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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0172/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that a company named Janatha Lanka Chilies Company Ltd., was established at Kurundankulama, Matale Junction in Anuradhapura District under the auspices of the Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if such a company was established, the name of the Chairman of the company;
 - (ii) if a Board of Directors or a Board of Office Bearers have been appointed, their names and addresses;
 - (iii) whether the funds and resources of the North Central Province or the Government were used to establish the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the institutions that provided funds and the amount of money provided by them; and
 - (v) the types of facilities, if other facilities have been provided?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether farmers were recruited as members of this company;
 - (ii) if so, their names, addresses, amount of shares and the membership fee or the amount of money collected in place of the membership fee;

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- (iii) if membership fees were collected, the purposes for which that money was used; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to return the membership shares?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if this company, which was defunct for sometime has been re-established, the date on which it was done; and
 - (ii) the relevant amount of money, if money has been allocated from Gama Neguma Project, for the aforesaid purpose?
- (e) If not, why?

0050/'08

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

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

0045/'08

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

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

0202/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Indigenous Medicine (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; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?

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(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?

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 (Amendment) Act, No.8 of 1979 even though the compensation money or alternative lands have not yet been given?

(d) If not, why?

0609/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the interest rates that existed at the state banks in May 2000;

- (ii) the interest rates that existed in January 2003; and
 - (iii) the interest rates that existed at the state banks in May 2005?
- (b) Will he inform—
- (i) as to what Government was elected by the Parliamentary election held in 2001;
 - (ii) as to what Government was elected by the Parliamentary election held in 2004; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the increase of the interest rates from the time of the Government that was elected in 2004, up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

0616/'08

Hon. Vijitha 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—
- (i) the relevant designations have not been accorded to the officers who have been recruited as Community Relations Officers in the Police Department under the programme for the recruitment of unemployed graduates to positions in the Public Service; and
 - (ii) a procedure has not been prepared for the relevant promotions?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for not solving the aforesaid career problems; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Education,— Supplementary Sum— Head 126 — Programme 02,—
†That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand seven hundred and thirty six million (Rs. 1,736,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December, 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 126 — Ministry of Education
Programme 02 — Welfare

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	1,736,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>—</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,736,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.08 of 2008 presented on 04th November, 2008.
Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-7 Rs. 25,303,980,332/-

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The Minister of Science and Technology,— Order under the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Science and Technology, in terms of subsection 2 of Section 48 of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No.06 of 1984 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1552/28 of 06th June, 2008, which was presented on 04.11.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Transport,— Supplementary Sum— Head 306 — Programme 02,—
†That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand and fifty million (Rs. 1,050,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December, 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 306 — Department of Sri Lanka Railway
Programme 02 — Development activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	186,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>864,000,000</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,050,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.09 of 2008 presented on 08th November, 2008.
Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-8 Rs. 27,039,980,332/-

* Indicates Government Business

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0051/'08

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

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

0062/'08

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Appropriation Bill of 2005 and 2006 introduced a clause No.6 permitting the Secretary to the Treasury to allocate funds through the Department of National Budget without taking it through supplementary estimates to Parliament; and
 - (ii) it is stealthily taking away and eroding of Parliamentary supremacy on Public Finance?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money allocated using this clause by the Secretary to the Treasury separately in 2006 and 2007?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the purpose they were used; and
- (ii) the Head number and specific project code along with narration?

(d) If not, why?

0251/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Education Services (non 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; and
- (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?

0252/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Home Affairs (non 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; and
 - (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?

0614/'08

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there are any schools where all the students who sat for the General Certificate of Education (G.C.E.) Ordinary Level Examination held in December 2007, have failed;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such schools; and
 - (iii) the number of students who sat for the above mentioned examination from each school?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the teachers required to teach the subjects that are prescribed for the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination, were there at the aforesaid schools; and

- (ii) if not, what those subjects are?
- (c) If not, why?

0617/'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—
 - (i) of the number of posts that currently exist in the Sri Lanka Planning Service, which belongs to the Public Service;
 - (ii) of the number of posts that have fallen vacant, out of the number of posts mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether the recruitment of persons to the Sri Lanka Planning Service for filling the vacancies in Grade II/II, out of the number of vacancies mentioned above, will be done on the results of the open and limited competitive examinations; and
 - (iv) of the number of persons who will be recruited in that manner?
- (b) If so, will he state the date on which the recruitments will be made and the procedure for the recruitment?
- (c) If not, why?

