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No. 1 (3).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

OF

PARLIAMENT

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Tuesday, August 05, 2008

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,— Supplementary Sum— Head 118 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Eleven thousands eight hundred and fifty four Million (Rs. 11,854,000,000) 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 118	—	Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services
Programme 02	—	Development Programme
Project 03	—	Agricultural Development

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>11,854,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	11,854,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.05 of 2008 presented on 25th July,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-4 Rs. 3,216,180,332/-

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Urban Settlement Development Authority Bill— Second Reading

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The Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,— Regulations under the Urban Development Authority Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development, under the Sub Section (I) of Section 21 of the Urban Development Authority Law, No.41 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1555/32 of 27th June, 2008, which were presented on 25.07.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Regulations under the Forest Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, under sub-Section (1) of Section 24 of Forest Ordinance (Chapter 451) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1548/29 of 09th May, 2008, which was presented on 22.07.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Order under the National Environmental Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, under the Section 23A of the National Environmental Act, No.47 of 1980 as amended by the Acts, No.56 of 1988 and No.53 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1533/16 of 25th January, 2008, which were presented on 25.07.2008 be approved.

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The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Regulations under the National Environmental Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, under the Section 32 read with Section 23A and 23B of the National Environmental Act, No.47 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1534/18 of 01st February, 2008, which were presented on 25.07.2008, be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Tuesday, September 09, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0722/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of State owned and private power stations that generate electricity and presently situated within Nuwara Eliya district and areas bordering it;
 - (ii) the number of units of electricity produced annually by each of the aforesaid power stations; and
 - (iii) the extent of land allocated for the reservoirs and other constructions and the number of families removed at the time of construction of each of the aforesaid power stations?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of Grama Niladhari divisions that have not been provided with electricity and the number of families that have not been provided with electricity supply within each Divisional Secretariat Division of Nuwara Eliya District;
 - (ii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and the relevant number of families provided with electricity of low voltage, within the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to meet the needs of the aforesaid areas that have not been provided with electricity and with electricity of low voltage?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of electrification projects including the projects with Chinese aid, CIDA project and others that are to be implemented by the relevant Ministry; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid number, the number of projects allocated for Nuwara Eliya district?
- (d) If not, why?

0723/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of persons who also engage in teaching profession while being employed as Samurdhi Development Officers in each Divisional Secretariat division in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent monthly by the Samurdhi Movement for the payment of their salaries?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the educational qualifications that were considered when granting appointments to the aforesaid Samurdhi Teachers;
- (ii) the educational qualifications of each of the aforesaid Samurdhi Teachers at the time of recruitment;
- (iii) whether they will be employed further in the relevant post;
- (iv) if they are not employed as mentioned above will be attached to the Ministry of Education; and
- (v) the courses of action that have been followed and the courses of action that are to be followed in order to develop their teaching profession?

(c) If not, why?

0724/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of families that receive Samurdhi benefits in each Divisional Secretariat division in the Nuwara Eliya District;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid families, the number of families that receive allowances of Rs. 1000/=, Rs. 500/=, Rs. 300/= and Rs. 140/= at Divisional Secretariat division level; and
- (iii) accordingly, the total amount of money paid to the Samurdhi recipients at the Divisional Secretariat division level?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the numbers of Samurdhi Managers, Development Officers and persons holding other posts in the Samurdhi movement in the above mentioned District; and
- (ii) the monthly salaries and allowances paid to them and the total of the same at the Divisional Secretariat level?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi Banks in each Divisional Secretariat division;
- (ii) the amount of savings in the accounts and the amount of loans provided for the beneficiaries in each of the aforesaid Samurdhi Banks; and
- (iii) the names of the relevant debtors and the amount of defaulted loan repayments?

(d) If not, why?

0147/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 1489 million has been allocated from the revised budget of 2007 (as mentioned in the budgetary estimates of 2008) under the provision of facilities for the urban community, for making towns sustainable?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects on which the money was spent?
- (c) If not, why?

0148/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 1712 million has been allocated from the budget of 2006 for the water supply projects in the areas affected by the Tsunami?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2006 for the purpose mentioned above; and
- (ii) the areas in which the projects were implemented?

(c) If not, why?

0149/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

(a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 3169 million had been allocated from the revised budget of 2007 (as mentioned in the budgetary estimates of 2008) for the water supply projects in the areas affected by the Tsunami?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and
- (ii) the areas in which the projects were implemented?

(c) If not, why?

