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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,— Order under the State Industrial Corporation Act, (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services, under the Sections 2 and 3 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and published in the Gazette No.1543 of 28th March, 2008, which was presented on 05.08.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,— Order under the State Industrial Corporation Act, (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services, under the Sections 2 and 3 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1544/1 of 07th April, 2008, which was presented on 07.08.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, under the Section 61 read with paragraph (l) and (m) of subsection (1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No.2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1528/7 of 17th December, 2007, which were presented on 05.08.2008, be approved.

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National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill,— Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business

Friday, September 12, 2008

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 inhibition 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.

P.39/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% Return for Employees in relation to Inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employee Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

P.40/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Travelling Facilities to Senior Citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free of charge traveling facilities in public transport services.

P.41/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Amendment to Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000,— That this Parliament resolves that the Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000 be amended in order to remedy the great injustice caused to the tenant cultivators, mostly engaged in cultivation since their land ownership comes under various titles and whereas the tenant cultivation was abolished by the above Act, which resulted that the tenant cultivators had been deprived of their lands and numerous disputes have arisen due to lack of legal protection.

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0063/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools (National schools and Provincial Schools) were operating as at 25th August, 1994 and as of today separately;
 - (ii) the number of students in those schools as at 25th April, 1994 and as of today separately;
 - (iii) the total funds allocated for education as at 25th April, in the year 1994 and as of today in the current year separately, along with the Dollar equivalent; and
 - (iv) the Dollar rate in rupee terms as at 25th April, 1994 and as of today?
- (b) Will he admit that the education system of the country has improved for the last 14 years?
- (c) if so, will he state the reason and the benefits?
- (d) If not, why?

0065/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of domestic containers and trans-shipment containers came to Colombo Port from 2004 to-date on per year basis separately;
 - (ii) the percentage of domestic containers moving through South Asian Gateway Terminal (SAGT); and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained by the Government through SAGT on per year basis from the date it commenced operations?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a comparison of these revenues on per year basis with the revenue forecasted to obtain from South Asian Gateway Terminal (SAGT) Project?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of staff member in Port of Colombo and at SAGT separately; and

- (ii) the total labour and other enrollments cost in the port of Colombo?
- (d) If not, why?

0066/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he state whether the State Pharmaceutical Corporation comes under the purview of this Ministry?
- (b) if so, will he state for the last 03 years to-date—
 - (i) the amount of money due to them;
 - (ii) the amount of money they owe;
 - (iii) the amount of money that others owe to the State Pharmaceutical Corporation; and
 - (iv) the market share that the State Pharmaceutical Corporation hold?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether this institution is under capitalized;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money required to regularize it;
 - (iii) whether it has got any monopoly status on certain drugs; and
 - (iv) if so, name them?
- (d) If not, why?

0360/'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 anomaly exists in the salaries of the officers of the Civil Security Force who have been deployed for the security of various places including border villages and road blocks?
- (b) Will he admit that the officers who have been in service for nearly 18 years have become inactive as they have been placed on the same salary scale with the officers who join the service under the proper recruitment procedure?
- (c) Will he take steps to formulate a proper salary scheme for the officers of the Civil Security Force who perform duties with a commitment equal to that of police officers and make the aforesaid service permanent and pensionable?
- (d) If not, why?

0361/'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 a person named U.B. Karunaratna who was residing in the plot of land bearing no.512, southern bank of the Mahawilachchiya colony in Anuradhapura West, has been abducted on the night of the 14th August 2007 by an armed group when he was in his hut at the paddy field?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to trace him;
 - (ii) if he is alive at present, the name of the place where he is; and
 - (iii) the reasons that paved the way for the abduction of the aforesaid person even when two home guards were on duty near his hut?
- (c) If not, why?

0362/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of families that were displaced due to the land slides that occurred as a result of the heavy rains which fell on the Walapane area on 11th and 12th of January 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid displaced families, the number of families that are living in tents up to now;
 - (ii) the courses of action that have been followed to resettle these people;
 - (iii) the types of assistance that have been provided to the aforesaid persons until they are resettled?
- (c) If not, why?

