lands, the total extent of lands granted the date on which it was done and the names of the officers of the institutions which took part in the aforesaid process?
- (e) Will he admit that even after granting of alternative lands, no legal action has been taken to remove the few persons who claim the ownership for the marshy lands that would be submerged by being a part of the tank bed?
- (f) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not removing these people despite the fact that alternative lands have been granted to them; and
 - (ii) as to how the unlawful constructions and laying of electric wires were done in these lands?
- (g) If not, why?

0668/08

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?

0602/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Tennegedara Upul Priyantha Ranwala and the members of his family, Mr. Abeysinghe Mudiyanseelage Seneviratne and the Members of his family, Mr. Nipunachchari Ganithayalage Prema Ranjith and Mr. Jayasinghe Arachchige Dinesh Priya Suranga who are residents of the Peniweraluwa village of the Pahala Labbala Grama Niladhari Division bearing No.1574 residing respectively at Premises No. 430/76/01, Premises No.430/129, Premises No.430/232 and Premises No.930/217 have obtained dual registration by also registering at Premises No.430/176, Premises No.430/243, Premises No.430/165 and Premises No.430/63/01 respectively in the Electoral List 2004?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) this will enable the same person to cast his vote twice; and
 - (ii) an injustice is caused to several political parties or a candidate due to this reason?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an investigation has been carried out on complaints made in this regard;
 - (ii) whether the officers responsible have been identified at the investigation; and
 - (iii) if they have been identified, the disciplinary action taken against them?

- (d) If action has not been taken against them, will he take measures to initiate disciplinary action against the officers responsible in the future?
- (e) If not, why?

0134/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;which had been in the Kesbewa Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;Which are in the Kesbewa Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
 - (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?
- (d) If not, why?

0135/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and

(ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0136/08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Kotte Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Kotte Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and

(ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0628/08

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

(a) Is he aware that National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority is a semi-governmental, non profit making and fully state funded institution, which is subject to the auditing done by the Auditor General's Department?

(b) Will he submit that, with regard to granting of maternity leave, this institution implements only the provisions of Public Administration Circular 3/2004 and it does not implement the provisions of the Public Administration Circular 4/2005?

(c) Will he submit to this House—

(i) as to how the Circular 03/2004, which was cancelled by the aforesaid Circular 04/2005, can still be valid in this institution;

(ii) the name of the person who has issued this order;

(iii) as to how the aforesaid person can change the Public Administration Circulars;

(iv) if the permission of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs was obtained to change the Circular, the date on which such permission was obtained;

(v) if permission has not been obtained, whether it was a decision taken by an individual officer without informing the Ministry;

(vi) as to how could the Public Administration Circulars other than the Public Administration Circular 04/2005 be relevant if this is an order given by the Ministry;

- (vii) whether maternity leave will be granted to the relevant female officers according to the Circular 04/2005, in future;
 - (viii) if not, the reason for it; and
 - (ix) the benefits that will be granted to the female officers who were deprived of the opportunity of taking maternity leave as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

0172/'08

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 a company named Janatha Lanka Chili Company Ltd., was established at Kurundankulama, Matale Junction in Anuradhapura District under the auspices of the government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if such a company was established, the name of the Chairman of the company;
 - (ii) if a board of directors or a board of office bearers have been appointed, their names and addresses;
 - (iii) whether the funds and resources of the North Central Province or the Government were used to establish the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the institutions that provided funds and the amount of money provided by them; and
 - (v) the types of facilities, if other facilities have been provided?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether farmers were recruited as members of this company;
 - (ii) if so, their names, addresses, amount of shares and the membership fee or the amount of money collected in place of the membership fee;
 - (iii) if membership fees were collected, the purposes for which that money was used; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to return the membership shares?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if this company, which was defunct for sometime has been re-established, the date on which it was done; and

- (ii) the relevant amount of money, if money has been allocated from Gama Neguma Project, for the aforesaid purpose?
- (e) If not, why?

0173/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) out of the quantity of maize required for this country, the quantity which is produced locally; and
 - (ii) the quantity of maize that has been produced in each year from 1987 to 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government farms that produce seeds required for the production of maize and the names of such farms; and
 - (ii) the quantity of maize seeds produced annually by each of the above mentioned farms during the period from 1987 - 2007?
- (c) Will he accept the fact that the farmers who cultivate maize have faced difficulties due to the non-availability of quality maize seeds?
- (d) If the maize cultivation has collapsed, will he submit to this House, the methodology that will be adopted to enhance the maize cultivation?
- (e) If not, why?

