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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1103/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the estimated amount for the Lunawa Environmental and Community Development Project;
 - (ii) the number of stages in which that project was due to be completed;
 - (iii) the number of stages of that project that has been completed by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation; and
 - (iv) whether the remaining stages have been taken over by the relevant Ministry?
- (b) If so, will he state the reason for this taking over despite the Corporation which is under the purview of the relevant Ministry itself has all the qualifications and capability to complete this project?
- (c) If not, why?

1130/'08

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that Mr. L.A. Gunathilake who is the recipient of the house bearing No.4 of the scheme of Ten Election Anniversary Houses in Bibila electorate, which belongs to the National Housing Development Authority, has paid to the National Housing Development Authority sums of Rs. 18,000.00 and Rs. 1008.00 as assessed value of the aforesaid house and the charges for the deed respectively by 01.02.2006?

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- (b) Will she admit that the title deed for the relevant house has not yet been handed over to him even after a lapse of nearly two years?
- (c) Will she take necessary action to provide Mr. L.A. Gunatilake with the deed of the relevant house immediately?
- (d) If not, why?

0995/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the name of the drama which was accorded with state awards as the best drama at the State Drama Festival 2008;
 - (ii) the name of the producer of the aforesaid drama; and
 - (iii) the other categories in which the aforesaid drama won awards and the names of the persons who won such awards?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether action has been taken by the Department of Cultural Affairs to stage the best drama that won the state awards in different areas of the country;
 - (ii) whether any steps have been taken to encourage the award winning dramatists after the State Drama Festival; and
 - (iii) the number of shows that have been staged at least with the involvement of the dramatists after the aforesaid drama received the award for best drama; and
 - (iv) The names of places where it was staged?
- (c) If not, why?

1096/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the construction of Kekanadura – Yatiyana road in Matara and the name of the person who laid that foundation stone;
 - (ii) the length and breadth of the road which is relevant to the aforesaid road project; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for the aforesaid project?

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- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the construction work of the aforesaid project has been started by now;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction work is scheduled to be completed;
 - (iii) the amount of the construction work that has been completed by now; and
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

1098/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a distribution of “Dakshina Bhoomi” certificates has taken place?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of certificates distributed as mentioned above;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on that ceremony;
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on the publicity campaign; and
 - (iv) separately, the total amount of money spent on posters, banners and cut – outs with relevance to the aforesaid ceremony?
- (c) If not, why?

1121/'08

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) under මධ්‍යම/මිෂේ/ජන0533, a Jayabhoomi grant for 01 acre and 03 perches of land has been issued to Mr. P. K. Siripala of No. 47/3 in Pallewatta Grama Niladhari Division in Minipe Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) Divisional Secretary of Minipe has got Mr. G.M. Punchibanda and his family evicted from this land through a court order by acting under the Recovery of Possession Act since Mr. Punchibanda, an unauthorized settler, has caused damages to the 47/3 Kattigoda land and D 49 Athuru Ela?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) the aforesaid unauthorized settler, is still residing within the boundaries of Mr. Siripala's land;

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- (ii) the aforesaid unauthorized settler, has closed the road which was used by Mr. Siripala as the access road to his house for more than five decades; and
- (iii) Mr. Punchibanda has even received the compensation that was paid due to the expansion of the Kandy- Mahiyangana Road?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation has been conducted on the aforesaid matters; and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation?
- (d) Will he give necessary instructions to the Land Commissioner in Mahiyangana to take action in order to provide Mr. Siripala and his family with the free access to the only road they used to reach their house?
- (e) If not, why?

1143/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the institutions and departments coming under the purview of the Ministry of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development;
 - (ii) the buildings in which these institutions and departments are housed;
 - (iii) the addresses of those buildings;
 - (iv) whether these buildings belong to the Government and if not, whether they belong to private owners;
 - (v) if they belong to private owners, the names and the addresses of those private owners; and
 - (vi) separately, the monthly rental of the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) If not, why?

1144/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the officials attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development;

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- (ii) their personal addresses;
 - (iii) their posts, educational qualifications, ages and salary scales; and
 - (iv) if they have been attached from other public sector institutions, the names of those institutions?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the types of vehicles provided to the aforesaid officials;
 - (ii) the registration numbers and makes of those vehicles;
 - (iii) whether these vehicles have been obtained from private ownership or under rent/ lease basis;
 - (iv) if so, from whom they have been obtained;
 - (v) their names and addresses; and
 - (vi) the monthly rental or lease of those vehicles?
- (c) If not, why?