0497/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the government security officers have been deployed for providing security to persons who are not Members of Parliament or the members of Provincial Councils, and who are not under the threats of terrorists?

- (b) Will he submit to this House the names of the persons who have been provided with security as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the persons who have made recommendations to provide security to the aforesaid persons; and
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid security has been provided?
- (d) As allegations have been made to the effect that some of the persons who are provided with security as mentioned above engage themselves in various antisocial activities by using such security as a privilege, will he state the course of action that will be followed to put an end to such activities?
- (e) If not, why?

0498/08

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 basis on which a plot of land which belongs to the Irrigation Department and situated at Cotta Road, Rajagiriya, has been given to the Abans Restaurant (Pvt) Ltd, to put up the McDonald's Restaurant?
- (b) Will he submit the relevant agreement to this House?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid company has agreed to build official residences for the Irrigation Department;
 - (ii) if the aforesaid company has agreed to do so, the number of official residences that have been build by the agreed date; and
 - (iii) the course of action that will be followed with regard to the failure in building official residences as agreed?
- (d) If not, why?

0635/08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the number of jack, nedun and mahogany trees in each of the government-owned estates in Galle District, had been entered in registers when the aforesaid estates were handed over to private plantation companies on the basis of lease;

- (ii) out of the number of trees mentioned in answer for (a) (1) above, the number of trees which are remaining in those estates at present;
 - (iii) if trees have been removed, the number of trees that have been removed; and
 - (iv) the purpose for which they have been removed?
- (b) Is he aware that a large number of jack trees which were at the estates that have been leased out as mentioned above have been felled and removed?
- (c) Will he state whether the approval of the Divisional Secretariat and the relevant Ministry has been obtained for the felling and removal of trees in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether the relevant Ministry looks in the fact that the law is enforced when the aforesaid timber is obtained by officials?
- (e) Will he state whether steps have been taken with regard to the incidents that have been reported as mentioned above?
- (f) If not, why?

0636/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the names of the estates that had belonged to the government and which have been leased out to the private sector in Galle district;
 - (ii) separately, the types of cultivations that had been in the aforesaid estates and the extent of them in hectares, at the time these estates were leased out in the aforesaid manner;
 - (iii) whether the government receive the relevant taxes annually or monthly; and
 - (iv) separately, the income received by the government from each of the aforesaid estates by leasing them out during the period from the year in which the relevant leasing out was effected up to the year 2006?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of hectares in which rubber had been cultivated at the time these lands were leased out and the number of hectares in which rubber has been cultivated at present; and

- (ii) whether he will give necessary instructions to change the prevailing situation and extend the rubber cultivation in the future since estate companies are now engaged in extending the oil farm cultivation in place of the rubber cultivation after having uprooted the rubber trees, even though firewood obtained from rubber trees are very useful for the tea factories, bakeries, canteens and domestic use?
- (c) If not, why?

0637/08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— 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 extent of lands that belong to the Land Reform Commission and which have been taken over by the government including the areas of “Division No.2” and ‘80 acres’ at Kotalapaddalagama, Kothalawala in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat in Galle;
 - (ii) the extent of lands that have been distributed by December 2007, out of the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the recipients of these lands and the extent of lands given to each of them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid recipients are residing in the aforesaid lands or whether they are in possession of those lands;
 - (ii) if the portion of land received by any person has been transferred or sold in an illegal manner to some person, the names and addresses of persons who have done so; and
 - (iii) if so, the steps that have been taken in this regard?
- (c) Will he state the period of time within which the necessary steps will be taken to protect the government lands by demarcating their boundaries as the selling of lands received free of charge from the government and acquiring the government lands in an unauthorized manner subsequently takes place in these areas frequently?
- (d) If not, why?