0195/'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 Villachchiya Tank and irrigation system that provided water to the Villachchiya 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, in acre feet;
- (ii) the extent of paddy lands cultivated by using that facility; and
- (iii) separately, the extent of land that have been cultivated under the Villachchiya scheme during Yala and Maha seasons of the years 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?

0196/'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 Kanthale Tank and irrigation system that provided water to the Kanthale Colony in the Trincomalee 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, in acre feet;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands cultivated by using that facility; and
 - (iii) separately, the extent of land that have been cultivated under the Kanthale scheme during Yala and Maha seasons of the years 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?
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Wednesday, September 10, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0725/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi Managers, Development Officers and other Officers who have lost their employment at present as a result of misappropriation of Samurdhi funds in each of the Divisional Secretariat divisions of the Nuwara Eliya District; and
 - (ii) the names of each of the aforesaid Officers who have engaged in the above mentioned misappropriation and the amounts of money that have been misappropriated?
- (b) Will he state the courses of action that have been taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money?
- (c) If not, why?

0726/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the number of students who are not permanent residents in Nuwara Eliya district and study in General Certificate of Education (O/L) classes and Science, Arts and Commerce subjects in Advanced Level classes, on the basis of each school and on the basis of each Education Zone in the same district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each school, the number of students who have gained university admission from Nuwara Eliya district during the last ten years; and
 - (ii) out of the number of students mentioned in (i) above, the number of students who are not permanent residents of the aforesaid district?
- (c) If not, why?

0727/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated to the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure through the Budget from the inception of the aforesaid Ministry up to year 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amounts allocated, out of the aforesaid money, for developing the education, health, road and power sectors in each year?
- (b) Will he state separately, on the basis of Divisional Secretariat Division, the amounts allocated for each electricity project since the inception of the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure?
- (c) If not, why?

0150/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 1537 million had been allocated from the budget of the year 2006 for small and medium scale water supply projects in all provinces?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2006 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0151/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 13,355 million had been allocated from the budget of the year 2006 for large scale water supply and sanitation projects in major towns?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2006 for the purpose mentioned above;

- (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented; and
- (iii) the names of the major towns in which those projects were implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0152/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 17,040 million had been allocated from the revised budget of 2007 (as mentioned in the budgetary estimates of 2008) for large scale water supply and sanitation schemes in major cities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007, for the purpose mentioned above;
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented; and
 - (iii) the names of the major cities in which the projects were implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0009/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in accordance with the statement made by the Government that there are a lot of investments in the country, Agreements signed under the Sections 16 & 17 of the BOI Act along with the dates, the employment potential, the investment value, and as to when they were expected to commence from 01st January 2006 to-date on per investment basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as per (a) above the real investment;
 - (ii) the date it was made the employment potential; and
 - (iii) the place it is located?
- (c) Will he state as per (a) and (b) above the net impact to export potential in the country?
- (d) If not, why?

0011/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when was the Lankaputhra Bank incorporated and its capital;
 - (ii) whether it has been invested by Non-banking Institutions;
 - (iii) if so, the ordinary shares, preference shares and the debentures separately;
 - (iv) the accounts to date from the inception;
 - (v) the names of the staff members working there at present; and
 - (vi) the names of the top 05 staff members along with their emoluments and total perks given to them on per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the interest rates prevailing at this time; and
 - (ii) the percentages of loans given along with the interest rates?
- (c) If not, why?

0023/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the corroborative evidence for the action that has been taken on COPE report presented on 12th January, 2007;
 - (ii) the date that the previous COPE report presented to Parliament; and
 - (iii) the corroborative evidence for the action that has been taken against the State owned entities referred therein?
- (b) Will he state the reason for not taken actions against persons referred in the presented COPE reports?
- (c) If not, why?

0349/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Namal Ramyalatha de Silva, who was the wife of Mr. R.L.H. Hemachandra of 58/1, Akurala, Kahawa, and her mother died due to the Tsunami disaster which occurred on 26/12/2004; and
 - (ii) the house which was occupied by them was also destroyed?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not paying any compensation to the aforesaid person up to now for the aforesaid loss of lives and the destruction of the house and property?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to provide him with the relevant compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

0350/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted to any person to construct a building, for carrying out political activities, in a part of the Alan Mathiniyaramaya sacred area in Kirulapana, Colombo; and
 - (ii) if permission has not been granted, whether this land has been encroached?
- (b) Is he aware that the reverend priest who resided in the Alan Mahiniyaramaya is being prevented from entering the premises of the aforesaid temple by a group of thugs?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid group of thugs have established a society called “Vihara Karya Sadana Samithiya” without the approval of the Most Reverend Chief Prelate and the temple premises are used for political activities through the aforesaid society?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to free the aforesaid temple premises from political activities?
- (e) If not, why?

