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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0889/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that lost their places of residence due to the Tsunami that struck the Island on 26th December 2004; and;
 - (ii) the number of families provided with permanent houses or compensation to live in a permanent house, so far, with state intervention?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families provided with permanent houses by various organizations and individuals with no direct intervention of the Government;
 - (ii) the number of families whose housing problem has thus been solved;
 - (iii) the number of families that lost their houses due to the Tsunami and are still languishing for want of permanent houses; and
 - (iv) on district basis, the number of families which live in temporary shelters, having lost their permanent houses in the Tsunami?
- (c) If not, why?

0890/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the amount of outstanding foreign loans due to be settled by the Government of Sri Lanka at the time of the Tsunami on 26th December 2004;
- (ii) the value of the total foreign aid (not loans) the Government of Sri Lanka has received so far in cash, on account of the Tsunami;
- (iii) the amount of foreign loans repayable by the Government of Sri Lanka and yet were written off following agreements with the relevant countries; and
- (iv) accordingly, the value of the loans thus exempted out of the outstanding foreign loans following the Tsunami of 26th December 2004?

(b) Will he state separately—

- (i) the foreign organizations and countries that assisted the Government of Sri Lanka financially (not loans) on account of the Tsunami;
- (ii) the amount so provided; and
- (iii) the organizations or the countries that waived off the loans granted to Sri Lanka, after the Tsunami?

(c) If not, why?

0891/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House separately,—

- (i) the total numbers of Houses demolished in the Colombo district prior to the SAARC Summit 2008, due to Security reasons or because they were unauthorized constructions;
- (ii) the places where the houses were so demolished ; and
- (iii) the number of families that lost their houses due to this act?

(b) Will he state,—

- (i) the number of families that were provided with permanent houses with the involvement of the Government, after they lost their houses following their demolition; and

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- (ii) the number of families that were provided with temporary houses?
- (c) If not, why?

1007/'08

Hon. Johnston Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a person by the name of Kulasekara has been recruited as the Transport Manager in the Bank of Ceylon, on contract basis;
 - (ii) he has taken three vehicles belonging to the Bank of Ceylon for his personal use; and
 - (iii) several jeeps of Prado make belonging to the Bank of Ceylon have been misplaced at present?
- (b) Will he admit that action is being taken by the management to give pre-dated permission that is required to use vehicles, to the Transport Manager who is destroying the property owned by the Bank of Ceylon, in an improper manner?
- (c) Will he take necessary action with regard to the improper use and misplacing of vehicles belonging to the Bank of Ceylon by the person named Kulasekara, the Transport Manager, who has been recruited on contract basis?
- (d) If not, why?

0769/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of members of the staff of the Niyagama MOH office in Galle at present;
 - (ii) the number of members of the staff that should be there in relation to the population of the aforesaid area;
 - (iii) separately, the difference between the staff that should be there and the present staff; and
 - (iv) whether payments including traveling expenses have been paid to the staff without arrears?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Gramodaya Health Centres situated in the area of the Niyagama MOH office;

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- (ii) whether the facilities such as water, electricity, weighing machines and seating facilities for the mothers who come to these centres have been provided; and
 - (iii) whether necessary toilet facilities have been provided under the aided latrine scheme?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid office has vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of fuel allocated monthly for the aforesaid vehicles; and
 - (iii) whether that amount is sufficient for traveling related to official work?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Public Health Inspectors and Family Health Officers have been given the motor cycles entitled to them; and
 - (ii) if not, the time period within which the aforesaid motor cycles will be given?
- (e) If not, why?

0779/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Chant Lanka Confectionaries situated in Ginimellagaha, Baddegama is run as local factory which provides jobs to a large number of people;
 - (ii) it has not been possible to increase the capacity of the aforesaid factory as it has not been provided with three-phase electricity supply; and
 - (iii) even though the Ceylon Electricity Board has been requested to provide three-phase electricity supply it has not been provided so far due to the difference of a number of metres in the distance?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether it has been reported to the relevant Ministry that electricity supply has to be obtained by installing a new electricity transformer as a result of the above mentioned reason?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it is impossible to invest such a huge amount of money on a single occasion as the current cost of production is very high; and

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- (ii) jobs could be provided to many more people, if an electricity sub-station could be provided for this factory under the Mahinda Chinthana Programme of developing domestic industry?
- (d) Considering the above mentioned situation, will he state whether action will be taken after exploring the possibility of providing at least part of the cost of setting up a new electricity sub-station under the programme of protecting and developing domestic industries?
- (e) If not, why?