0667/08

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 period of service in the Navy of Mr. R.P. Wijerathne of Mellowagara, Madampe;

- (ii) the reasons for removing him from service;
 - (iii) whether any disciplinary inquiry has been held against him, prior or subsequent to his removal from service;
 - (iv) if a disciplinary inquiry has been held, the date on which it was held and the names of the officials who conducted it;
 - (v) the matters or allegations that were leveled against him at the disciplinary inquiry; and
 - (vi) whether action has been taken to provide him with the reports and documents pertaining to the aforesaid inquiry, after it was held?
- (b) Will he take the necessary steps to reinstate Mr. R.P. Wijerathne in service?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0068/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 5 years—
- (i) the amount of money allocated by the Government to purchase drugs;
 - (ii) the amount spent from the above allocation;
 - (iii) whether it is correct that lots of companies have complained that the Government had not paid them for 1-2 years; and
 - (iv) a breakdown with age analysis of the amount owed and the reason?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names of the companies that the Government owes money?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the amount that the provincial health authority owe to companies who have provided drugs; and
 - (ii) amount they owe the Central Government?
- (d) If not, why?

0069/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately for 2005, 2006 and 2007—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for education; and
 - (ii) amount allocated for printing of text books?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list for the last 05 years the amount of money that the Government had to pay the suppliers and printers of text books and exercise books?
- (c) Is he aware that lots of suppliers are now in bankrupt or in financial constraints owing to the fact that the Government has not paid their dues?
- (d) Will he state the date that they are going to be paid?
- (e) If not, why?

0070/'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 amount of money allocated for Highways, Roads and Super Highways in 2005, 2006 and 2007, separately;
 - (ii) the amount of money that is due to contractors and suppliers of Road Development Authority and Provincial Road Development Authority for the last 05 years for the work already started, half completed or completed; and
 - (iii) the date that they are going to be paid?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is correct that 'Maganeguma' and Road Development Authority (RDA) subsidiaries are going to be liquidated; and
 - (ii) if so who is going to pay the suppliers and contractors?
- (c) If not, why?

0363/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications,—

- (a) Is he aware that a person by the name of R.M. Dilani Rathnayaka of No.87/3, Denida, Nawalapitiya is employed as a full time registered substitute of the Denida Sub Post Office since 30.09.2003?

- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for not appointing Dilani Rathnayaka to the aforesaid post, which fell vacant as a result of the Sub Post mistress of Denida Sub Post Office being promoted with effect from 31.07.2006, as appointing the permanent substitute to the aforesaid vacancy is the usual practice?
- (c) However, will he admit that appointing a person by the name of Sisira Kumara Bandare who has not even served as a substitute of the aforesaid Sub Post Office, to the aforesaid vacancy with effect from 15.09.2007, is not fair?
- (d) Will he state whether the person by the name of Dilani Rathnayaka will be appointed to the post of Sub Post Office Master of Denida Sub Post Office on the basis of qualifications and experience?
- (e) If not, why?

0364/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. R.G. Wimalasooriya residing at No.158/1, Polduwa, Batapola, served at Galle Depot of the Ceylon Transport Board from 01 March 1978; and
 - (ii) he was sent on retirement on 25 March 2006 upon reaching the age of 53 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reason for sending this person, who requested an extension of service, as there was an opportunity for him to get his service extended up to the age of 57 years according to Public Administration Circular No.5/2002 and dated 23.08.2002 on retirement?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will be given an extension of service to serve until 57 years of age; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide him with the salaries and allowances in arrears for the period during which he was subjected to injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

0367/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. H.S. Wickramarachchi of No.13/11A, Kalidasa Rd., Matara served as the confidential Secretary of the Regional Head office of the People's Bank at Matara; and
 - (ii) she has been sent on retirement with effect from 14.10.2007; and
 - (iii) she has requested an extension of service from 14.10.2007 to 14.10.2008 under the provisions of the employee circular No. 323/2001?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) her period of service in the bank;
 - (ii) the date of her annual increment;
 - (iii) the number of privilege leave and the number of days of sick leave she has served; and
 - (iv) the reason for sending her on retirement with effect from 14.10.2007 even without allowing her to reach her next increment date though she had asked for an extension of service?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant her the due extension of service and pay the salaries and other allowances for the period during which she was subjected to the aforesaid injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

0638/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the acreage of lands identified as 'No.2' and '80 acres' in the Upper Homadola Estate which had belonged to the government, at the time of the handing over them to the Watawala Plantations Limited on the basis of lease;
 - (ii) the extent of lands given under the extension of villages or the regularization of unauthorized occupation by December 2007 after the aforesaid lands were leased out to Watawala Plantation Company; and

- (iii) whether boundaries of the remaining lands have been maintained without any dispute after giving them to the government as mentioned above; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken to prevent the unauthorized occupation which is the result of not maintaining the boundaries of those lands without any dispute?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are private estates adjoining the Homadola Estate, in the aforesaid area;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid private land owners have acquired the lands in the aforesaid estate; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time within which the aforesaid lands will be acquired by the plantation company, again?
- (c) If not, why?