0351/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.M. Piyasena of New town, Walapane served in the Walapane depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) he was sent on retirement on 30.11.2004?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why gratuity payments to which he is entitled, were not paid to him?
- (c) Will he take steps to pay him the due gratuity payments?
- (d) If not, why?

0470/'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 Weeraketiya 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?

0471/'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 Meegas Ara 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?

Thursday, September 11, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0728/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the non-governmental organizations which are operating in Nuwara Eliya District at present;
 - (ii) the addresses of the aforesaid organizations; and
 - (iii) the fields of operation in respect of each organization?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the projects implemented by each of the aforesaid non-governmental organizations during the last 10 years; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated for each such project?
- (c) Will he state whether there is a procedure adopted by the Government in order to monitor the activities of the aforesaid non-governmental organizations?
- (d) If not, why?

0729/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the Multi-Purpose Co-operative societies that come under the Department of Co-operatives and situated within Nuwara-Eliya District;
 - (ii) the movable and immovable properties belonging to each of the aforesaid co-operative societies;
 - (iii) separately, the number of branches maintained by each of the aforesaid societies;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of debts obtained by each of the aforesaid societies;

- (v) the amount of arrears that should be paid by the Samurdhi movement to each of the aforesaid societies; and
 - (vi) whether the Ministry of Cooperatives has formulated a plan to resuscitate these institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

0730/08

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

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

0153/08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 2,625 million had been allocated from the revised budget of 2007 (as mentioned in the budgetary estimates of 2008) on small and medium scale water supply schemes in all provinces?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007, for the purpose mentioned above; and

- (ii) the names of the projects implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

0154/'08

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

- (a) Is she aware that a sum of Rs. 450 million had been allocated from the budget of the year 2006 on assisted programmes for Housing Development?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2006, for the purpose mentioned above;
 - (ii) the names of the projects implemented with that money; and
 - (iii) the number of beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

0155/'08

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

- (a) Is she aware that a sum of Rs. 118 million had been allocated by the revised budget 2007 (as mentioned in the budgetary estimates of 2008) under Tsunami assisted programmes?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007, for the purpose mentioned above;
 - (ii) the names of the projects implemented with that money; and
 - (iii) the number of beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

0026/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the cost of the Norrochhole Project at the start and as at today?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the country or institution giving money for the project; and

- (ii) the terms of lending?
- (c) Will he also state the cost per unit including depreciation?
- (d) If not, why?

0041/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of commissions appointed by His Excellency the President or the Government from 1st January 2006 to date;
 - (ii) the purpose and the present position of those commissions;
 - (iii) the cost incurred in running these commissions to-date on per commission basis; and
 - (iv) the names of the persons who are heading these commissions?
- (b) What action will be taken on the interim reports submitted by the aforesaid Commissions?
- (c) If not, why?

0045/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total profit of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) how the total cost of sales per liter is composed of; and
 - (iii) the profit margin that are added on?
- (b) Will he also state separately—
 - (i) the number of liters sold of petrol, diesel, furnace oil, kerosene oil and aviation fuel during that period; and
 - (ii) the quantity of locally manufactured and the quantity imported along with the costing and the profit margins for them?
- (c) If not, why?

0352/'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. K.P.B. Mudannayaka of No.23, Aruppalawatta Road, Kandy, joined the service of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as a canteen supervisor at its head office from 14.11.1991 and was confirmed in the aforesaid post with effect from 01.05.1993?
- (b) Will he admit that he tendered the application for resignation on 15-11-2001 with the intention of going on retirement voluntarily under the Central Bank Modernization Project, and four days later, on 19.11.2001, handed over the letter for the withdrawal of the aforesaid application to the head of the institution again?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for not accepting the request made by Mr. Mudannayaka to withdraw his application which was submitted for volunteer retirement; and
 - (ii) the reason for depriving him of even his pension, although he has completed a period of 10 years service which is required for retirement?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to get his period of service extended?
- (e) If not, why?