0174/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) out of the quantity of dried chilies required for this country, the quantity which is produced locally; and
 - (ii) the quantity of dried chilies that has been produced in each year from 1987 to 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Government farms that produce seeds required for the production of dried chilies and the names of such farms; and
 - (ii) the quantity of dried chili seeds produced annually by each of the above mentioned farms during the period from 1987 - 2007?
- (c) Will he accept the fact that the farmers who cultivate dried chilies have faced difficulties due to the non-availability of quality dried chilies seeds?

- (d) If the dried chilies cultivation has collapsed, will he submit to this House, the methodology that will be adopted to enhance the dried chili cultivation?
- (e) If not, why?

0301/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a person named L.K. Nimal who has built a two storied building on land No.125, in the Ruhunugama Unit of Weheragala Division belonging to Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority has been in permanent occupation of such premises for nearly 10 years now;
 - (ii) a letter has been issued to the Electricity Board by the Divisional Manager of Weheragala, confirming ownership to have power supply to that building; and
 - (iii) their names have also been included in the Electoral Register?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the case No.44/149/06 filed in the Polonnaruwa Magistrate Court to have this land and the building vested again in the Mahaweli Authority is merely an act of political victimization;
 - (ii) during the 2004 General Election the Mahaweli Security Officers have shot at his house and fled;
 - (iii) a complaint has been lodged at the Aralaganwila Police Station in that regard?
- (c) Will he state in this House, as to why any court action has not been initiated regarding the other lands adjoining this land which are also being occupied after being acquired from original owners?
- (d) Will he state whether necessary action will be taken so that Mr. Nimal will be able to continue with the possession of his house and the land?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, August 08, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0137/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Moratuwa Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Moratuwa Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and

(ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0138/08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0139/08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0175/08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

(a) Will he inform this House separately, the date on which the Padaviya Tank and Irrigation system that provided water to the Padaviya colony in the Anuradhapura district was reconstructed and the date on which the colony was established?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the capacity of the relevant tank that provides water to the aforesaid colony;
- (ii) the amount of paddy lands which are cultivated by using that facility; and
- (iii) separately, the extent of lands that have been cultivated under the Padaviya Scheme during Yala and Maha seasons in 2005, 2006 and 2007?

(c) Is he aware that the farm lands do not get sufficient water as a result of the poor irrigation system of this tank?

(d) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to repair the irrigation system of the tank; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid repair work will be started?

(e) If not, why?

0176/08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

(a) Will he inform this House separately, the date on which the Kanadarawa Tank and Irrigation system that provided water to the Kanadarawa colony in the Anuradhapura district was reconstructed and the date on which the colony was established?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the capacity of the relevant tank that provides water to the aforesaid colony;
 - (ii) the amount of paddy lands which are cultivated by using that facility; and
 - (iii) separately, the extent of lands that have been cultivated under the Kanadarawa Scheme during Yala and Maha seasons in 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (c) Is he aware that the farm lands do not get sufficient water as a result of the poor irrigation system of this tank?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to repair the irrigation system of the tank; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid repair work will be started?
- (e) If not, why?

0177/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of kidney patients identified from Anuradhapura District; and
 - (ii) out of the number mentioned in the answer (a) (i) above, the number of patients who come to government hospitals for treatment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of kidney patients that have been identified in Kebithigollewa, Weli Oya, Medawachchiya areas;
 - (ii) the reasons for the increase in the number of kidney patients in these areas; and
 - (iii) the courses of action that have been followed in order to control the increase of kidney patients?
- (c) If not, why?

0303/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, whether it has been mentioned in the answer given by the then Minister of Textiles in response to a question asked by Hon. Tissa Attanayake, M.P. in 1999 that the employees of the ten power loom textile industries except for such industries at Galle and Anuradhapura are not entitled to pension rights?
- (b) Is he aware that 800 employees of the power loom textile sector who were treated as persons who did not have pension rights up to year 2003, received pension rights from 01.01.2003?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether Directress (textiles), had been advised to the effect that any employee in the power loom textile industry who has not completed 10 years service should not be sent on retirement by the letter of the Attorney General bearing No. E 423/2002 and dated 07.02.2003; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not making use of the directive bearing No ආ/iv/2/1/66 and dated 10.03.2003 and the letter bearing the same number and dated 19.05.2003 issued by the Director General Establishments for sending the remaining employees on retirement?
- (d) Will he take necessary steps to grant the employees of the ten power loom textile industries including Lewella and Polgolla with the entitlements that were violated by not sending them on retirement in the same way in which the persons who had not completed ten year service at Galle and Anuradhapura textile industries were sent on retirement?
- (e) If not, why?