0639/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the boundaries of the lands belonging to the Forest Conservation Department and situated in the Kothalawala area adjoining the '750 acre lands' and boarding the Kannaliya Forest Reserve in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle, have been surveyed and demarcated;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which it was done;
 - (iii) if there are private lands bordering the forest reserve, the names of those lands;
 - (iv) the extent of those lands;
 - (v) whether an unlawful acquisition of the aforesaid lands has taken place after the demarcation of boundaries;
 - (vi) if so, whether the persons who have acquired lands as mentioned above have been identified and legal steps have been taken against them; and
 - (vii) the names of those persons?
- (b) Is he aware that these lands that must be maintained as forest reserves belonging to the government, are being acquired by large-scale land owners even at present?

- (c) Will he state the steps that have been taken so far to protect the valuable forest resource which belongs to the government?
- (d) If not, why?

0640/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of students who have been enrolled annually for the Ayurvedha, Siddha and Yunani courses of the Indigenous Medical College, Borella, Wickramarachchi Medical College, Gampaha and Indigenous Medical College, Jaffna, since the year 1990?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who have passed out from these medical colleges as graduates or diploma holders since 1990;
 - (ii) whether the intake of students to these Indigenous Medical Colleges was based on the national requirement or else the limited space available in them; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates produced by the above Medical Colleges in 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0669/'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 M.A.S. Shantha (Police Constable 31746) of Nawagattegama, No.40, Weliwewa joined the Police Service as a Police Constable of the Regular Service from 15.06.1989?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons for the cancellation of his appointment while he was undergoing training at the Wennappuwa Police Training School;
 - (ii) whether he was reinstated in service with effect from 10.04.1992 as the cancellation of his previous appointment was unjustifiable; and
 - (iii) the reason for demoting the aforesaid person, who was promoted to the post of Police Sergeant with effect from 23.02.2006 on the decision of granting promotions to the persons who have not received promotions in the Police Service for more than 16 years which was made on an order given by his Excellency the President, with the aforesaid demotion being effective from 16.04.2006?

(c) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether there is a breach of discipline or any charge leveled against Mr. Shantha;
- (ii) the reason for counting his period of service from 01.08.1992 when granting the aforesaid promotion, despite the fact that his appointment has been approved by the Police Department from 15.06.1989?

(d) Will he take necessary action to cause justice to Mr. Shantha?

(e) If not, why?

0671/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Aarachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
- (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
- (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
- (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
- (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
- (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
- (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
- (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?

(c) If not, why?

0672/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, September 25, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0071/'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 times that His Excellency the President has gone overseas;

- (ii) the names of the countries;
 - (iii) the number of people accompanied; and
 - (iv) the reason for accompaniment?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the cost incurred on these overseas trips; and
 - (ii) the significant gains from the trips for the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0072/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 25th April 1994 and as of today—
- (i) the profit of Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB); and
 - (ii) the total liability of Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there has been a major improvement or augmentation of power in the power sector from 1994 to-date; and
 - (ii) if so, what they are and corroborative evidence?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the amount that the consumer was being charged as at 25th April 1994 and as of today separately; and
 - (ii) the per capita debt as at 25th April 1994 and to-date from Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB)?
- (d) If not, why?