0527/'08

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

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

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties which was presented on 20.01.2009, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No.1579/24 of 11th December, 2008)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.61 of 2007 and specified in the Order No.06 hereto, be approved.

ORDER
Appropriation Act. No.61 of 2007
Order No. 06 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.61 of 2007, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 30602 “Stores Advance Account” Department of Sri Lanka Railways of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	1,100,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	1,500,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	Not Revised
		To	Rs.	—	
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	Not Revised
		To	Rs.	—	
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	400,000,000
		To	Rs.	—	550,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2008 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

12 .01 .2009
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—Regulations under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment promotion under Section 24 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No.4 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1447/15 of 31st May, 2006 which were presented on 20.01.2009, be approved.

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The Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—Regulations under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment promotion under Section 24 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No.4 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1469/35 of 02nd November, 2006 which were presented on 20.01.2009, be approved.

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The Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—Regulations under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment promotion under Section 24 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No.4 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1513/17 of 05th September, 2007 which were presented on 20.01.2009, be approved.

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The Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—Regulations under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law (No.4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment promotion under Section 24 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No.4 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1548/7 of 05th May, 2008 which were presented on 20.01.2009, be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0894/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total amount of money that the Government had to spend on the elections held in the year 2008 for the North Central Provincial Council and the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council; and
- (ii) a breakdown of the above mentioned amount of money under different heads of expenditure?

(b) If not, why?

0750/'08

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 90 persons have been selected for the distribution of land for a “Diyawara Gammanaya “ project at Hewagamwatta, Meepe, Padukka;

- (ii) A meeting of the recipients of land was convened by the Divisional Secretary of Padukka on 22.08.2003; and
 - (iii) A meeting of the recipients of land headed by the officials of institutions and people's representatives was convened again on 18.06.2005 at the Divisional Secretariat of Padukka?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) A title certificate with the government seal which states “Transfer of an allotment of land for the purpose of housing”, without making any reference to the number of the allotment or the extent of land, has been provided to the recipients of lands as a document pertaining to the grant made by the Land Reform Commission;
 - (ii) a letter to the effect that Rs. 50,000/= would be provided by the relevant Ministry for the construction of a house, was awarded to the recipients of land at the function held to mark the launch of a “Diyawara Gammanaya”; at the Divisional Secretariat of Padukka on 20.10.2005;
 - (iii) applications for the selection of allottees have been accepted in the year 2000, and the land Kachcheri has been held at the Community Centre of Padukka on 09.08.2001; and
 - (iv) Rs. 1500/= as surveying fees, Rs. 100/= as charges for the Land Reform Commission application form and Rs. 10,000/= as charges for clearing of land on different occasions have been levied from each of the selected allottees?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons as to why the aforesaid persons have not received land up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

0604/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministries, the Departments and the Institutions of the Provincial Councils took part in the ‘Deyata Kirula - 2008’ exhibition;
 - (ii) separately, the activities in which each Provincial Council was involved, if Provincial Councils took part in the aforesaid exhibition;
 - (iii) whether exhibition stalls or exhibits were provided by the Provincial Councils which took part in it;

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- (iv) separately, the activities of the aforesaid exhibition in which each Provincial Council was engaged, if they provided exhibition stalls or exhibits as mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of exhibition stalls conducted by the Ministries or the institutions of each Provincial Council and the amount of money spent on them;
 - (vi) the names of the institutions which spent the above mentioned amount of money and the relevant expenditure Heads; and
 - (vii) the total expenditure borne by all the Provincial Councils for the aforesaid exhibition?
- (b) If not, why?