0612/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether financial allocations were provided to each Member of the Southern Provincial Council for the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) if the financial allocations were provided, the amount of money that was provided;
 - (iii) whether Members of the Southern Provincial Council have gone on foreign tours by using the aforesaid financial allocations; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of Members who have gone on foreign tours in the above mentioned manner?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names and political parties of the Members of the Provincial Council who have gone on foreign tours in the above mentioned manner; and

- (ii) the names of the countries which they toured and the amount of money spent on those tours?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 19, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 members 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?

0253/'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 (non 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; and
 - (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?

0254/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Skills Development (non 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; and
 - (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?

0618/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the reason for not making financial allocations to the Development officers of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development who have followed the Post-graduate Diploma in Regional Planning in 2006, although requests have been made to provide financial allocations for following the aforesaid Diploma course?

- (b) Will he state the basis on which the above mentioned financial allocations were provided only to a certain group of officers from the relevant Ministry and the other Ministries who followed the aforesaid course?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether these financial allocations will also be made available to the relevant officers serving in the aforesaid Ministry, after changing the practice of providing money only to friendly officers; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0622/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there is a national policy on the disposal of waste in Municipal Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha areas?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he approves the use of Karadiyana, Wewala marshy land in Piliyandala, bordering Veras river, for the disposal of waste of many Local Authorities;
 - (ii) the task assigned to the Golden Sunrise Company which is the caretaker of the aforesaid land; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid company has fulfilled the task assigned to it?
- (c) Will he admit that the disposal of waste in the aforesaid land has become a threat to the health of the people living in that area?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken to stop the environmental destruction that has taken place in that area?
- (e) If not, why?

0623/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone was laid to repair the bridge at the Raththanapitiya junction on Colombo - Horana road bearing the route No.120 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid ;
 - (ii) the names of the Ministers who participated in that event as representatives of the Government;

- (iii) the names of the Members of Provincial Councils who participated in that event;
 - (iv) the name of the person who organized the aforesaid function which was held for laying the foundation stone;
 - (v) the amount of money that was spent for this function?
 - (c) Will he state the reason as to why the completion of the work on this bridge has been delayed up to now?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 20, 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 a lot 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 owes to companies who have provided drugs; and
 - (ii) amount they owe to the Central Government?
- (d) If not, why?

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?

0255/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Petroleum Resources (non 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; and
 - (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?

0256/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Investment Promotion (non 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; and
 - (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?

0624/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) for many years, the people of the Maharagama area have been given the hope that the Maharagama town would be developed; and

- (ii) a large hoarding with a town development plan has been put up in the Maharagama town?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the aforesaid hoarding was put up;
 - (ii) the name of the person who put up the aforesaid hoarding; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for putting up the aforesaid hoarding?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone for the main bus stand in Maharagama was laid;
 - (ii) the names of the Ministers who participated in that event as representatives of the Government;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of the Provincial Councils who participated in that event; and
 - (iv) the reason for not constructing a bus stand up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

0625/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the general public including farmers' organizations have complained to responsible institutions regarding the contamination of water in the Boralesgamuwa tank which is situated in the area of the Maharagama Urban Council; and
 - (ii) the letter of the Deputy Director (Waste Management) bearing No.07/09/NWM/11/2008 and dated 25.03.2008, has ascertained that the water is contaminated?
- (b) Will he admit that the Irrigation Engineer in Colombo, has requested an evaluation report on water and inquired about the courses of action that could be taken on that matter by a letter sent by him to the Director General of the Central Environmental Authority?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for the contamination of rain water;
 - (ii) the persons responsible for this situation; and
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken to prevent the above mentioned environmental destruction?
- (d) If not, why?

0626/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) for many years, people of the Piliyandala, area have been given the hope of a plan to develop the Piliyandala town; and
 - (ii) a foundation stone was laid for the construction of a flyover bridge too in Piliyandala?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid to build the above mentioned flyover bridge;
 - (ii) the names of the Ministers who participated in that event as representatives of the Government; and
 - (iii) the names of the Members of the Provincial Councils who participated in that event?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the hoarding with the town development plan for Piliyandala was put up to make people aware of the proposed development plan;
 - (ii) the name of the person who constructed the aforesaid hoarding; and
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the construction of the aforesaid hoarding?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, November 21, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 or about 23rd October 2007, 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 guarantee 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 Rate (LIBOR) 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, 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?