0304/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the settlers who obtained lands from the estate by the name of Abakotewatta which belongs to the Victoria Zone of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority, under the basis of providing alternative lands, have been ordered to pay annual taxes for their lands?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) they lost their employment since they were given lands in the aforesaid estate considering them as the occupants who lived in the lands that were submerged by Victoria reservoir although they had served as estate labours in Ambakotewatta estate up to 1983; and

- (ii) they have lost their extra income avenues such as rearing cattle and engage in poultry farming?
- (c) Will he take steps to stop the collection of taxes from the Mahaweli lands given to them and provide them with some kind of relief?
- (d) If not, why?

0305/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.L. Karunasena of No.618B 3/9, Second Step, Anuradhapura was Grade II Court Clerk in the District Court, Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) he has been interdicted with effect from 31.08.2004?
- (b) Will he admit that this interdiction is not in accordance with the law under the Section 31:1 of Chapter XLVIII of the Establishment Code, as the B Reports Submitted in connection with this interdiction are those of a person who had been in service between 2001 and 2004 the year in which the case pertaining to Mr. Karunasena was filed?
- (c) As his innocence has been proved by the steps taken to pay him half pay from September 2005 after an inquiry connected to this interdiction was conducted by the Judicial Service Commission on 29-06-2005 will he take steps to reinstate him with salary arrears?
- (d) If not, why?

0448/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the name of the company (the contractor) that constructed the Mahanama Bridge in Matara;
 - (ii) the name of the person who opened the aforesaid bridge;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid bridge was opened?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of digital hoardings that were put up for the opening of the aforesaid bridge; and

- (ii) separately, the places where they were put up and the amounts of money spent on the aforesaid hoardings?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if palmyra trees were planted in the city of Matara to mark the ceremony held for the opening of the aforesaid bridge, the number of trees that were planted;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent on planting one palmyra tree; and
 - (iii) the date on which they were planted?
- (d) If not, why?

0449/'08

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total extent of lands that belongs to the Pallekele Industrial Estate in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the number of factories in the Pallekele Industrial Estate; and
 - (iii) the products of the aforesaid factories?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the land adjoining this Industrial Estate has been distributed to people at a personal level?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, a list of the names of the recipients of the lands distributed as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he state whether—
 - (i) it has been verified that the above mentioned recipients of lands do not possess lands from anywhere else in the country;
 - (ii) the distribution of the land has been done lawfully; and
 - (iii) the granting of lands for personal use in the aforesaid manner will have a bad effect on the factories of this Industrial Estate?
- (e) Will he take necessary action to reacquire the above mentioned lands?
- (f) If not, why?

0456/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of National Wildlife Parks in Sri Lanka and their names?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the information regarding the District, Provincial Council area, Local Government area and Divisional Secretariat area in which each Wildlife Park is situated?

- (c) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the annual income earned from each of the aforesaid Wildlife Parks from year 2000 to year 2006;
 - (ii) the amount of money given by each of those Wildlife Parks to the respective Provincial Councils and Local Government Authorities in each of the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid as taxes out of the annual income of the Wildlife Parks;
 - (iv) if there are any payments other than the taxes, what those payments are; and
 - (v) the names of the institutions to which those payments are made by each of the aforesaid Wildlife Parks in each of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.3/’05]

P.1/’08

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.2/’08

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.3/’08

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.4/’08

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.5/'08

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.6/'08

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.7/'08

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.8/'08

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.9/'08

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.10/'08

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

P.11/'08

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.12/'08

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.13/'08

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.14/'08

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.15/'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.

P.16/'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.

P.17/'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.

P.18/'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.

P.19/'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.

P.20/'08

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.21/'08

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.22/'08

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.23/'08

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.24/'08

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.25/'08

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.26/'08

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.27/'08

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.28/'08

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.29/'08

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.30/'08

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.31/'08

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.32/'08

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.33/'08

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.34/'08

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.35/'08

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.36/'08

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 37/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P38/'08

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0140/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and

(ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0141/08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

(ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and

(iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Homagama Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Homagama Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0142/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available;
and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Ratmalana Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available;
and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Ratmalana Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0178/08

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 Government farms that produce seeds needed for the agricultural purposes;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land of each of the aforesaid farms;
 - (iii) the annual seed-paddy production in each of the aforesaid farms from 1990 to 2007;
 - (iv) separately, the seed-paddy requirement for the Yala and Maha seasons; and
 - (v) the quantity of seed-paddy produced by the Government owned farms, out of the seed-paddy requirement of each season?
- (b) Is he aware that the farmers have faced difficulties in finding quality seed-paddy required for their paddy cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0179/08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) out of the quantity of big onions required for this country, the quantity which is produced locally; and
- (ii) the quantity of big onions that has been produced in each year from 1987 to 2007?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of government farms that produce seed big onions required for the production of big onions and the names of such farms; and

- (ii) the quantity of seed big onions produced annually by each of the above mentioned farms during the period from 1987 - 2007?
- (c) Will he accept the fact that the farmers who cultivate big onions have faced difficulties due to the non-availability of quality seed big onions?
- (d) If the big onions cultivation has collapsed, will he submit to this House, the methodology that will be adopted to enhance the big onion cultivation?
- (e) If not, why?