0354/'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 the removal of Rev. Balapitiye Siri Seevali Thero who acted as a consultant of the Punyagrama project which was implemented under the Ministry of Buddha Sasana (the Ministry of Religious Affairs at present) since the year 2003, from the above mentioned post he held;
 - (ii) the name of the person who has been appointed as a replacement after the removal of Rev. Seevali Thero who had participated in 300 programmes held in difficult villages at every weekend throughout a period of four years; and
 - (iii) the name of the person who has recommended the above mentioned replacement?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the educational and religious qualifications of the person who has been appointed in that manner; and

- (ii) whether steps will be taken to re-appoint Rev. Balapitiye Siri Seevali Thero to the aforesaid post?
- (c) If not, why?

0355/'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—
 - (i) some person has stealthily felled and removed 02 jak trees and a wild breadfruit tree from the land possessed by a person named S.P. Ariyaratna of No.52, Bope Udagama, Padukka without having a permit for the possession of the aforesaid land; and
 - (ii) a complaint was lodged in this regard at Padukka Police Station on 06.01.2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not investigating the aforesaid complaint and taking legal action?
- (c) Will he take steps to identify the persons who are responsible for the unauthorized felling and removal of the aforesaid timber?
- (d) If not, why?

0472/'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 Walasmulla 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?

0473/'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 Katuwana 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?

0474/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development ,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the name of the owner of the pasture called 'Kadawara' which is situated within the Lunugamvehera Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, on the basis of each year, the amount of tax money that has been paid by dairy farmers to the public institution which registered the aforesaid pasture from 01st January 2005 up to 31st December 2007;
- (iii) whether the custody of this pasture has been transferred to a cattle owner farmers' organization;
- (iv) the basis under which it has been done;
- (v) the names of the transferor and the transferees;
- (vi) the name of the aforesaid organization and the names and addresses of the persons who hold its key positions; and
- (vii) the membership of the organization and the date on which the pasture was transferred to the aforesaid organization?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, in respect of each development activity, the amount of public or non-public funds that have been utilized for the development of the aforesaid pasture up to now;

- (ii) whether funds will be allocated for the construction of an electric fence around the pasture, cultivating grass after removing the thorny bushes and reconstruction of tanks that are out of use at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the aforesaid allocations will be made?
 - (c) Will he submit a comprehensive background report on the 'Kadawara' pasture?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, September 12, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0731/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the “Thondaman Vocational Training Centre” that has been built close to Hatton town in the Ambagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Nuwara Eliya district belongs to the Ministry of Vocational and Technical Training;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which it was constructed; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on it?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students enrolled for Technical Training from the inception of the relevant Centre up to now;
 - (ii) the reason which has led to the closure of this institute by now; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant ministry has taken any measure to reopen this institute?
- (c) If not, why?

0732/'08

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the persons who have been granted loans by the ten Samurdhi Banks in Hangeranketha to start the garment factory named “Diyatilake Apparel”;
 - (ii) the names of the recipients of the aforesaid loans and the amount of loans obtained;
 - (iii) the number of officials and the employees at the inception of the relevant garment factory;
 - (iv) separately, their salaries and allowances; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent on constructions and purchase of machinery?
- (b) Is he aware that the aforesaid garment factory has been sold to another person subsequently?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if it has been sold, the price for which it has been sold;
 - (ii) whether the amount of money fetched from the sale was utilized to settle the loans taken from Samurdhi Banks; and
 - (iii) the outstanding amount of loans and whether the relevant payments are made continuously?
- (d) If not, why?

0156/'08

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

- (a) Is she aware that a sum of Rs. 198 million had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) as a supplementary programme for Housing Development?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above;
 - (ii) the names of the projects that were implemented with that money; and

(iii) the number of beneficiaries?

(c) If not, why?

0157/'08

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

(a) Is she aware that a sum of Rs. 600 million had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) for a housing project in which 25 houses were to be constructed in each village situated in 119 selected Divisional Secretariat Divisions?

(b) Will she inform this House—

(i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above;

(ii) the names of the villages in which the aforesaid amount of money was spent; and

(iii) the number of persons who have benefited from the project?

(c) If not, why?

0158/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

(a) Is he aware that a sum of 1,110,923,000 rupees had been allocated from the budget estimate of the year 2006 for Lunawa Environment and Community Development Project?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2006 for the purpose mentioned above; and

(ii) the types of work for which the aforesaid amount of money was spent?

(c) If not, why?