0257/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Urban Development (non 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; and
 - (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?

0281/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs;
 - (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; and
- (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?

0695/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House the environmental impact of the Kahalle, Pallekele sanctuary on Kurunegala, Anuradhapura and Matale districts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of people and the number of elephants who have been killed due to the escalation of the conflict between human beings and elephants in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions situated on the borders of the aforesaid sanctuary;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to minimize the conflict between human beings and elephants;
 - (iii) whether the electric current used in the electric fence which has been built with a view of minimizing the conflict between human beings and elephants, is sufficient for that purpose; and
 - (iv) whether there is a plan to supply electricity to the electric fence from the main grid if the electric current used in the electric fence is not sufficient?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to expand the part of the existing electric fence that is situated in Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the extent to which it will be expanded; and
 - (iii) whether compensation and alternative lands will be provided for the houses and home gardens that will fall within the area of the sanctuary when the above mentioned expansion is done?
- (d) If not, why?

0696/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— 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 Galewela Police Station in Matale District from 01.02.2008 to 30.04.2008; and
 - (ii) separately, out of the aforesaid complaints, the number of complaints on which decisions have been declared after looking into them and the number of complaints that have not been looked into?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the dates on which the complaints which have not been looked into were received, the names of the officers who received those complaints, the nature of those complaints and the reasons for not looking into them; and
 - (ii) the courses of action that will be followed with regard to the failure to look into the above mentioned complaints?
- (c) If not, why?

0707/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the residents of the area have lodged a complaint in the Piliyandala Police Station on 23.04.2008 under CB/111/250/370 regarding the construction of a high powered transmission tower for cellular phones, in a plot of land at No.71, 2nd Lane, Galabodawatta, Niwungama, Kesbewa?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the residents of the area have complained to a number of institutions that various appliances in a number of houses in the area have been damaged as the transmission tower was struck by lightening on 07.04.2008; and
 - (ii) as informed by the Director of the Western Province Regional Office of the Central Environment Authority to the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and the Chairman of the Kesbewa Urban Council, a request have been made for a prompt inquiry in to this matter?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the legal aspect of the construction of high powered transmission towers;

- (ii) whether it has been revealed that the people living near this transmission towers run the risk of being subjected to various diseases; and
 - (iii) whether it has been proved that this area has a higher risk of being struck by lightening?
 - (d) Will he state the procedure followed by the Local Authorities in granting permission to construct transmission towers?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Monday, November 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

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 as at 25th April, 1994 and the profitability as at today;

- (ii) as per (i) above; the Dollar rate as at 25th April, 1994; and as at 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?

0259/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Agriculture (non 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; and
 - (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?

0282/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Tourism;
 - (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; and
 - (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?

0566/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under the Act, No.51 of 1979, the Port Commission has been absorbed into the Sri Lanka Port Authority; and

- (ii) Mr. B.A. Munidasa who worked at the oil facility section of the former Port Commission has been recruited to the service of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from 20.09.1977 ?
- (b) Is he aware that although the matters pertaining to pensions of all the employees who were attached to the Port Commission and released to work in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation later have been handled by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Munidasa has not yet been granted with his pension?
- (c) Will he state the reason for not taking action to pay pension to Mr. B.A. Munidasa?
- (d) If not, why?

0665/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that Watawala Plantations Company has agreed to allocate two acres out of the block named Stocksland, which is managed by it to Udugama Maha Vidyalaya on the basis of paying compensation for it?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a request to grant the said land free of charge has been moved by me under Parliamentary Consultative Committee Proposal No.2517/2612; and
 - (ii) at the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 26th March 2008, it has been informed in response that discussions be held only on the basis of paying compensation as Watawala Plantations Company has not agreed to provide the land free of charge?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the reasons for not carrying out the relevant acquisition as this land which was brought under rubber cultivation by the Government in 1983 - 1984 is to be acquired for a public purpose and there is a decision given by the cabinet that the aforesaid acquisition is possible?
- (d) Will he admit that in taking action to acquire this land for a development purpose of the Government, it is an offence to pay the funds of the provincial Ministry of Education to a private company as compensation?
- (e) Will he take the necessary measures to acquire the said land free of charge according to the relevant cabinet decision?
- (f) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 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 take steps to rectify this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0083/'08

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Central Bank officers who are professional experts have advised the Central Bank Governor and the Deputy Governors about the perilous plight of Sri Lankan economy;
 - (ii) whether, the staff members of the Central Bank have advised the ramifications of printing money and sacrificing the long term objectives for the short term gains; and
 - (iii) if so, will he prove it?