0180/08

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 action has been taken to expand the run-way of the Air force camp at Anuradhapura?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution that has been entrusted with the expansion of the aforesaid run-way;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for the above mentioned purpose;
 - (iii) if so, the number of institutions that submitted tenders; and
 - (iv) the name of the institution for which the tender was offered?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money estimated for the expansion work of the run-way;
 - (ii) the amount of gravel required for the expansion work of the aforesaid run-way;
 - (iii) out of the above mentioned quantity of gravel, the quantity of gravel that has been brought to the camp;
 - (iv) whether the royalty has been paid for the gravel transported for the expansion work of the run-way; and
 - (v) if royalty has been paid, the name of the institution to which it has been paid and the amount of money that has been paid?
- (d) If not, why?

0306/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of foreign countries which the relevant Minister visited since being appointed to the post 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?

0307/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the qualifications required for the post of Grade I Agricultural Research and Production Assistant attached to the Department of Agrarian Services;
 - (ii) whether a certain group of people have produced forged certificates in order to obtain the aforesaid Grade I posts;
 - (iii) if so, the names of such persons;
 - (iv) whether any such employees who produced forged certificates as mentioned above has been recruited to Grade II and provided with relief; and
 - (v) the names and basic qualifications of such employees?

- (b) Will he admit the fact that this action which is inconsistent with the state policies has violated the human rights of another group of persons?
- (c) Will he take action to grant entitlements of Grade II to those who have subjected to injustice without basic qualifications?
- (d) If not, why?

0308/'08

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 reason for running the passenger bus bearing registration number 60 Sri 6000, which belongs to the Galle Police Station, to Colombo on 24.08.2003;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who travelled in the aforesaid bus during the aforesaid journey; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who travelled in it?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the person who signed the running chart pertaining to that bus on the particular day;
 - (ii) the official purpose for which it was done;
 - (iii) the name of the driver who drove that bus on that day; and
 - (iv) the official duty in which the persons who travelled in the aforesaid bus, participated?
- (c) If not, why?

0458/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Yodhakandiya Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
- (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0459/08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Beralihela Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
- (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and

- (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
 - (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
 - (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0460/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Weeravila Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 20, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0143/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available; which had been in the Padukka Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Padukka Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0144/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available; which had been in the Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0145/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;

which had been in the Dehiwala, Mt. Lavenia Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Dehiwala, Mt. Lavenia Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
- (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0181/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House —

- (i) out of the quantity of Soya Bean required for this country, the quantity which is produced locally; and

- (ii) the quantity of Soya Bean that has been produced in each year form 1987 to 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government farms that produce seeds required for the production of Soya Bean and the names of such farms; and
 - (ii) the quantity of Soya Bean seeds produced annually by each of the above mentioned farms during the period from 1987 - 2007?
- (c) Will he accept the fact that the farmers who cultivate Soya Bean have faced difficulties due to the non-availability of quality Soya Bean seeds?
- (d) If the Soya Bean cultivation has collapsed, will he submit to this House, the methodology that will be adopted to enhance the Soya Bean cultivation?
- (e) If not, why?

0182/08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) out of the quantity of Potatoes required for this country, the quantity which is produced locally; and
 - (ii) the quantity of Potatoes that has been produced in each year form 1987 to 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government farms that produce seed Potatoes required for the production of Potatoes and the names of such farms; and
 - (ii) the quantity of seed Potatoes produced annually by each of the above mentioned farms during the period from 1987 - 2007?
- (c) Will he accept the fact that the farmers who cultivate Potatoes have faced difficulties due to the non-availability of quality seed Potatoes?
- (d) If the Potato cultivation has collapsed, will he submit to this House, the methodology that will be adopted to enhance the Potato cultivation?
- (e) If not, why?

0309/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of employees who have been removed from the service of Thulhiriya Textile Mill of the Textile Corporation which was taken over by the government, from 01.06.1990, the date on which its employees were attached to Kabul Lanka Company, up to the sale of that institution to Mass Holding Company, and subsequent to the sale up to now?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Thulhiriya Textile Mill was sold to Kabul Lanka Company on 01.06.1990 and subsequently, to Mass Holding Company on 31.07.2006, on the basis of providing employment again after paying compensation to all the employees with the intervention of the government so that their employment and rights would be preserved; and
 - (ii) nevertheless, no compensation has been paid to the persons who have been re-recruited or the persons who have left the service up to now?
- (c) Will he take steps to pay all the allowances and compensations due to the aforesaid on their employment rights and for the employees inconveniences they had to undergo, to all those who were employed at Kabul Lanka Company from the time it was privatized and are retired now, all the employees who were working until the institution was closed down on 11.09.2003 and all those who were employed until it was sold to Mass Holding Company on 31.07.2006?
- (d) If not, why?