1145/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the services rendered by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development for youth empowerment;
 - (ii) the areas selected for the activities connected to youth empowerment;
 - (iii) the number of youth for whom services have been rendered;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on each of the person mentioned in (iii) above; and
 - (v) the measures taken for the economic development of these youths?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Regulations under the Agrarian Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services under Section 95 read with Sections 22, 23, 25, and 26 of the Agrarian Development Act, No.46 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1585/15 of 21st January, 2009 which were presented on 03.03.2009, be approved.

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Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment) Bill —
Second Reading.

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Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment) Bill —
Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1100/08

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a company by the name of “Bron Bridge”, which engages in fishing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a court decision has been given with relevance to the aforesaid fishing company;
 - (ii) of the given decision, if such a decision has been given; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that the aforesaid fishing company has defaulted on the Government?
- (c) Will he state the amount of fish that has been exported by the aforesaid shipping company within the past five years?
- (d) If not, why?

1101/08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the place at which the State Literary Festival was held in the year 2008 and the date on which it was held?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) Separately, the amount of money spent for the propaganda work and the refreshments in respect of the aforesaid festival;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on the aforesaid festival; and

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- (iii) the number of days for which the aforesaid festival was held?
- (c) Will he state ,the quantity of food which was destroyed without taking for consumption and the monetary value of the quantity of food so destroyed, out of the quantity of food which was brought for the festival?
- (d) If not, why?

1109/08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a Non Governmental Organization by the name of “Pathuma” has been registered in the Kudawella fishing village in the district of Hambantota?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if such a Non Governmental Organization has been registered, the date on which it was established and the relevant address;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the Secretary and the President of the aforesaid organization; and
 - (iii) the amount of material aids received by the aforesaid organization under Tsunami aids?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tractors received by the aforesaid organization from the Non Governmental Organization by the name of “ADDRA”; and
 - (ii) the monetary value of the aforesaid tractors?
- (d) If not, why?

1148/’08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the average of the out patients who come to obtain treatment from Colombo South Kalubowila Teaching Hospital per day;
 - (ii) the average of the doctors who serve at the out patients department per day for the purpose of examining patients;
 - (iii) the number of nurses who are on duty at the out patients department per day; and

- (iv) the number of attendants who are on duty at the out patients department per day?
- (b) Will he state the average of the number of out patients examined by a single doctor per day?
- (c) If not, why?

1149/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the average of the out patients who come to obtain treatment to the Colombo General Hospital per day;
 - (ii) the average of the doctors who serve at the out patents department per day for the purpose of examining patients ;
 - (iii) the number of nurses who are on duty at the out patients department per day; and
 - (iv) the number of attendants who are on duty at the out patients department per day?
- (b) Will he state the average of the number of out patients examined by a single doctor per day?
- (c) If not, why?

1150/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of dengue patients reported from Colombo District in the years 2005,2006,2007 and 2008 respectively; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of adults and the children who have died of dengue in each of the aforesaid years respectively?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the procedure adopted in hospitals for giving priority to treat identified dengue patients?
- (c) Will he state the steps that have been taken by the relevant Ministry for the prevention of dengue?
- (d) If not, why?

1162/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to who is legally entitled to hold a diplomatic passport issued by the Department of Immigration and Emigration; and
 - (ii) of the procedure that should be followed in issuing diplomatic passports?
- (b) Will he state the names and designations of the persons who held diplomatic passports as at 30.04.2008 along with numbers of the relevant passport?
- (c) If not, why?

1163/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names and designations of the persons who used diplomatic passports illegally and were subjected to punishment during the period of five years from 2004 to December 2008, along with the numbers of the relevant passports?
- (b) Will he state the reasons for appointing a person who used a diplomatic passport illegally as such, and thereby violated the law of the country, as the Sri Lanka's permanent representative at United Nations in New York to represent Sri Lanka at the International level?
- (c) If not, why?