- (b) Will he also state the London Inter-Bank rate (LIBOR rate) and the Federal Reserve (Fedex rate) of United State of America compared with US Dollar float rate and Sri Lanka Treasury Bill rate for the 31st December of 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0261/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Ports Development (non 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; and
 - (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?

0262/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Religious Affairs (non 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; and
 - (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?

0697/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether leasing crown land for a 30 year period under the border line scheme has been stopped;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for doing so;

- (iii) if there is a system of allocating such lands through outright grants, whether it is valid for all border line lands; and
 - (iv) is it possible to provide these outright grants only to selected individuals?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names and addresses of the people of Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division who have been provided with or proposed to be provided with land under the border line scheme, the extent of land and the tax revenue received from them within the last 05 years, separately;
 - (ii) of the developed / undeveloped state of such land and the state of their maintenance; and
 - (iii) whether the annual income received from the border line leaseholds has been updated?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of land in Kalugalla Grama Niladhari Division that has been granted on lease basis through M.L. 81 and 88 permits;
 - (ii) whether they continue to be valid;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to provide the aforesaid land on a private request, without issuing a gazette notification;
 - (iv) whether action has been taken to grant those lands to the persons called S.K.W. Karunarathna and S.A.U. Rajapaksha, through outright grants; and
 - (v) whether it is possible to request outright grants for other lands in the aforesaid division?
- (d) If not, why?

0701/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a land by the name of 'Ihala Homadola Mookalana' which belongs to the Land Reform Commission and situated in G/Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division, is located adjoining the Kanneliya forest reserve; and
 - (ii) a cabinet decision bearing No.04/0858/001/005-111 has been taken to transfer those lands to the Department of Forest Conservation because this land is also a dense forest which should be maintained as a forest reserve?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) a survey was done in 2003 to allocate 50 acres from this land called 'Homadola Mookalana' to a Co-ordinating secretary to a Minister in the Government which was in power from 2002-2004;
 - (ii) a report which states that over 2000 trees of different varieties had been there when it was surveyed as mentioned above is there in the relevant file and this attempt had to be abandoned as a result of the objection raised by the officials of the Land Reform Commission at that time including the Director for Galle district?
- (c) Will he take the necessary steps to stop the allocation of land from the aforesaid land which should be maintained strictly as a forest reserve, as fifty (50) acres from the aforesaid land has been allocated to the relevant person without an approval of the Department of Forest Conservation or the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, while things stand as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

0702/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately on per year basis, the number of information technology personnel and television, radio and newspaper reporters who were subjected to disappearances, abductions, and harassment from the year 2001 to May 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the names of the reporters so abducted, their places of work, the dates of the incidents and the action taken through police investigations with regard to those incidents;
 - (ii) the names of the reporters so disappeared, their places of work, the dates of the incidents and the action taken through police investigations with regard to these incidents; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons so harassed, their places of work, the dates of the incidents and the action taken through police investigations with regard to these incidents?
- (c) Will he inform this House the number of the disappeared persons who have been found again?
- (d) Will he submit to this House the relevant police reports regarding those incidents?

- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, on per year basis, the number of assassinations of media personnel from the year 2001 to May 2008; and
 - (ii) whether suspects have been produced before a court of law or other judicial action has been initiated in this regard?
 - (f) If not, why?
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Wednesday , November 26, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0085/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from 2004 to-date—
 - (i) the total amount of new currency issued to the market on per month basis;
 - (ii) the amount of forged currency or counterfeit notes withdrawn from the market;
 - (iii) the cost of printing of the money notes; and
 - (iv) the cost of money being printed on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state the economic basis (e.g. Assets+Next Year's Growth) in how the money been released to the market?
- (c) If not, why?