0310/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that arrangements have been made to lease out the Oyamaduwa and Parasangaswewa farms in the Anuradhapura district belong to National Livestock Development Board, to an Indian Company for 50 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the extent of Parasangaswewa and Oyamaduwa farms in acres;
 - (ii) the number of employees who work in the aforesaid farms; and
 - (iii) the progress achieved up to now?

- (c) Will he submit this House, the reasons as to why the aforesaid two farms were leased out to an Indian company?
- (d) If not, why?

0317/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the private security service which has been employed to provide security services to the University of Rajarata, at Mihintale;
 - (ii) the name of the owner of the aforesaid security service;
 - (iii) whether tenders have been called from private security firms to provide security services to the University of Rajarata in the year 2004; and
 - (iv) if tenders have been called as mentioned above, the names of the institution that submitted tenders and the quotations submitted by them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the North Central Security Service (Pvt) Company has provided security services to the aforesaid university;
 - (ii) if the aforesaid company has provided security services, the period of time in which it was done; and
 - (iii) the reason for not obtaining the security services of that company again?
- (c) If not, why?

0461/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Meegahajandura Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
- (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0462/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Bandagiriya Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
- (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;

- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
 - (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
 - (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0463/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Ambalantota Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0503/'08

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— 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 which have been received by the Matale Police Station regarding the Principal of the Matale Koombiyangoda Sujatha Girls' School from the year 2006 up to now; and
- (ii) the matters on which the aforesaid complaints have been received?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the date of lodging the entry, the number, and the names of the complainants of each of the aforesaid complaints;
- (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid complaints were looked into; and
- (iii) the ruling given with regard to those complaints?

(c) Will he state whether the both relevant parties were summoned to the Police Station on the dates on which the aforesaid complaints were looked into?

(d) If not, why?

Thursday, August 21, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0146/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;
- which had been in the Hanwella Divisional Secretariat Division before the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available;

Which are in the Hanwella Divisional Secretariat Division at present after the present government came to power at the General Election held in year 2004?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops and holiday resorts that are situated in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division and which have been issued with liquor licences after present government came to power; and
 - (ii) the name and addresses of the owners of them?
- (d) If not, why?

0324/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that a competitive examination for appointing persons to the Grade 2-II of the Sri Lanka Principal's Service was conducted by the Commissioner General of Examinations in the year 2006?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the results of the aforesaid competitive examination had been issued by 10-09-2007?
- (c) Is he aware that an interview based on the aforesaid examination was conducted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education in the Central Province in September 2007?
- (d) Will he submit to this House separately the lists of names of the candidates who sat for the aforesaid examination from the Central Province and the names of the persons who were called for the interview, without issuing the results of the examinations?
- (e) Will he state the manner in which the aforesaid list of names was submitted to the interview and whether the aforesaid interview is legally valid?
- (f) If not, why?

0325/'08

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—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to transfer a portion of the land on which the Matara, Kottegoda Post Office is located, to some institution or a private individual;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the person or the institution; and
 - (iii) the reason for doing so?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the aforesaid land had been reserved for the construction of a fisheries library?
- (c) If not, why?

0328/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.M. Gunarathna of No.265, 11th mile post, Badalkumbura, was elected to the post of chairman of the Badalkumbura Pradeshiya Sabha at the local government election held in year 2002;

- (ii) he performed his duties as the chairman of that Pradeshiya Sabha from 15.04.2002 up to 15.04.2006; and
- (iii) he got his leave in the teaching service approved for the aforesaid period?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why monthly salaries and promotions have not been granted to Mr. Gunarathne, who was serving as a teacher at Mo / Nishshanka National School in Badalkumbura, from 15/04/2006 up to now?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant arrears and promotions to this teacher who has taken action in the proper manner to get his leave in the Teachers' Service approved?
- (d) If not, why?

0464/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Lunama Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;

- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
 - (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0465/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Angunakolapelessa Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
 - (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and

- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0466/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Udayala Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
- (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
- (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0511/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Nandana Balasooriya, who is now serving as the Chairman of the Udubaddawa Pradeshiya Sabha has served as a Manager of the Udubaddawa Samurdhi Bank Zone in Udubaddawa Divisional Secretariat Division before he was appointed to the post held by him at present?
- (b) Will he admit that he had been interdicted from service as he was involved in a financial fraud of five lakhs (Rs.500,000/=) when he was serving as a Manager of the Udubaddawa Samurdhi Bank Zone?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the current situation of the investigation that has been initiated against him by the Samurdhi Authority, with regard to the above mentioned frauds?
- (d) Is he aware that Polpithigama Divisional Secretary, the Disciplinary Inquiry Officer, does not get the required cooperation from the Investigative Officer Mr. Sarath Wijewardhana and the Internal Audit Officer Mr. Anurawansa who appear on behalf of the Samurdhi Authority, which is the party that has made the complaint, for looking into this complaint expeditiously and the above mentioned officers act in a manner that is favorable to the party which has been accused of committing the above mentioned fraud?
- (e) Will he take necessary action to conclude the aforesaid investigation impartially and expeditiously?
- (f) Will he submit to this House the facts disclosed at the aforesaid inquiry?
- (g) If not, why?