0989/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that foreign fishing vessels unload their catch of fish in this country?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) Separately, the quantity of fish which was unloaded by foreign fishing vessels at Modara fishing harbour and Galle commercial harbour during the period from January to October in year 2008;
 - (ii) the quantity of fish that should be given to the Lanka Fisheries Corporation according to the terms of the agreements, out of the quantity of fish which was unloaded as mentioned above;
 - (iii) the quantity of fish that has been given to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation, out of the quantity of fish which was unloaded at Galle commercial harbour and Modara fishing harbour from January 2008 up to now; and
 - (iv) the financial gain or loss incurred by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation during the above mentioned period;
- (c) If not, why?

1008/'08

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Is he aware that deductions are made from the salaries of the employees in the Fisheries Corporation of Sri Lanka on contribution to the Employees Provident Fund?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) according to the statement of Accounts of the Employees Provident Fund for the Second half of the year 2007, money has not been credited for the period from July to December in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) money has not been credited for the period of 6 months from March to August in the year 2008?
- (c) Is he aware that the employees are disappointed with the administration and finance divisions because money has not been credited to the relevant accounts and the due interest has not been received even though 10% of their salaries and 28% as the contribution of the certain executive officers and the contribution of the Corporation have been deducted and sent to the finance division?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money that has not been credited to the Employees Provident Fund up to now;
 - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to credit this amount of money to the Employees Provident Fund immediately; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the money will be credited?
- (e) If not, why?

1002/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Ports Authority still follows the practice of giving preference to children of its employees in giving jobs; and
 - (ii) if not, the reason for it?
- (b) Will he take steps to give suitable jobs to the children of Mr. Wijesinghe residing at No.370/2-1, Ihala Biyanwila, Kadawatha, who retired in the year 2004 after working as a clerk at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

1010/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Fisheries has taken legal action against fishermen for not obtaining operating licence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of fishermen against whom cases have been filed in relation to each district; and

- (ii) of the type of vessels for which the operating licences should be obtained?
- (c) Will he state whether it is a mandatory requirement to obtain an insurance certificate for the purpose of obtaining an operating licence?
- (d) If not, why?

0888/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha and the residents of the area have intimated in writing the need of a protected level crossing or a colour light signal, following the accidents that have taken place at the two points known as, 'Samadhi Mawatha', Pelpolwatta, Godagama, Meegoda and Kirimetta road; and
 - (ii) in reply to this request, a letter dated 30.04.2008 has been sent to the Chairman of the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha by the General Manager of Railways, with a copy to him?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) the second paragraph of that letter states that the Department of Railways has no need whatsoever to provide protection to passengers who pass railroad crossings;
 - (ii) the third paragraph states that the Department of Railways holds no responsibility in providing protection to motorists who pass railroad crossings; and
 - (iii) the fourth paragraph states that the Department of Railways has taken a policy decision in this regard?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the policy decision was taken to disregard the protection of passengers and motorists who pass railroad crossings as stated by the letter of the General Manager of Railways;
 - (ii) as to who were involved in taking this decision; and
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to keep the general public informed of this decision?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, February 17, 2009)

1000/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of recipients of jobs who have been provided with employment opportunities in Italy from the year 2005 to September 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the names and addresses of the persons who received jobs as mentioned above in each of the aforesaid years at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the calling of applications was done through a public notice for the recruitment of the above mentioned persons; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was published and the name of the relevant newspaper?
- (d) If not, why?

1001/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of persons who received jobs in Korea from the year 2005 to September 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the names and the addresses of those who have received jobs as mentioned above in respect of each year and each Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether applications were called through a public notice to recruit these persons; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which that notice was published and the name of the newspaper in which it appeared?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1003/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that a farmer by the name of S.A. Samaraweera is enjoying the possession of a land of about 1½ acres in section 700 in Haburugala in Kiriibbanwewa division which comes under the Walawa special area of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, for a period of more than twenty years?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the reason for depriving him of the ownership of the aforesaid land; and
 - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to clear the ownership of the aforesaid land in which he enjoys the possession at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0494/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority, that have been released to the outside parties;
 - (ii) the makes and the registration numbers of the aforesaid vehicles and the date on which they were released;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions or persons to whom the aforesaid vehicles have been released and the basis on which it was done;
 - (iv) if any attachment has been made, the names and the designations of the relevant persons; and
 - (v) whether proper approval was obtained to release the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the buildings that belong to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority have been given to outside parties on the basis of rent or lease;

- (ii) the addresses of the places where the aforesaid buildings are situated and the basis adopted for giving them on rent or lease; and
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the institutions or persons to whom these buildings have been given?
- (c) If not, why?