0074/'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) whether money had been allocated for Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) in 2005, and 2006 through the budget;
 - (ii) whether the money had been transferred to RADA through National Budget Department Head; and

- (iii) if so, the amount and the date?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether, the Government has looked into that the houses had been built from the monies given through B&K Holdings Limited;
 - (ii) if they could not follow up, what the reason was to give it to them?
 - (iii) whether this is not a 'Daylight Robbery' openly pursued by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

0368/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he state to this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles that are used for propaganda activities of the Development Lotteries Board;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the vehicles that belong to the Development Lotteries Board;
 - (iii) the makes and the registration numbers of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iv) the vehicles that have been obtained for this institution on the basis of monthly rent; and
 - (v) the makes, registration numbers and the monthly rentals of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the persons who use these vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent monthly on fuel for the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of the vehicles that have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) the relationship that exist between the owner of these vehicles and the chairman of the Development Lotteries Board?
- (c) If not, why?

0369/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any tender procedure has been followed in purchasing televisions, Road Master motor cycles and three wheelers awarded as major prizes of the instant lotteries of the Development Lotteries Board since the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if a tender procedure has been followed, the institutions from which tenders were called and the quotations submitted by them;
 - (iii) the institutions for which tenders were awarded; and
 - (iv) the names of the officials who were in the relevant tender board?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the decisions taken at the meetings of the tender board?
- (c) If not, why?

0370/'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 parents of war heroes are disregarded when entitlements are granted to immediate relatives of families of war heroes who were killed in the war?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) all allowance and entitlements are granted only to the wife and children who are the closest relatives, when a married war hero is killed; and
 - (ii) as a result of the above mentioned situation, the parents who brought him up with immense difficulties since his childhood are left destitute?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to grant an allowance for the sustenance of the parents of the departed war hero?
- (d) If not, why?

0641/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the plantation crops that are regarded as the supplementary plantation crops by the relevant Ministry;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid crops, the crops that are exported for the generation of foreign exchange;
 - (iii) the districts identified as areas where these crops are cultivated; and
 - (iv) separately, the number of hectares in which the relevant crops are cultivated in each of the aforesaid districts?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money allocated for each district for the year 2008 to expand the cultivation of the above mentioned crops that are exported?
- (c) Will he state the steps taken by now to expand the cultivation of the varieties of crops which have been identified as crops that can generate substantial foreign exchange?
- (d) If not, why?

0642/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the places where the 54 houses that were completely destroyed by the floods of 2003 were situated in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle have been identified as unsafe places by the government officials; and
 - (ii) the Ministry of Lands has recommended that those people be provided with plots of lands from the estate that was taken over by the state in Thalgaswala, Nagoda?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the funds required to provide them with outstanding compensation has been provided to Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division by the Ministry of Disaster Relief Services in accordance with Parliamentary Consultative Committee resolution No.860 and 1433; and

- (ii) the aforesaid outstanding compensation monies have been reverted to the Treasury by the Divisional Secretary of Nagoda on 31st December 2007?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the time span within which steps will be taken to provide the relevant recommended land, as lands have not yet been provided by the Divisional Secretary to the group of people whose houses were destroyed, despite the repeated requests made by the people's representatives and the relevant land recipients; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken against the officials who delay the provision of recommended lands?
- (d) If not, why?

0643/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of the Ayurvedic Siddha and Yunani doctors who are affiliated to the indigenous medical system and who serve under the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine (including Provincial Health Service) and the hospital where they serve;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies that exists for doctors at those hospitals at present;
 - (iii) the number of unemployed doctors who have graduated from Wickramarachchi Medical College, at Gampaha, Indigenous Medical College at Borella and the Indigenous Medical College at Jaffna, by now;
 - (iv) the number of doctors who have passed out as diploma holders from Wickramarachchi Medical College of Gampaha; and
 - (v) as all those who pass out from Indigenous Medical Colleges at present are graduates, whether a special programme will be formulated to provide employment to all of the aforesaid diploma holders?
- (b) Will he state the period of time within which necessary action will be taken to provide employment to all the indigenous doctors who have already obtained their degrees during the year 2008?
- (c) If not, why?

0673/08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Chillaw Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0674/08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;

- (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0675/08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Mundalama Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;

- (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, September 26, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0080/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House from 25th April, 1994 to-date—
- (i) the per Capita Debt;
 - (ii) total Debt along with interest payable;
 - (iii) SLR to US DLR equivalent;
 - (iv) Reserves against imports ratio;
 - (v) poverty level;
 - (vi) families earning less than Rs. 1000/= per month;
 - (vii) Balance of payments; and
 - (viii) number of families receiving subsidies?
- (b) Will he state with proof whether the country has progressed or retarded according to the above (i) - (viii)?
- (c) If not, why?