0512/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that eco-friendly, battery operated motor cars are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the names of the countries from where the aforesaid vehicles are imported to Sri Lanka and the names of the local agents who import them?
- (c) Will he admit that these battery operated Motor cars are highly suitable for putting an end to the destructions caused to the environment in Sri Lanka by vehicles?

(d) Will he state—

- (i) whether measures will be taken to grant import tax relief in importing these eco-friendly motor cars; and
- (ii) whether opportunity will be provided to establish factories that assemble the aforesaid vehicles in Sri Lanka?

(e) If not, why?

0513/'08

Hon. Gamini Jayawikrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

(a) Is he aware that steps were taken in the year 2007 to import rice from foreign countries?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the countries from which rice was imported as mentioned in (a) above, the amount of rice that was imported, the purchasing price of one kilo of rice, the names of the local agents who imported rice and the selling price of one kilo of rice in the local market; and
- (ii) the amount of rice that was there in the stores of the government of Sri Lanka in the year 2007?

(c) Will he state separately, the names of the institutions to which the said amount of rice was provided to be sold in the local market, the price at which one kilo of rice was provided to the aforesaid institutions and the selling price of the aforesaid rice in the local market?

(d) If not, why?

0536/'08

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of land owned by the government in a land known both as Ambalanwatta and Malberry watta in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the purposes for which the aforesaid lands have been given to certain other parties;
- (iii) if so, the extent of land given to each party;

- (iv) the basis on which it was done;
 - (v) if a decision has been taken to sell a portion of the land to the Road Development Authority, the extent of the relevant land and the reason for selling it; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not making arrangements to give the aforesaid land on any other basis without selling it?
- (b) Is he aware of the facts that—
- (i) there is a need for a play ground in Kaduwela area and there is no other government land in the area which could be used for that purpose; and
 - (ii) the residents in the area have made a request for the said land to be made available for the above purpose?
- (c) if the aforesaid land cannot be made available for the above mentioned purpose, will he state the reason for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0633/08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the temporary licence, bearing number 130E.S.1. in the Halwitigala Colony in Thawalama, Galle has been given to Mr. J.W. Jayasekara on 14.10.1980;
 - (ii) the four boundaries relevant to the aforesaid land are Ratnayake's land to the North, W.G. Piyadasa's land to the South, Palugoda road to the East and the main road to the West; and
 - (iii) meanwhile, an initialed licence without the rubber stamp placed on it has been issued by the Divisional Secretariat in respect of a land adjacent to Sudharmaramaya in Halwitigala having altered its four boundaries?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that though an investigation report of the Provincial Commissioner of Lands bearing number LC/G/TW/130 has been presented in this regard, so far Thawalama Divisional Secretariat has not acted in terms of the Circular?

- (c) Will he state as to what steps have been taken against the relevant officers who are responsible for submitting a wrong report based on the forged licence, to the court and for the non availability of copies of the relevant documents in the file, though certain decisions, according to observations of the report No. රාජපති/විම/දළ/17/86/07 in relation to Parliamentary Consultative Committee resolution No.1706, are correct?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, August 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0330/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that the land by the name of “Pothana” which is situated close to the Gallinda Village that is located in close proximity to Mahasengama, which belongs to Minneriya electorate in the Polonnaruwa District, has been taken over for the Minneriya wildlife park?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the aforesaid land has been vested with some person for the development of it;
 - (ii) if it has been vested with some person, the name of the person who has been vested with the aforesaid land and the basis on which it was done;
 - (iii) whether any person has been granted with permission to build a tourist hotel or a holiday camp within the area of Minneriya wildlife park; and
 - (iv) if permission has been granted, the name of the person who has been granted with permission and the basis on which it was done?
- (c) If not, why?

0340/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that 46 persons including Mr. H.B. Gaminidasa of 253/28, Shanthi Avenue, Makola South, who retired from the Technical Service of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, have not been paid their salary increase allowance payable for the period from 1994 up to now?

- (b) Will he make the necessary arrangements to pay the allowance concerned to these persons?
- (c) If not, why?

