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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

OF

PARLIAMENT

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Tuesday, September 23, 2008

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.37 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006

Order No. 37 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account” Department of Sri Lanka Railway of the Second schedule to that Act.

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure
specified in Column II of the
Second Schedule to that Act.

Not Revised

- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified
in Column III of the Second
Schedule to that Act.

From	Rs.	—	1,000,000,000
To	Rs.	—	680,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance					
specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	3,800,000,000	
	To	Rs.	—	3,900,000,000	
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities					
specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	400,000,000	
	To	Rs.	—	550,000,000	

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

28.08.2008
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution,— Mr. S. Swarnajothi was appointed to the post of Auditor-General with effect from 04.01.2008 in terms of Article 153 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Subsequently it was decided that he be placed on the salary step of Rs. 58,915/- of the salary scale SL - 4 - Rs.47,515 - 12 × 1,425 - 64,615/- attached to the post. It was decided by the Cabinet of Ministers on 06.08.2008 that Mr. Swarnajothi be paid annual increments of salary so long as he holds the post of Auditor-General. This Parliament, therefore, determines that Mr. S. Swarnajothi, Auditor-General shall be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 58,915/- with effect from 04.01.2008. And that he shall be paid the annual increments of salary attached to the post so long as he holds the post of Auditor-General.

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Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.

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National Thoroughfares Bill—Second Reading.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, under paragraph (c) of Subsection 2 in Section 37 of National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No.53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1481/3 of 22nd January, 2007, which were presented on 09.09.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, under paragraph (c) of Subsection 2 in Section 37 of National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No.53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1536/12 of 13th February, 2008, which were presented on 09.09.2008, be approved.

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Information and Communication Technology (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

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Fauna and Flora Protection (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business

Friday, October 10, 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, compelling 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 Traveling 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, October 21, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0546/'08

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) salary pertaining to the post of Curator of the Department of National Museums, which is considered as a position on par with Class I of Office Workers Service, has so far been paid according to the scale TBI 4 under Public Administration Circular No. 09/2004;
- (ii) under the new salary revision, salaries have been determined to both positions above by positioning them on the salary step 22 of the scale PLI 2006?

(b) Will he accept that—

- (i) the salary pertaining to the Curators of the Department of National Museums has been down-graded to step 18 on the salary scale PLI 2006 on recommendations made by the Salaries and Cadre Commission despite having paid them the salaries for 10 months at step 22 on the salary scale PLI 2006 under Circular 6/2001 and in spite of the recommendation by the Director of the Department of Museums to continue to pay it;
- (ii) due to the down-grading of the salaries of the Curators of the Department of National Museums, they are now paid a salary that is Rs. 450/- less than the salary which they had been drawing prior to the issuing of Circular No.6/2006; and
- (iii) the Curators of the Department of National Museums made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission under reference MRC 16747/06/L-13 regarding the injustice caused to them and the Commission in turn decided on 21.11.2007 that the fundamental rights provided in Article 12 (1) of the Constitution have been violated?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he will take steps to rectify the salary anomaly which has occurred in respect of Curators of the Department of National Museums; and
- (ii) if so, the date from which this will be effected?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0505/'08

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Rest Houses of which the responsibility of management has been taken over by the Urban Development Authority;
- (ii) the number of Rest Houses which belonged to the Local Authorities earlier and came under the management of the Ministry of Urban Development subsequently; and

- (iii) the names of the aforesaid Rest Houses and the date on which the management was taken over as mentioned above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of the relevant tax money given to the aforesaid local authorities by the Urban Development Authority for their ownership;
 - (ii) whether the relevant percentage of money due on behalf of the aforesaid Rest houses has been given from the date on which the Rest Houses belonging to Local Authorities were taken over, up to 31.12.2007; and
 - (iii) separately, if the money has not been given, the names of the Rest Houses for which the aforesaid percentage of money has to be given and the amount of money due on behalf of them?
- (c) If not, why?

0506/'08

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the monthly rental paid by the Urban Development Authority for the Rest House which belongs to the Matale Municipal Council; and
 - (ii) the number of employees who are working in the aforesaid Rest House?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Matale Rest House was sealed on 05.09.2007; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid Rest House could not be rented out till March 2008?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken regarding the employees who lost their jobs during the period between the above mentioned dates; and
 - (ii) if it is the Urban Development Authority that is responsible for the loss caused to the Matale Municipal Council during the period concerned, will the necessary steps be taken to compensate that loss?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of applications received when the tenders were called for the Matale Rest House;

- (ii) separately, the names of the relevant applicants and their financial status; and
 - (iii) the financial capability and the professional expertise of the selected person?
- (e) If not, why?