0048/'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) over 7 acres of land on which the Hilton Hotel of Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited (HDL) is situated, stands vested in the Government as per surrender of special Grants nos. 673 and 674 of July 1999; and

- (ii) this land was re-vested in the Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount paid by HDL for using this land since July, 1999;
 - (ii) if not paid, whether the same concession will be given to others;
 - (iii) whether an application has been filed to wind-up the HDL since it is bankrupt;
 - (iv) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has opposed to wind-up the HDL after 3rd May, 2007; and
 - (v) if so, in accordance with the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007 whether the Cabinet of Ministers will take the personal responsibility to repay the Government the shortfall on Government loans?
- (c) If not, why?

0051/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total local and foreign loans been taken by the government from 2001 to-date on per year basis;
 - (ii) the interest percentage and the repayable period;
 - (iii) the reason that these loans were taken;
 - (iv) the total local and foreign debt of the nation as of today;
 - (v) the date that these loans have to be repaid;
 - (vi) the total interest payable along with the dates that these interest have to be paid; and
 - (vii) the interest cost from 2001 to-date on per year basis?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a full schedule of—
 - (i) the total debt amortized (Capital and interest) as above; and
 - (ii) the total payable per year?
- (c) Will he state that from what earnings these debt amortization going to pay?
- (d) If not, why?

0062/'08

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Appropriation Bill of 2005 and 2006 introduced a clause No.6 permitting the Secretary to Treasury to allocate funds through the Department of National Budget without taking it through supplementary estimates to Parliament; and
 - (ii) it is stealthily taking away and eroding of Parliamentary supremacy on Public Finance?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money been allocated using this clause by the secretary to the Treasury separately in 2006 and 2007?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose they were used; and
 - (ii) the head number and specific project code along with narration?
- (d) If not, why?

0356/'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—
 - (i) Mr. N.Y. Wimaladasa of No.96/2, Maddegode Gedara Watta, Moladanda, Pilimatalawa, served as a labourer at the Kandyan Peasantry Commission since the year 1960;
 - (ii) he was sent on retirement as a roller driver in 1987; and
 - (iii) he has been granted the pension only for the ten year period of service from 1977 to 1987?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for not calculating the pension for the period from 1960 - 1977, in which he served in this institution?
- (c) Will he take necessary measures to grant him with his full pension, by considering his continuous period of service from 1960 to 1987?
- (d) If not, why?

0357/'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 an individual has erected an unauthorized fence and enjoy the ownership of a part of a state land, in which the Barawardhanaoya Sub Post Office is located, at the Udawela Coloney Officer's division in the Minipe Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) action has been taken to acquire this land on a long term lease permit in order to construct a hall for the 'Eksath' Welfare Society and the Death Donation Society of Barawardhanaoya; and
 - (ii) the unauthorized ownership has been an obstacle for this purpose?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to evict the unauthorized owner from the aforesaid land and hand over it to the Barawardhanaoya 'Eksath' Welfare Society?
- (d) If not, why?

0358/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the land of about 2½ acres in extent where a sales outlet of ornamental fish and flowers under the name of 'Miridiya' which was run as a business connected to tourism by Mr. S.K. Ariyaratna of Pahalabblackwood Gama, Beragala, Nikapotha in Haputale electorate, has been acquired and handed over again to another person by the Divisional Secretary of Haldummulla?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the aforesaid land was acquired in an unjustifiable manner and the buildings that had been constructed in it, the ornamental fish that had been reared there and the flower cultivation that was there have been destroyed ; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid person who earned his living through a business connected to tourism, has now been rendered destitute?
- (c) Will he take action to give back this land to the aforesaid person to run the above mentioned business connected to tourism again?
- (d) If not, why?

0494/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of vehicles of the Mahaweli Authority, that have been released to the outside parties;
- (ii) the makes and the registration numbers of the aforesaid vehicles and the date on which they were released;
- (iii) the names of the institutions or persons to who the aforesaid vehicles have been released and the basis on which it was done;
- (iv) if any attachment has been made the names and the designations of the relevant persons; and
- (v) whether proper approval was obtained to release the aforesaid vehicles?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the buildings that belong to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority have been given to outside parties on the basis of rent or lease;
- (ii) the addressees of the places where the aforesaid buildings are situated and the basis adopted for giving them on rent or lease; and
- (iii) the names and the addresses of the institutions or persons to whom these buildings have been given?

(c) If not, why?