0605/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the income estimated from the exhibition named 'Deyata Kirula - 2008';
 - (ii) the name of the institution to which the ground where the exhibition was held belongs and the extent of that ground;
 - (iii) whether trade stalls were made available to public or private sector in this exhibition;
 - (iv) if they were made available as mentioned above, the amount of money obtained from the sale of those trade stalls and trade permits;
 - (v) the number of admission tickets that were printed for the exhibition;
 - (vi) the number of admission tickets sold out of the number of tickets mentioned in the answer for (v) above;
 - (vii) the purpose for which the income from the sale of tickets was expected to be used; and
 - (viii) the amount of money that has been spent on the aforesaid purpose, out of the income received from the sale of admission tickets?
- (b) If not, why?

0798/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and

- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0521/'08

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money estimated for the Moragahakanda reservoir construction project;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the year 2007;
 - (iii) whether foreign loans or grants are given for this project;
 - (iv) the number of years in which this project is due to be completed; and
 - (v) the amount of money expected to be allocated for each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that will be displaced due to this project;
 - (ii) the location of the lands that are proposed to be given to them and the extent of land given for each family;
 - (iii) the other facilities that will be given to the displaced persons other than the lands?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared for this project;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) the recommendations of the aforesaid report?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money that has been spent for the inaugural ceremony of this project; and
 - (ii) the name of the company which was in charge of the publicity activities of that ceremony?
- (e) Will he submit to this House, the amounts of money paid to the aforesaid company in respect of television advertisements, posters, newspaper advertisements, hoardings, and other publicity activities separately?
- (f) If not, why?

0347/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister visited since the new Government came to power in the year 2004 up to now; and
 - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by the Deputy Minister separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
 - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
 - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied, their names and designations; and
 - (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Deputy Minister and the officers of his personal staff travelled?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each visit the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

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 of crown lands for a period of 30 years under the border line scheme has been stopped;

- (ii) if so, the reason 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) whether it is 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 lands under the border line scheme, the extent of lands and the tax revenue received from them within the last 05 years, separately;
 - (ii) of the developed / undeveloped state of such lands 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 lands 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?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, February 18, 2009)

0780/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Weliwitiya-Divithura Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;

- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0781/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and

- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0782/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
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 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0783/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Bentota Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0784/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and

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 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
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0785/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Gonapeenuwala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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- (d) If not, why?

0786/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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- (d) If not, why?

0787/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;

- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
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0788/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
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- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
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- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
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(d) If not, why?

0789/08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
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(d) If not, why?

0790/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Bope-Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
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0791/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
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 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
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0792/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Imaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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(d) If not, why?

0793/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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(d) If not, why?

0794/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
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- (d) If not, why?

0795/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
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0796/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
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0797/'08

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(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
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(d) If not, why?

Thursday, February 19, 2009

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0560/'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 of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by India along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis;
 - (ii) any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, the date and the amount?
- (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to India in return from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he also state the balance of payments between India and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
- (d) If not, why?