Thursday, October 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0507/'08

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the proposed project for the Sigiriya Archeological Development Activities (World Heritage Town) was started;
 - (ii) the date on which the first phase of the aforesaid project was completed; and
 - (iii) the types of work completed during the first phase?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of extraordinary gazette notifications issued to acquire lands for the second phase; and
 - (ii) the years in which the aforesaid gazette notifications were issued?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the people were informed to evacuate their lands; and
 - (ii) whether the government will dispossess the people of these lands under the section 39(A) of the Land Acquisition Act, No.8 of 1979 even though the compensation money or alternative lands have not yet been given?
- (d) If not, why?

0538/'08

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the post of principal of the Thurston College has fallen vacant from October 2006?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the former principal of the aforesaid school was promoted to a post of Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry;
- (ii) whether he had fulfilled the necessary qualifications for the aforesaid post;
- (iii) if so, what those qualifications are;
- (iv) if the Deputy Principal who covered the duties of the Principal went on retirement, the date on which he went on retirement;
- (v) the name of the person who is holding the post of Principal at present;
- (vi) whether he admits that the appointment of a permanent Principal has been delayed; and
- (vii) if so, the reason for that delay?

(c) If not, why?

0649/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratna,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the extent of the Badagamuwa forest reserve which is situated close to the Kurunegala town and the special environmental features of it?
- (b) Is he aware—
 - (i) that this forest is a very important place when its environmental impact and the location are taken into consideration; and
 - (ii) that a certain group of persons have acted in a manner that has caused damages to the undergrowth, the freedom of animals, and the natural set up of the forest reserve?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) roads, bridges, huts on trees, wells and toilets and other buildings are being built in the aforesaid forest at present; and
 - (ii) such activities will damage the identity of the forest reserve?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institute that is responsible for implementing this project;

- (ii) the nature and objectives of the project; and
- (iii) whether the relevant Parliamentary Consultative Committee and the District Co-ordinating Committee of the Kurunegala District have been made aware of this project?
- (e) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 04, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0097/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total cost of His Excellency the President's trip to Iran in November, 2007;
 - (ii) the number of people accompanied;
 - (iii) the benefits received to the country;
 - (iv) the names and the quantity of them;
 - (v) the quantity received to date;
 - (vi) the date and the quantity to be received; and
 - (vii) the areas that the benefits are relevant to?
- (b) Will he state what we have offered Iran in return?
- (c) If not, why?

0098/'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 date that the 'Api Wenuwen Api' Fund was legislated;
 - (ii) the collected amount of money from the date it was legislated to date, per month basis; and

- (iii) the names of the people who have donated more than Rs. 100,000/-?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) on what the collected money used for;
 - (ii) the number of houses built for the forces personnel; and
 - (iii) the future plans and what is expected to be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0099/'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 Air Crafts leased out, bought or hired for Mihin Air from the inception to-date;
 - (ii) the amount being paid or amount paid per month basis;
 - (iii) the load factor required to break even;
 - (iv) the load factor from the origin of the airline per month basis; and
 - (v) the total cargo lift capacity and data capacity lifted to-date per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total outstanding as of today with age analysis for fuel, airport aviation, office space and warehouse space, taxes, aircraft dues, bank loans and any other obligation of significance;
 - (ii) the total staff recruited along with the total remittance payable per month basis with perks included for all staff drawing over Rs. 200,000/- in total per month; and
 - (iii) the additional cost that they pay for Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance (ACMI) even though the agreements cover the same?
- (d) If not, why?

0170/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are betting enterprises which use live telecasting facilities and conduct their business activities under the Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Act, No.14 of 2006; and

- (ii) taxes amounting to three hundred thousand rupees per year should be paid by those institutions for each of their business premises?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of business institutions which use live telecasting facilities for betting enterprises; and
 - (ii) the number of branches of the aforesaid institutions that pay taxes?
- (c) Will he admit that a large number of branches that come under the aforesaid institutions have not paid taxes?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of business premises under the aforesaid institutions, that have not paid taxes;
 - (ii) the amount of tax money that the government has lost annually; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken with regard to the business enterprises that have evaded the payment of taxes?
- (e) If not, why?