0081/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that a sovereign guarantee was given and 500 million Dollar bond was taken on 23rd October 2007 or about that, through the mediation of the HSBC?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total money taken;
 - (ii) the interest rate tabled, conditions agreed and the date that the guaranty is over;

- (iii) the cost for borrowing of this 500 million US Dollar; and
- (iv) whether it is a fixed or flexed rate?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a sinking fund has been set up to provide for 60 months;
 - (ii) if so the amount allocated per month;
 - (iii) the London Inter-Bank (LIBOR) rate and Federal Reserve (FedEx) rate in United State of America as of today;
 - (iv) the above rates at the time that the loan was given; and
 - (v) how the money was utilized?
- (d) If not, why?

0082/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total outstanding from one government institution to another as at 31st December 2007;
 - (ii) the institution where the outstanding creates a huge problem for the survival of the institution such as Ceylon Electricity Board, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Colombo Municipal Council; and
 - (iii) a 5 year age analysis breakdown for the above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the outstanding of Ceylon Electricity Board, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Colombo Municipal Council, Department of Health, Mihin Air Limited, Department of Education and Fertilizer Corporation separately; and
 - (ii) the dates that will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

0372/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Samurdhi assistance provided to Mrs. P.G. Gunawathie of no.06, Dikdeniya, Hodiyaeniya, Kirinda in Gampola, has been cancelled from November 2007?

- (b) Will he admit that Mrs. Gunawathie and her husband are very old persons who are not in a position to engage in any work and they do not get any help from anybody as their children, who are married and live in other areas?
- (c) Will he inform this House the reason for canceling the Samurdhi assistance provided to such a helpless family?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to provide this family with the Samurdhi assistance again?
- (e) If not, why?

0373/08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. M. Ashroff Ali residing at No.42/A, Marukona, Ukuwela, served at the Peradeniya Petroleum storage terminal of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation; and
 - (ii) he was transferred immediately to Kolonnawa storage terminal with effect from 30.04.2004?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) as a result of this transfer which was done as an act of political victimization, he has been chased away without allowing him to assume duties at the new working place; and
 - (ii) he has lost his job, as a result of the above mentioned situation?
- (c) Will he make the necessary arrangements to enable him to work safely at his former place of work?
- (d) If not, why?

0374/08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether it has been decided that when providing alternative land for the victims of the Tsunami disaster, the recipients of lands will be given total freehold rights after ten years as a condition and within that ten years, lands can be transferred only to the members of the family of the recipient?
- (b) Will he state whether this decision will also be implemented with regard to the lands that have already been distributed by the government under Swarnabhoomi, Jayabhoomi and other names?
- (c) If not, why?

0644/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of doctors who practice the indigenous Siddha system of medicine which is a system of medicine specific to the Tamil people, and are serving in government hospitals (including the Provincial Health Service) at present; and
 - (ii) the names of those hospitals?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of the aforesaid Siddha doctors that are required for the government hospitals (including the Provincial Health Service) as identified by the surveys;
 - (ii) whether the required number of Siddha doctors have been appointed to identified Divisional Secretariat Divisions with a high population of Tamil people; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which the steps would be taken to appoint Siddha doctors for all areas including the areas liberated by the security forces?
- (c) If not, why?

0645/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House together with the names of the relevant hospitals, the number of Yunani Doctors who follow an indigenous system of medicine which is unique to the Muslim Community and are serving at government hospitals (including the Provincial Health Service) at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of Yunani doctors required, as identified by surveys?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if 23 Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been identified as areas where a large population of Muslims live, the number of Yunani doctors required is also 23;
 - (ii) three separate Aryurveda, Siddha and Yunani doctors, are required for certain Divisional Secretariat Divisions with approximately equal populations of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim communities;
 - (iii) Yunani doctors have not been appointed even for medical centres in certain areas with a Muslim majority (for example Batticaloa)?

- (d) Will he state the period of time within which steps will be taken to provide employment for the Yunani doctors who pass out from Medical Colleges annually and make the necessary treatment available for Muslim patients?
- (e) If not, why?