0561/'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 cost of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by China along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis;
 - (ii) any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so the date and the amount?
- (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to China in return from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he also state the balance of payments between China and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DAYS HAVE BEEN FIXED

P46/'09

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, - Select Committee of Parliament to look into the Monitoring of the Performance of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka,-

Whereas Section 5 of the Monetary Law established the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the supervision and regulation of the financial system of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Section 8 of the Monetary Law has vested the powers, duties and functions of the Central Bank with the Monetary Board of the Central Bank;

And whereas during the calendar year 2008 the financial sector in the country has been in turmoil consequent to the swindles that have come to light in several dubious financial institutions carrying on business under names such as Sakvithi House Construction, Okanda Finance, Piyadasa Ratnayake (Danduwan Mudalali), Nadini Finance, D. K. Udayasiri and Sriyawi Homes;

And whereas the institutions had been carrying on their illegal business activities in the open though none of them had been licensed by or registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

And whereas these institutions were operated with the knowledge of the Central Bank and the Central Bank has failed to take any action to prevent these businesses from being carried on;

And whereas Golden Key Credit Card Company Limited, a subsidiary of the Ceylinco Group is now unable to meet its obligations to both its creditors and depositors;

And whereas the Seylan Bank Limited in which the Ceylinco Group of Companies held a substantial percentage of the shares is now being brought under the administration of the Central Bank;

And whereas it is alleged that the Ceylinco Group and the other companies and / or its officers have made financial contributions exceeding Rs. 4 billion to various projects and funds sponsored by leading members of the Government and their relatives;

And whereas in these circumstances the Central Bank did not take adequate steps to protect these contributions;

And whereas all of these acts and omissions have resulted in drastic repercussions affecting the economy as a whole;

And whereas there is an urgent need to inquire into the failure of the Central Bank to carry out its objectives under the Monetary Law,

And whereas vast numbers of people have suffered financial losses running into billions of rupees while those responsible for these swindles have got off free with their illegal gains;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka being the main supervisory and regulatory body of all financial institutions in the country has failed to prevent these dubious financial institutions from perpetrating swindles on an unsuspecting public;

And whereas there is an urgent need to inquire into and check the extent of the fraud and ascertain the measures that are needed to prevent these and similar swindles continuing and being repeated in the future;

And whereas the Central Bank has failed to supervise and regulate the Pyramid Scheme leading to financial losses to many people;

And whereas the Central Bank has failed to manage the Dollar Rupee Parity at realistic levels;

And whereas the Hedging Scheme entered into by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on the instructions and advice of the Central Bank has resulted in losses running to billion of rupees;

And whereas inflation has now risen to unprecedented levels;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and report on :

- (i) The failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Monetary Board to regulate and supervise these financial institutions,
- (ii) The failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Monetary Board to take action against these financial institutions.

- (iii) Whether any of these institutions were forced to make financial contributions,
- (iv) If and who the individuals both within and outside the several institutions who are responsible for the failure of these regulatory bodies to properly supervise the activities of these institutions,
- (v) Whether the intervention by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is in fact to protect individual interests rather than to protect the interests of the public at large,
- (vi) To recommend what action should be taken against any individuals who either deliberately or through a dereliction of duty permitted these institutions to carry on their fraudulent financial activities, and
- (vii) Steps necessary to be taken to rectify the failure of the Central Bank to regulate the Pyramid Scheme, manage the Dollar Rupee Parity, recoup the losses arising from the Hedging Scheme and to control the unprecedented inflation.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to :

- (a). fix its quorum;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe,
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,
Hon. A. M. M. Naoshaad ,
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana,
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,

Hon. Earl Gunasekara,— No Confidence in the Government,— Whereas the Government through a highly suspicious Hedging Agreement entered into by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation with several Banks, both foreign and local, contrary to all financial regulations of the Government and thoroughly disadvantageous to Sri Lanka;

And whereas the said Hedging Agreement had been entered into on the specific advice and a subsequent presentation by the Governor of the Central Bank;

And whereas contradictory statements have been made by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, the Ministry of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development, the Ministry of Finance, the Minister of Export Development and International Trade and the Central Bank about the sequence of events that had preceded the signing of the Agreement;

And whereas Sri Lanka has incurred a massive foreign debt totaling US Dollars 25 billion to the banks;

And whereas the country has been deprived of enjoying the benefits of drastically declining oil prices in the world market;

It is resolved that the manner in which the Hedging Agreement was entered into demonstrates the inability of the Government to prudently manage the financial affairs of the country and therefore this House has no confidence in the Government.