1164/08'

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the punishments being meted out on a person, who has illegally used a diplomatic passport and violated the law of the country?
- (b) Is he aware that a person by the name of Hewamathara Gamage Siripala Palihakkara served as a Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
- (c) Will he state the date on which the above mentioned person retired?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) he held the diplomatic passport bearing No. D 1943366; and

- (ii) he has used this diplomatic passport up to June 2008 or a time close to it?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is not illegal to use a diplomatic passport under the previous designation after retiring; and
 - (ii) if so, what is the punishment that he deserves for violating the law?
- (f) 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;
 - (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?

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?

1086/'08

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the extent of crown land in the Mahiyangana town; and
 - (ii) separately, the extent of those plots of land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken by now to provide plots of land in the Mahiyangana town to the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, the procedure that was followed to provide those plots of land?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the details of the persons who obtained the aforesaid lands?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether measures will be taken to provide the aforesaid lands to the private sector in future;

- (ii) the plots of land in Mahiyangana town that have been reserved for the constructions of the public sector in future; and
- (iii) the extent of those plots of land and the names of the relevant institutions?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) if lands have not been reserved for the construction of Government offices and official residences, the reason for it; and
 - (ii) the area in which required lands will be reserved?
- (f) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, March 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?

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
 - (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?

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
 - (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?

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
 - (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
 - (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?

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?
- (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?

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?
- (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?

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
 - (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?

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
 - (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
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- (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?

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;
 - (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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- (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?

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
 - (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?

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
 - (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?

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
 - (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?

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;

- (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?

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;
 - (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?

0797/'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 Neluwa 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?

Thursday, March 19, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1151/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who obtained water supply connections from the pipe lines of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in Colombo District by 31st August 2008;
 - (ii) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during all the 24 hours of the day;
 - (iii) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during less than 16 hours of the day;
 - (iv) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during less than 8 hours of the day; and
 - (v) the number of water supply connections that are provided with water during less than 2 hours of the day?
- (b) Will he state the measures that will be taken on behalf of the consumers who are not provided with water during all the 24 hours of the day?
- (c) If not, why?

1153/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of income received by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board from the monthly season tickets during the months of August, September and October in 2008 respectively; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid income as a percentage of the total income received by the S.L.C.T.B from passenger transport during the aforesaid three months?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant Department earns an extra interest by depositing the income received at the beginning of each month in a bank; and
 - (ii) the amount so earned with regard to the aforesaid three months?
- (c) If not, why?

1154/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of income received from railway monthly season tickets during the months of August, September and October in 2008 respectively; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid income as a percentage of the total income received by the Department of Railways from passenger transport during the aforesaid three months?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant Department earns an extra interest by depositing the income received at the beginning of each month in a bank; and
 - (ii) the amount so earned with regard to the aforesaid three months?
- (c) If not, why?

1165/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of times he has gone abroad after assuming duties in this Ministry and the names of the countries he has visited;
 - (ii) of the reasons for going abroad and the relevant periods;
 - (iii) of the numbers of days he spent abroad;
 - (iv) of the names of the officials who joined him in those tours;
 - (v) as to what their posts are;
 - (vi) as to whether all officials who have gone abroad with him have returned to the country;
 - (vii) of the names of the officials who have not returned, if any officers have not returned to the country;
 - (viii) of the reason for it;
 - (ix) of the amount of expenditure incurred with respect to each of those foreign trips; and

- (x) of any external institution that sponsored these tours, if the expenses were not made by the allocations of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

1123/'08

Hon. Vajira Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has already taken to provide relief to the officers, principals, teachers and employees of the Ministry of Education and its affiliated institutions who were subjected to political victimization during the period from 1994 to 2001;
 - (ii) the total number of names that have been approved and recommended as mentioned above during that period; and
 - (iii) the number of names that have been approved and recommended as mentioned in the Galle District?
- (b) Will he submit the aforesaid list of names to this House?
- (c) Will he inform this House the number of persons who came from the Galle District for the interview held by the Committee for Investigations into Political Victimization?
- (d) Is he aware that the names of many persons who have been recommended by the aforesaid committee have been removed from the approved list of names?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the list of names approved by the committee has been sent to obtain the approval of a political authority from Galle area;
 - (ii) whether the due relief will be provided to all the persons whose names have been removed from the aforesaid list after calling them for an interview or subjecting them to an investigation again; and
 - (iii) if it cannot be done, the reason for being unable to do so?
- (f) If not, why?