0171/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs and Moral upliftment,—

- (a) Is he aware that a land situated near the Aththidiya Bridge at Dehiwala has been given to the Public Trustee Fund by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the extent of the aforesaid land;
 - (ii) the date on which it was given;
 - (iii) whether a payment was made by the Public Trustee Fund to the above mentioned Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation;
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid; and
 - (v) of the purpose for which the land can be used according to the condition pertaining to the granting of the aforesaid land?

- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid land has been sold to a private company by now?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, the price at which it was sold;
 - (ii) the name of the company to which it was sold;
 - (iii) the date on which it was sold; and
 - (iv) the name of the person who has given the approval for the sale?
- (e) If not, why?

0216/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion (cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0591/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— 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 Mannar district before the present government came to power in 2004?

(b) Will he state—

- (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 Mannar district at present?

(c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?

(d) If not, why?

0218/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Cabinet);
- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
- (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately—

- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
- (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?

(d) If not, why?

0410/08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the properties owned by the River Valleys Development Board as at 01.01.1982 when Walawe - Embilipitiya future development process which was under River Valleys Development Board was taken over by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid properties the names of properties which were taken over and the names of properties which were not taken over including the immovable properties and vehicles;
- (iii) out of the said properties the number of houses / plots of land belonging to the River Valleys Development Board;
- (iv) the properties that have been transferred and the basis on which it was done;
- (v) out of the properties that have been transferred, the number of houses and lands belonging to River Valleys Development Board;
- (vi) the number of employees of River Valleys Development Board to whom properties have been transferred in this manner; and
- (vii) the number of houses/lands which remain with the River Valleys Development Board at present?

- (b) Will he state the number of houses, lands, and vehicles that had been in possession of River Valleys Development Board (presently Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority (Walawe)) during the period from 01.01.1982 to 31.12.2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0547/'08

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Physicians and Cardiologists in the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital at present; and
 - (ii) separately, the required number of specialists in a Teaching Hospital for one particular branch of Medicine?
- (b) Will he admit that there are three vacancies for specialists in the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether he will take action to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (d) Will he admit that by employing a physician at the OPD of the Kurunegala hospital daily, the patients can be given the relevant treatments and sent home without admitting them to the hospital?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) the programme prepared by the Ministry for the development of the aforesaid hospital which covers a large number of districts like Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Matale and Kegalle; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to implement the plan which was prepared by the government that was in power during the period from 2001—2004, for the development of the Kurunegala hospital?
- (f) If not, why?

0651/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunarathna,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the special features of the “Halmilla Demada” forest reserve situated on both sides of the Kurunegala and Matale District borders?

- (b) Will he accept the fact that the aforesaid reserve is very important when its environmental impact and the location are considered?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) with the intention of claiming ownership to the land which belongs to the plots Nos. 153/154/155/156 situated in the 431/A, Hombawa Grama Niladhari Division, that has been published in the Government Gazette dated 26.10.1973, a person by the name of P.D. Kanthi Meegoda is destroying the forest by selling the valuable timber in it;
 - (ii) soil in the areas with steeply slopes has been eroded due to this reason;
 - (iii) the existence of the fauna and flora in the aforesaid forest has been threatened as a result of setting fire to it; and
 - (iv) the vicinity has gone dry due to the over-consumption of water from the fountains of the aforesaid reserve and the villages namely Dummeeya and Imihaminnegama have come under the threat of wild elephants as a result of the destruction of the aforesaid forest reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

0565/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of the customs import tax levied by the government when importing a litre of petrol;
 - (ii) the total amount of taxes including the aforesaid customs import tax that are levied by the government when it provides a litre of petrol to the consumer; and
 - (iii) the percentage of the amount of taxes levied by the government on a litre of petrol against the price charged from the consumer for a litre of petrol?
- (b) Will he admit that the increase of the price of petrol has an impact on the increase of the prices of goods and services purchased by the consumer?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that the prices of goods and services can be decreased if the amount of taxes levied by the government on a litre of petrol is decreased?
- (d) If not, why?

0683/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0684/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Chillaw Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?

- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0685/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat Division?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
 - (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
 - (d) If not, why?
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