0087/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the main functions of the Central Bank?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Central Bank is a politically free institution;
 - (ii) the total local and foreign debt of the country as of today, separately; and
 - (iii) the capital and interest component separately, and the total payable for 1948, 1955, 1956, 1977, 2001, 2004 and 2007?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money been printed by the Central Bank and put into the market to meet the Government outstanding; and
- (ii) the Treasury account outstanding with People's Bank and Bank of Ceylon from 1995 to-date as at 30th September of each year?

(d) If not, why?

0650/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House the nature of the 'Jathika Govijana Pola' (National Agrarian Fair) and Exhibition which was held as a project to upgrade the farming community?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the places where the aforesaid 'Jathika Govijana Pola' and Exhibition were held;
- (ii) the amount of money spent on holding each Govijana Pola and Exhibition; and;
- (iii) the profit or loss made from each Govijana Pola and Exhibition?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether a lottery under the name of 'Govijana Wasana' was printed and sold concurrently with the aforesaid Govijana Pola and Exhibition;
- (ii) the income received from the sale of the aforesaid lotteries;
- (iii) separately, the value of the prizes that were offered by the aforesaid lottery with their corresponding places in the order in which, they were offered;
- (iv) whether these prizes or prize money have been given to the relevant winners; and
- (v) if they have not been given, the steps that will be taken to give the aforesaid prizes or prize money?

(d) If not, why?

0263/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Sports (non 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; and
 - (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?

0264/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Co-operatives (non 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; and
 - (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?

0703/'08

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the local milk production has dropped and the cattle have faced with the threat of extinction as a result of mass scale slaughtering of cattle?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that in early 1990's a herd in the North Central Province and the dry zone of the North Western Province consisted of two or three hundred cattle and as a result of selling those cattle for meat the milk production has dropped drastically?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to prevent or minimize slaughtering of cattle;
 - (ii) if steps have been taken what they are;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to adopt rigid measures on a National Scale to prevent this massive destruction which has resulted in the destruction of the livestock industry; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to prevent slaughtering of cattle legally after obtaining a report of a Committee appointed by the Parliament?

(d) If not, why?

0709/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the judgments given by three courts of law at the hearings of cases regarding the land where Kottegoda post office is located?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the wall which had been built around the post office premises was demolished on Sunday the 29th of June 2008 and a portion of the land has been given to a certain person;
- (ii) the name, address and the post of the person mentioned above;
- (iii) if that person has not been granted proper approval, whether a complaint has been lodged with the police by the relevant department with regard to damaging the property of the post office;
- (iv) if so, the police station where the complaint has been lodged;
- (v) the name of the person who has lodged the relevant complaint; and
- (vi) the date on which the aforesaid complaint was lodged, the time at which it was lodged and the number of the complaint?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether necessary legal action will be taken with regard to the act of taking possession of the aforesaid public property after causing damage to it; and
- (ii) if so, the time frame it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

Thursday , November 27, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0089/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the amount of foreign currency in the Government Institutions that have not been en-cashed owing to the lack of proper directions from the Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, a full list of above information for Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, People's Bank and Bank of Ceylon?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the action going to be taken to rectify this error; and

- (ii) the reason for not been taken this contingent liability into National accounts?
- (d) If not, why?

0090/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that Sri Lankan Government borrowed from external agencies and countries for the first time after the independence;
 - (ii) names of the then Prime Minister, the then President and the respective year;
 - (iii) the date that the first US Dollar Treasury Bond was issued;
 - (iv) names of the then President, Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance;
 - (v) the date of the first commercial borrowing in US Dollars was resorted to by a Government; and
 - (vi) names of the then President, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total debt and the local and foreign debt separately as of today; and
 - (ii) the per capita debt as of today?
- (c) If not, why?

0265/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Consumer Affairs (non 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; and
- (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?

0266/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Irrigation (non 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; and
 - (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?

0714/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the rules and regulations that are being implemented by the Government with regard to the fishermen of Trincomalee District engaging in their occupation?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) fishermen have fallen into a severe difficulty due to the aforesaid rules and regulations; and
 - (ii) the Government should provide some relief to the fishermen as they cannot engage in their occupation properly?
- (c) If so, will he state the timeframe within which steps will be taken to provide the aforesaid relief?
- (d) If not, why?