0866/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the island of Kachchativ;

- (ii) the total population of the aforesaid island; and
- (iii) the number of fishermen living in that island?
- (b) Will he admit that this island does not belong to the Indian Government?
- (c) Will he state the types of influences made by the Indian Government on Sri Lankan Government regarding the aforesaid island?
- (d) If not, why?

0990/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the price of a barrel of oil came down in the world market during the months of last August and September?
- (b) Will he inform this House,-
 - (i) the manner in which the prices of a barrel of oil fluctuated in the world market during the period from January 2008 to October 2008;
 - (ii) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the foreign ships that come to this country and the price of the same sold to the local consumers;
 - (iii) the prices of fuel sold for the use of aircrafts; and
 - (iv) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the local fishing vessels?
- (c) Will he state the reasons as to why the concession provided for the foreign ships is not granted to the local fishing vessels?
- (d) If not, why?

1012/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen who were taken into custody in foreign countries from the year 2000 up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of persons who are still in prisons out of the number of persons mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) names and address of the fishermen who have been imprisoned by now; and

- (ii) names of the countries in which they have been imprisoned?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the action that has been taken by the Government up to now for the release of the fishermen who have been imprisoned; and
 - (ii) the types of relief that has been provided by the Government to the families of the fishermen who have been imprisoned?
- (d) If not, why?

1052/'08

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
 - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1075/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether there are private institutions and companies who have defaulted the payment of loans obtained from the People's Bank?

- (b) If there are such institutions and companies, will he submit to this House separately, a list of the names of the aforesaid private institutions and companies and the balance of the loans that should be settled by them?
- (c) Will he state the courses of action that have been taken and the courses of action that will be taken in the future to recover the balances of the loans that have been defaulted?
- (d) If not, why?

1077/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— 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 ownership of the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission has been transferred to various persons in an unlawful manner without entering into agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been transferred, the names of the transferees and the extent of the lands that have been given; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to initiate disciplinary action against the officers who transferred those lands in this manner without following the legal procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

0986/'08

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Customs Reward Fund and Custom Officers Management and Compensation Fund are in operation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount paid from the Customs Reward Fund to Custom Officers for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 separately;
 - (iii) the names of the Custom Officers along with the amount received from the Customs Reward Fund for the above each year and to-date; and
 - (iv) the amounts credited to the Custom Officers Management and Compensation Fund for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and to date, separately?
- (b) Will he state whether the accounts of the Custom Officers Management and Compensation Fund and Customs Reward Fund were audited by the Auditor General?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, March 20, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1155/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total estimated cost of the Matara – Colombo Southern Lanka Expressway;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been spent so far;
 - (iii) the new construction work added due to various reasons, in addition to the plans prepared for the construction of the aforesaid road; and
 - (iv) the additional amount of money that will be spent for that work?
- (b) Will he state the timeframe within which the construction work of the aforesaid Expressway will be completed, by taking the ongoing development work into consideration?
- (c) If not, why?

0750/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (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?

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?

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?

1055/'08

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
- (i) the number of foreign tours done by the officers of the Bank of Ceylon from November 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of the countries they toured and the dates on which they toured those countries;
 - (iii) the persons who participated in the aforesaid tours;
 - (iv) the amount of money that was spent for them;
 - (v) the institution which spent the above mentioned amount of money; and
 - (vi) the benefits that have been received by the Bank of Ceylon from the aforesaid foreign tours?
- (b) If not, why?

1056/'08

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of loans exceeding Rs. 50 million that has been provided by the Bank of Ceylon to an individual or an institution from November 2005 up to now;

- (ii) the names of the institutions and persons that have been provided with the aforesaid loans;
 - (iii) whether they / those institutions had obtained loans from other banks or Bank of Ceylon and defaulted the payment of loans, prior to the issue of the aforesaid loans; and
 - (iv) separately, the bank from which the defaulted loan had been obtained and the outstanding amount by now, if they have defaulted the payment of loans as mentioned in (iii) above?
- (b) Will he state the securities deposited by the persons / institutions that obtained loans exceeding Rs. 50 million after November 2005 and the rate of interest relevant to the loans provided to those persons / institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1099/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that in addition to canned fish and dried fish, raw fish is also imported into this country?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the varieties of fish so imported;
 - (ii) the amount of fish imported during the past 05 years; and
 - (iii) whether taxes are levied on the amount of fish so imported?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the persons or firms engaged in importing fish;
 - (ii) whether selling of fish so imported is done through the sales outlets of Ceylon Fisheries Corporation;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such sales outlets; and
 - (iv) the total amount of fish that was supplied to these outlets during the above mentioned period?
- (d) If not, why?