0343/'08

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—
 - (i) the name of the institution that erected the stages for the meetings which were held at Nawalapitiya and Kurunegala on 07.08.2007 and 08.08.2007 respectively to raise awareness among the people on the development activities of the country;
 - (ii) the total amount of money which was paid to the relevant institutions for erecting these stages; and
 - (iii) the name of the institution which paid the aforesaid amount of money?
- (b) If not, why?

0467/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Netolpitiya Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
- (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0468/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Beliatta Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
- (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
- (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
- (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;

- (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and
 - (iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?
- (d) If not, why?

0469/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy lands in the Moderawana Agrarian Service Centre area in the Hambantota District as at 31.12.2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land identified as falling into the categories of major irrigated, minor irrigated and rain fed, out of the number of acres of paddy lands mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of tenant farmers engaged in paddy farming in the relevant area as at 31.12.2007 and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them;
 - (ii) the number of farmers who have their own paddy lands and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them; and
 - (iii) if there are any other types of farmers other than the two types of farmers mentioned above, their number and the number of acres of paddy lands cultivated by them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of disputes that have arisen between the land owner and the successor owing to the death of the tenant farmer during the period up to 31.12.2007, since implementation of the Agrarian Development Act in the year 2000;
 - (ii) the number of disputes of tenant farmers that has been reported to the Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Services from the relevant area; and

(iii) the number of successors who have been accorded the rights of tenant farmers?

(d) If not, why?

0514/'08

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) following a competitive examination which was held to fill the seven vacancies for computer operators that existed in Bank of Ceylon branches in the North Western Province, the said appointments have been given with effect from 01.08.2005;
- (ii) all those who were appointed in the aforesaid manner are holders of the certificate on Computer and Information Technology issued by the National Apprentice Board; and
- (iii) the candidates who are appointed in this manner were employed for a daily allowance of Rs. 300/=?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) after serving continuously for nearly two years, on daily paid basis, they had been informed in writing on 05.07.2007 that the said service would be suspended; and
- (ii) despite the aforesaid communication, their service has not yet been suspended and they are still serving on daily paid basis?

(c) Will he take necessary measures to confirm the service of these individuals who have served the Bank of Ceylon continuously on daily paid basis for nearly three years?

(d) If not, why?

0515/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the price at which a kilogram of rice was purchased by the government in the Yala Season of the year 2007, the establishments which made the purchases and the amount of paddy stored;

- (ii) the amount of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board from the Mahaweli Zones in the same season;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of paddy stored by the paddy Marketing Board, the selling price and the establishments that made the purchases in the same season; and
 - (iv) separately, the amounts of paddy issued for human consumption and the amount of paddy issued for animal feed?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the harvests of the Yala and Maha seasons separately out of the total paddy harvest of the year 2007?
- (c) Will he state the amount of paddy imported in the year 2007?
- (d) If not, why?

0516/'08

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) large scale sand mining is taking place in the Mahaweli river at the Manampitiya area in Polonnaruwa; and
 - (ii) this causes an immense damage to the environment?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether permits have been issued for sand mining in the Mahaweli river at the Manampitiya area;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such permit holders and their names; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant permits were issued after a proper research conducted by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau?
- (c) Will he state the measures taken by the relevant Ministry to stop the unauthorized sand mining in the above area?
- (d) If not, why?

0543/'08

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Post and Telecommunications,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) approximately 1000 families who lost their Houses and properties due to the Tsunami disaster and became helpless in Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat area have been given houses in the two villages namely Kuligoda, Galagoda and Rathgama Monrovia; and

- (ii) these families have been living in the aforesaid two villages for more than two years and their names have been included in the Electoral Register?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Department of the Posts does not deliver letters sent to the people living in the aforesaid two villages; and
 - (ii) although, written representations have been made, the responsible officers including the Regional Superintendent of Posts, Galle, no response whatsoever has so far been received?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to ensure that the letters sent to the residents of the aforesaid two villages are delivered to them; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

0544/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the cluster bus companies which were scattered all over the island were legally converted into Sri Lanka Transport Board by a notification in the Gazette Extraordinary of 19.10.2005, which was published according to the Sri Lanka Transport Board Act, No.27 of 2005;
 - (ii) according to the aforesaid Gazette Extraordinary, the date on which the provisions of the aforesaid Act come into effect should be 19.10.2005; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the salary structure that was applicable to the cluster bus companies automatically became the salary structure of the Sri Lanka Transport Board from 19.10.2005?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Finance Division Circular No.2 of 2008 bearing the number මු/ප/ප්‍ර /70 and dated 07.01.2008 issued by the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Transport Board and the Deputy General Manager, has indicated that the aforesaid salary system should be effective from 01.01.2008; and
 - (ii) this is a violation and underestimation of the Sri Lanka Transport Board Act, No.27 of 2005 which was passed by the Parliament of Sri Lanka and the provisions in the Gazette Extraordinary bearing number 1415/15 and dated 19.10.2005?