0715/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the income generated by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and the Department of Railways from transporting passengers on 09.07.2008; and
 - (ii) the amount of money expended by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and the Department of Railways for transporting passengers on that day?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the income generated by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and the Department of Railways from transporting passengers on 10.07.2008; and
 - (ii) the amount of money expended by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and the Department of Railways for transporting passengers on that day?
- (c) If not, why?

0736/'08

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that an examination was conducted in year 2006 to recruit persons to the grade 2 (II) of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service on merit basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons who have been selected for the recruitment to the aforesaid service by now;
 - (ii) of the relevant cut off mark; and
 - (iii) the merit point on which these appointments have been made?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Mrs. D.M. Pemawathie of No.17, Pilisarana Mawatha, Hulandawa, Moneragala bearing index number - 0019305 has scored more than the relevant cut-off mark; and
 - (ii) she has not been called for the recruitment to the relevant post?
- (d) if so, will he state whether he will take necessary steps to recruit her to the relevant service?
- (e) Will he submit to this House the names of those who have been recruited along with marks obtained by them?
- (f) If not, why?

Friday , November 28, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0091/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from 1994 onward yearly basis—
 - (i) the total quantity of gold held as a reserve for the country at the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the quantity of gold held by the Central Bank from fines, confiscation and from penalties imposed on persons or entities;
 - (iii) the quantity of the gold been sold along with their value; and
 - (iv) the reason for selling of gold been adopted by the Central Bank?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether competitive bids are called for the sale of gold; and
 - (ii) if so, the activities from January 2006 onwards?
- (c) If not, why?

0092/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the all foreign currency loans taken by the Government from 1st January 2007 to-date;
 - (ii) whether a sovereign guarantee been given; and
 - (iii) the conditions of borrowing, interest rate, grace period, and pay back period?
- (b) Will he state the total local and foreign debt amortization (capital and interest) to-date per year basis for the next 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0267/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Textiles Development (non 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; and
 - (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?

0268/08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Enterprise Development (non 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; and
- (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?

0737/'08

Hon. R.M Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. P.G. Jayawardane residing at Miriswatta Road, 5/3, Ethimalewewa, Monaragala served as an Agricultural Research and Production Assistant at the Ethimalewewa Agrarian Services Centre?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) his service has been suspended as a result of being imprisoned on a false charge; and
 - (ii) he was absolved and acquitted of charges in the case against him?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to reinstate him?
- (d) If not, why?

0772/'08

Hon. R.M Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. S.A. Sumithra Kumari Surasena of No. 26, Pemaduwa, Anuradhapura faced the interview that was held on 27.04.2007 at the Anuradhapura Zonal Education office for the recruitment of voluntary teachers - 2007; and
 - (ii) she served as a voluntary teacher at Anu/Kimbulwewa Ananda Vidyalaya, Tantirimale from the year 2000 to year 2005?
- (b) Will he admit that Mrs. Surasena has fulfilled the basic educational qualifications required for this post?
- (c) Will he take the necessary steps to grant her an appointment as a voluntary teacher?
- (d) If not, why?

0747/'08

Hon. M Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Chena farmer has fallen into an utterly helpless state, which is suicidal, as he finds it difficult to live?
- (b) Will he admit that the Chena farmer has to buy a bag of fertilizer at Rs. 6000/- and that the prices of all agro chemicals used for vegetable cultivation have gone up to an exorbitant level?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide a 50 kg bag of fertilizer at Rs.350 and the other agro chemicals at a similar price, to the Chena farmers too as they provide nearly 60% of the current vegetable requirement of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

Monday , December 01, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0052/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Foreign Affairs 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?

0357/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that an individual has erected an unauthorized fence and enjoy the ownership of a part of a state land, in which the Barawardhanaoya Sub Post Office is located, at the Udawela Colony Officer's Division in the Minipe Divisional Secretariat Division?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) action has been taken to acquire this land on a long term lease permit in order to construct a hall for the ‘Eksath’ Welfare Society and the Death Donation Society of Barawardhanaoya; and
 - (ii) the unauthorized ownership has been an obstacle for this purpose?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to evict the unauthorized owner from the aforesaid land and hand over it to the Barawardhanaoya ‘Eksath’ Welfare Society?
- (d) If not, why?