0495/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of subsidiaries under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the objective of establishing each subsidiary;
- (iii) the names, the posts, the salaries and the basis of recruitment of the members of the Board of Directors and the staffs of each of the aforesaid subsidiaries; and
- (iv) separately, the various financial facilities, vehicles, machinery , buildings and other facilities granted to those subsidiaries by the Mahaweli Auhtority of Sri Lanka

- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the expected objectives of the aforesaid subsidiaries are achieved; and
 - (ii) whether those subsidiaries maintain a sound fiscal discipline by keeping annual accounts properly?
- (c) If not, why?

0496/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money that should have been collected as commissions since the year 2002 up to now from various shipping agents for the Naval Development Fund of the Central Bureau for allocating space facilities for ships in Sri Lanka (the Central Freight Bureau)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House in detail, the names and addresses of the shipping agents from whom the said money should be recovered along with the relevant amount of money?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the money belonging to the Naval Development Fund had been transferred to government or other organization in previous years?
- (d) If so, will he state the amount of money referred to in (c) above with the relevant dates and the basis of transfer with relevance to the names of the aforesaid organizations?
- (e) If not, why?

0518/'08

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of electricity meters required in providing consumer services of the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for such a shortage of electricity meters;
 - (ii) the year in which the aforesaid shortage of electricity meters commenced;
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to avoid the resultant inconveniences caused to consumers who are awaiting power connections; and

- (iv) the companies and countries from which electricity meters are imported to the Ceylon Electricity Board?
 - (c) Will he admit that the inaugurations of electrification schemes implemented from the decentralized allocations of the Members of Parliament have to be delayed due to the said shortage of meters?
 - (d) Will he state the measures that can be taken to avoid such delays at the level of relevant Ministries?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Tuesday, September 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0159/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 889 million had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) for the development of towns under the Urban Development Authority?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects for which the aforesaid amount of money was spent?
- (c) If not, why?

0160/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is she aware that a sum of Rs. 1940 million had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) for community water supply?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and

- (ii) the names of the projects for which the aforesaid amount of money was spent?
- (c) If not, why?

0161/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 72 million had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) for rehabilitation and maintenance of the canals under the Sri Land Reclamation Board?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects for which the aforesaid amount of money was spent?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0162/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of 1230 million rupees had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) for environmental and community development projects in the Lunawa area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the projects for which this amount was spent?
- (c) If not, why?

0163/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of 274 million rupees had been allocated from the revised budget of the year 2007 (as mentioned in the Budgetary estimates of 2008) for sacred area development under the Department of National Physical Planning?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent in the year 2007 for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the names of the projects for which this amount of money was spent?
- (c) If not, why?

0164/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the second interview for the Post of Customer Relations Officer of Sri Lanka Tourist Board was held on 11.01.2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons called for the interview and the number of posts existed as at 11.01.2007;
 - (ii) if the approval of the Management Services Department was requested to increase the number of posts, the relevant number and the date;
 - (iii) separately, the names, addresses and the marks scored by those who faced the interview on 11.01.2007;
 - (iv) the reason for not giving appointments to those who were selected on merit basis at the second interview;
 - (v) the reason for holding another second interview on the 07th of May;
 - (vi) if persons who were not called on 11.01.2007 were called for this interview, the reason for doing so; and
 - (vii) their names, addresses and the marks scored?

- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) M.N. de Alwis, the daughter of the former Chairman of Jathika Sevaka Sangamaya of the Tourist Board, who was below the 5th position at the interview held on 11.01.2007, has been brought forward at the interview held on 07.05.2007 and given an appointment;
 - (ii) an injustice has been caused to those who were qualified, by removing the person named Jayapriya Adihette on this occasion?
- (d) Will he state whether steps will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (e) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 25, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0165/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that an initial investigation report was issued in the year 2006 regarding various acts of corruption with connection to public property managed by the Department of Public Trustee, including the sale of Regidalewatta, Kahapola, Piliyandala as well as the improper dealings with the Samarakoon property?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken regarding the persons against whom allegations were leveled and the irregularities that have taken place according to the aforesaid report which has been referred to the Secretary to the Ministry of Religious Affairs?
- (c) If not, why?

0166/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— 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 land named Regidalewatta in Piliyandala had been given to Ceylinco Developers Company for a Millennium City Housing Project which was to be implemented as a project approved by the Board of Investment;

- (ii) a public protest emerged claiming that it was illegal to sell the aforesaid land for the aforesaid project and it would also cause damage to the environment; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid housing project has been cancelled accordingly?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the manner in which this land has been dealt with, after canceling the housing project;
 - (ii) the total extent of the land; and
 - (iii) the current plans regarding the land?
 - (c) If not, why?
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