- (c) Will he take necessary action to implement the relevant salary system for the employees in the aforesaid cluster bus companies with effect from 19.10.2005?
- (d) If not, why?

0634/'08

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the owner of the land adjoining the land called Apathopwatta in Nagoda, Galle, which has been taken over by the government, has encroached on a portion of the aforesaid land including the access road to the land allocated for the Department of Survey?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House in detail the steps that have been taken regarding the aforesaid matter?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to give the aforesaid allotted land to those who donated their land to the Ayurvedic dispensary in Udugama Bar junction; and
 - (ii) the legal provisions under which the above mentioned decision was taken?
 - (d) Will he admit that the action taken to provide a part of the land in the aforesaid manner increases the possibility for the unauthorized occupant to claim the ownership of the aforesaid land?
 - (e) Will he inform this House the period of time within which the dispute regarding this land will be settled and it will be acquired by the Divisional Secretary as the Department of Survey has been given another land?
 - (f) if it is necessary to give a land of equal value to those who donated their land to the Ayurvedic dispensary, will he take action to give a land from another place other than from the land adjoining the land of the aforesaid unauthorized occupant?
 - (g) If not, why?
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Tuesday, September 09, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0053/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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) the Public Service Mutual Provident Association (PSMPA) is a century old statutory financial institution incorporated under PSMPA Ordinance No.5 of 1891;
 - (ii) it is managed by a Committee consisting of President to the Committee, two nominated members appointed by the Secretary to the Treasury and 11 elected Committee members; and
 - (iii) a building for its office had been purchased at Rs. 48 million?
- (b) Will he state whether Rs. 7 million was kept as a retainer money till the vendor would obtain for the PSMPA “absolute ownership of the purchased property” within one month from the commission of National Housing according to the agreement No.2921 entered into between the purchaser (PSMPA) and vendor?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the “absolute ownership of the property” has not yet been obtained for the PSMPA though over 3 ½ years had elapsed, as pointed out by Auditor-General in his report on PSMPA Accounts for 2006; and
 - (ii) Rs. 5 million out of the retainer money has been paid out for reasons unknown?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to hold a public inquiry in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0517/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of research institutes belonging to the Department of Agriculture and their locations;
 - (ii) separately, the researches conducted by the aforesaid research institutes; and

- (iii) separately, the locations of seed production centres of the Department of Agriculture and the types of seeds produced at those centres?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the seed products issued to farmers by the above seed production centres and the places in which they were issued in the years 2006/2007;
 - (ii) the varieties of imported seed and the amounts so imported in the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) the institutions in the private sector which produce seeds and the relevant varieties of seeds; and
 - (iv) the amount of seeds issued to the local market by the aforesaid companies in the years 2006/2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0525/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Prima Company has been granted any subsidy for wheat flour by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the subsidy granted for one kilogram of wheat flour;
 - (iii) the date from which arrangements were made to grant the aforesaid subsidy;
 - (iv) the date on which it was suspended; and
 - (v) separately, the amount of money given as subsidy in each year during that period?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the dates on which due subsidy was made available to Prima Company in relation to each year?
- (c) If not, why?

0527/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the aircrafts owned by 'Mihin Air' have been purchased or whether they have been obtained on lease?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the procedure followed in purchasing the aforesaid aircrafts, if they have been purchased; and
 - (ii) the price at which they were purchased?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the leased aircrafts were obtained if there are aircrafts that have been obtained on lease;
 - (ii) if tender procedure was followed in obtaining them the date on which it was done; and
 - (iii) the basis on which money is paid for aircraft obtained in this manner, the amount of money that is paid and the relevant conditions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money that has been paid monthly up to now for the aircraft that have been obtained on lease; and
 - (ii) the amounts of money outstanding, if there are any?
- (e) If not, why?

0529/08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House the methodology adopted in enrolling students to Universities?
 - (b) Will he state the purpose of the Common General Test prescribed for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) at present?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is compulsory for students to get through the aforesaid Common General Test in order to enter universities; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it was made compulsory?
 - (d) Will he state whether the Z-score rate of the students who passed the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination but failed the Common General Test in 2006 and 2007 will be released?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 10, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0532/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of shares of Air Lanka that was transferred to Emirates company; and
 - (ii) the amount of money paid for the aforesaid transfer?
 - (b) Will he inform this House separately, the amount of shares and their percentages allocated to the government and other establishments out of the shares of the aforesaid company?
 - (c) Will he submit to this House the dividends received by the government from the year in which they were transferred to Emirates?
 - (d) If not, why?
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