0245/’08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Water Supply (non 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; and
 - (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?

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; and
 - (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?

0096/'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 Japan in December, 2007;
 - (ii) the number of people accompanied;
 - (iii) the benefits received to the country;
 - (iv) the name 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 Japan in return?
- (c) If not, why?

0118/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the international rankings obtained for the Universities of Colombo, Sri Jayewardenepura, Peradeniya, Moratuwa and Jaffna in the decades beginning from 1960 to 2000 and from 2000 to-date, separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether they have got foreign lecturers on a reciprocal basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the date that the last lecturer came and the University they came in last 02 years?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the cost per student and per faculty in each University for the last 05 years per year basis;
 - (ii) number of students who have hostel facilities;
 - (iii) whether it is provided free or have the students got to pay;
 - (iv) the selection criteria to provide hostel facilities;
 - (v) the alternate arrangement made for students who do not have hostel facilities; and
 - (vi) the long term strategy been adopted to provide accommodations with all students?
- (d) Will he inform for the last 05 years per University and per year basis—
 - (i) the number of foreign students admitted to Universities in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) their country and the revenue we earned?
- (e) If not, why?

0269/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of State Revenue and Finance (non 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; and
 - (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?

0270/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Labour (non 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; and
- (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?

Tuesday , December 02, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0075/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that entire East and majority of the camps in the North were in the hands of the Government by 1994?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) all the military camps controlled by the Government Forces as at 25th August, 1994;
 - (ii) the camps under the Government control as at 1st December, 2001;
 - (iii) the camps that were in the Government control as at 17th November, 2005;
 - (iv) the camps that are in the Government control as of today; and
 - (v) with corroborative evidence as to when if any camp had been captured?
- (c) If not, why?

0246/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Disaster Relief Services (non 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; and
 - (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?

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 barriers?
- (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?

0120/'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 on district basis separately as at 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and to-date—
 - (i) the number of Home Guards or Civil Defence Force recruits; and
 - (ii) the total cost for them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the increase of above per district or electorate; and
 - (ii) the reason for that increase as above?
- (c) If not, why?

0121/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Embassies we have got throughout the world;
 - (ii) the names of the Ambassadors along with their professional and career experience; and
 - (iii) whether they are career diplomats or political appointees?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of staff members in each Embassy;
 - (ii) their names separately, along with the salaries and all other emoluments being paid; and
 - (iii) the total cost of running the each Embassy separately, for the last four years?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka friendship organizations, societies, caucuses or special interest groups have been formed in overseas; and
 - (ii) the countries they have been formed in?
- (d) If not, why?

0271/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (non 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; and
 - (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?

0272/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Highways;
 - (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; and
 - (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?
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Wednesday , December 03, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0053/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the Public Service Mutual Provident Association (PSMPA) is a century old statutory financial institution incorporated under PSMPA Ordinance No.5 of 1891;
 - (ii) it is managed by a Committee consisting of President to the Committee, two nominated members appointed by the Secretary to the Treasury and 11 elected Committee members; and

- (iii) a building for its office had been purchased at Rs. 48 million?
- (b) Will he state whether Rs. 7 million was kept as a retainer money till the vendor would obtain for the PSMPA “absolute ownership of the purchased property” within one month from the Commission of National Housing according to the agreement No.2921 entered into between the purchaser (PSMPA) and vendor?
- (c) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the “absolute ownership of the property” has not yet been obtained for the PSMPA though over 3 ½ years had elapsed, as pointed out by Auditor-General in his report on PSMPA Accounts for 2006; and
 - (ii) Rs. 5 million out of the retainer money has been paid out for reasons unknown?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to hold a public inquiry in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0247/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Road Passenger Transport (non 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; and
 - (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?

0652/'08

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House of a detailed report of the Government lands and private lands in Madahapola, Medakande and the mountainous area of Paragahaela in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District and the legal position with regard to the ownership of the lands of the farmers residing in the Madahapola, Medakanda and Paragahaela Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that a certain person is making arrangements to evict residents from a land extent of 50 acres in Madahapola and Medakanda Grama Niladhari Divisions, claiming that those lands belong to him?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether, a land of the aforesaid type is situated in that particular Grama Niladhari Division;
 - (ii) if such a land is situated there, the extent and the nature of that land;
 - (iii) the pedigree of the said land from its first owner to the present owner; and
 - (iv) whether alternative lands will be provided to the residents of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions if a certain private land owner is planning to evict them?
- (d) If not, why?