0646/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Is he aware that even though the research institute affiliated to the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine was founded in 1962, results of only one research have been published by the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House in detail—
 - (i) the number of doctors who had come forward to conduct research with relevance to various diseases, within the last 45 years;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those doctors and the names of the diseases for which the researches were proposed; and
 - (iii) the obstacles which impeded the conducting of those researches?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Aryurvedic doctor Mr. Sumith Rajapura who owns Sirigala Rajapura Veda Medura at Moneragala was invited to conduct a reaserach on asthma by the letter of the then Commissioner of Aryurveda, Mr. Vajira Narampanawa, bearing No. Aryu/Co/P/ Misc. and dated 25.05.2005; and
 - (ii) the relevant Commissioner had informed that it was difficult to conduct this research due to lack of financial provisions and the above mentioned doctor had proposed to carry out this research at his own expense?
- (d) Will he take steps to convene all the doctors who had offered to carry out important researches of this manner and provide for them to carry out researches on diseases selected on priority basis, within the first quarter of year 2008 under his leadership?
- (e) If not, why?

0676/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Puttlam Divisional Secretariat Division;

- (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0677/08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;

- (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0678/08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Mahakumbukkadawala Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
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 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 7, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0055/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been used out of the contingent fund in 2005, 2006, and 2007 separately;
 - (ii) the main ten expenses made in 2007 from the aforesaid fund; and
 - (iii) the name of the officer in-charge of this fund?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a fund flow statement for the contingent fund?
- (c) Will he also state the reason for not reporting the activities done through the contingent fund to the Parliament on yearly basis ?
- (d) If not, why?

0056/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 3 years to-date—
 - (i) the purchase price of crude oil and refined petroleum products bought by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);
 - (ii) the country from which we are purchasing them along with the prices separately; and
 - (iii) the name of the agent that the business is routed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is correct that there is only one person in the United Kingdom who acts as the broker for all purchases made by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) if so, the reason; and
 - (iii) if not the names of the others;
 - (iv) the benefit by going through a broker/agent; and
 - (v) the commissions paid to the broker/agent?
- (c) If not, why?

0057/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0140/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 names and addresses of the owners of them?

(d) If not, why?

0141/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(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 names and addresses of the owners of them?
- (d) If not, why?

0142/08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 names 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, October 8, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0058/08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Export Development and International Trade had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and

- (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0059/08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Tourism had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0060/08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication had undertaken for the last three years;

- (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0143/08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 names and addresses of the owners of them?
- (d) If not, why?

0144/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 names and addresses of the owners of them?
- (d) If not, why?

0145/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 names 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 from 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 from 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, October 09, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0061/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0067/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the profitability of all ports in Sri Lanka owned by the government on 25th April, 1994 and the profitability as of today;

- (ii) as per (i) above; the Dollar rate as at 25th April, 1994; and as if today; and
- (iii) the Dollar equivalent as above?
- (b) Will he state, the total liability of Sri Lanka Ports Authority as at April 25, 1994 and as at today separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0073/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the school dental officers of the Department of Health are given promotions on the basis of the date on which they passed the Efficiency-Bar examination;
 - (ii) 86 female dental officers passed this examination which was held for the first time in 1984 and obtained qualifications for promotions; and
 - (iii) promotions have been given to the persons who passed the examination conducted in 1988, without giving promotions to the aforesaid 86 persons?
- (b) Will he admit that the fact that granting of promotions to the female school dental officers should be done according to a merit list prepared on the basis of the date on which they passed this Efficiency-Bar examination has also been endorsed by the Supreme Court determination bearing S.C. APPLICATION NO.104/91?
- (c) However, as the female officers who passed the Efficiency-Bar examination held in 1984 for the female school dental officers, as mentioned above, have hitherto not been granted with promotions due to them, by the due dates, will he take steps to rectify this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0146/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 names 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 Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (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. Anurawansha 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 Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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 Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) of the 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. ၁၁၆/၆၆/၇၆/၁၇/၈၆/၀၇ in relation to Parliamentary Consultative Committee resolution No.1706, are correct?
- (d) If not, why?
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