0273/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Livestock Development;
 - (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; and
- (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?

0274/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Agrarian Services;
- (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; and
- (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?

0122/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total value of currency notes newly printed and issued by the Central Bank during the regime of the present Minister of Finance and Planning;
- (ii) the total printing cost of them along with the seigniorage made out by the Central Bank on the issue; and
- (iii) the portion of seigniorage given to the Government by the Central Bank during the same regime?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the companies used to print money or mint coins;
- (ii) whether it was given through a tender procedure;
- (iii) if so, name the companies that have tendered?

(c) If not, why?

0123/'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, place, and the duration of the 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition held in Colombo;
- (ii) the total cost borne by the Government and Government institutions;
- (iii) the objective of such tamashas;
- (iv) the number of people engaged in that work;
- (v) the 'Man Hours' lost which could have been used in a more positive and constructive manner; and
- (vi) the number of people visited the exhibition?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday , December 04, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0078/'08

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

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

0248/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Power (non 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; and
 - (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?

0275/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Aviation;
- (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; and
- (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?

0276/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of National Integration;
 - (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; and
 - (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?

0124/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the total public debt outstanding as Local and Foreign debt separately—
 - (i) at the end of each year from 1948 to 1994; and
 - (ii) at the end of each year from 1995 to 2007 and in 2008 to-date?

- (b) Will he inform this House the total debt amortization (Capital+Interest) per year basis as per period mentioned in (i) and (ii) above?
- (c) Will he state the total debt of the following institutions and countries as at year 1948 to 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to-date along with the average interest cost for the loans given—
 - (i) World Bank
 - (ii) IMF (International Monetary Fund)
 - (iii) ADB (Asian Development Bank)
 - (iv) JBIC (Japan Bank for International Cooperation)
 - (v) USA (United State of America)
 - (vi) Japan
 - (vii) EU Countries
 - (viii) India and,
 - (ix) China?
- (d) Will he also state the per capita debt compared against per capita earnings for the last 05 years on year basis?
- (e) If not, why?

0125/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the State Trading Corporation Wholesale Company Limited thought of being brought into existence;
 - (ii) the date it was really happened and came into existence;
 - (iii) the capital of the Company;
 - (iv) the names of the Directors and share holders;
 - (v) all the imports from the date it was incorporated to-date;
 - (vi) whether tenders were called; and
 - (vii) if so, names and the prices of the tenderers along with the final recommendations of the Cabinet Approval Tender Board (CATB)?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total turnover and profits of the company to-date per month basis;
 - (ii) the profit and turnover ratio;

- (iii) the market share held by the State Trading Corporation Wholesale Company Limited; and
 - (iv) the number of shops registered on district basis as Consumer Trading outlets in the country?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday , December 05, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0079/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) all the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today;
 - (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today;
- (b) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) all the taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today;
 - (ii) a comparison of those figures as at —
 - 1. 15th August, 1994
 - 2. 15th December, 2001
 - 3. 2nd April, 2004
 - 4. 1st December, 2005
 - 5. to-date
- (c) Will he also state the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?
- (d) If not, why ?

0249/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Export Development (non Cabinet);
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- (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; and
 - (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?

0277/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Public Estate Management and Development;
 - (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; and

- (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?

0278/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Justice and Law Reforms;
 - (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; and
 - (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?

0126/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether people were recruited to Foreign Employment Bureau from 2001 to 2005;
 - (ii) if so, the number recruited in each year and their work related to;
 - (iii) whether those recruits were terminated in 2004 - 2005; and
 - (iv) if so, the reason and the steps been taken for them now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether they have recruited any extra staff after termination in 2004 - 2005; and
 - (ii) names of the staff members who have not been taken back to the employment?
- (c) If not, why?

Monday , December 08, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0041/'08

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

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

0250/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Highways (non 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; and
 - (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?

0279/'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 Deputy Minister of Fisheries;
 - (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; and
 - (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?

0280/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Deputy Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare;
 - (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; and
 - (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?
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