0996/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the “Richmond Castle” mansion with a 42 acre land in Palathota, Kalutara, which is considered as a property with archeological value is in a state that needs repairing?

- (b) Does he accept that this place which is used for conducting a pre –school, Japanese language classes, English classes and also for a Home for children, free of charge, has faced with a sever shortage of water?
- (c) Will he take the necessary steps to develop this place and make use of it?
- (d) If not, why?

1004/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an exchange of gunfire took place between the Police and another group of persons at Managalla which comes under the Beliatta Police area around 1.00 a.m. on 19th November 2007; and
 - (ii) one person has died in the aforesaid incident?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the cause for the above mentioned exchange of gun fire;
 - (ii) of the reason for the Officers of the Beliatta Police Station to come to Managalla area on that occasion;
 - (iii) of the reason for the Chairman of the Beliatta Pradeshiya Sabha to come to that place in his cab bearing No. 252-6474 with a group of thugs; and
 - (iv) if the Chairman of the Pradehiya Sabha has fired at the police, the reason for not taking him into custody up to now and initiating legal action against him?
- (c) If not, why?

1006/'08

Hon. Thilakarathne Vithanachai,—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 Land Reform Commission has vested a land named Weliwaththa, in Pilagoda, Baddegama in Galle with the State Plantation Corporation through the gazette bearing No. 195/6 and dated 31.05.1982 which was issued under the section 27 a (1) of the Land Reforms (Special Provisions) Act No. 39 of 1981?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on what grounds the then Minister of Lands gave his approval on 16.05.2002 for the Lease Requisition letter dated 16.03.2002 of the Berns Trading Company of 811/1 Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha, Colombo 14; and

- (ii) on what legal grounds the above land was given to the aforesaid company on lease for a period of 50 years for a compost project through the Lease Agreement bearing No. 260 and dated 26 February 2003?
- (c) Will he admit that, the aforesaid Lease Agreement becomes void as the relevant project was not started within a period of 06 months in compliance with the section 11 of the aforesaid Lease Agreement?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been paid from the date on which the aforesaid land was leased out, up to now; and
 - (ii) the period of time within which the relevant Lease agreement will be cancelled and the aforesaid land will be vested with the State Plantation Corporation, as the Land Reform Commission has leased out a property which does not belong to it?
- (e) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, March 20, 2009)

0560/'08

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

- (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 Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (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?

Tuesday, April 07, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0991/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of persons who pay income tax to the Government individually?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount of money earned from the personal income tax during the last two years?
- (c) Will he state the annual income limits adopted in levying the personal income tax?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 08, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0099/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Air Crafts leased out, bought or hired for Mihin Air from the inception to-date;
 - (ii) the amount being paid or amount paid, per month basis;
 - (iii) the load factor required to break even;
 - (iv) the load factor from the origin of the airline per month basis; and

- (v) the total cargo lift capacity and data capacity lifted to-date per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total outstanding as of today with age analysis for fuel, airport aviation office space and warehouse space, taxes, aircraft dues, bank loans and any other obligation of significance;
 - (ii) the total staff recruited along with the total remittance payable per month basis with perks included for all staff drawing over Rs. 200,000/- in total per month; and
 - (iii) the additional cost that they pay for Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance (ACMI) even though the agreements cover the same?
- (c) If not, why?

0752/'08

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Gampaha District as at 30th June in each year from the year 2004 to the year 2007;
 - (ii) the amounts of money paid for them along with their names and addresses; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for the Samurdhi Recipients in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients during the aforesaid four years but whose names were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients subsequently and their names and addresses;
 - (ii) the basis on which they were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) if there are new Samurdhi recipients, the amount of money paid for them and their addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, April 21, 2009)

0947/'08

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— 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 of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in February 2006 (Hansard copy No.163/9)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0948/'08

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— 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 of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in March 2006 (Hansard copy No.163/13)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;

- (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
- (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0949/'08

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— 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 of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in April 2006 (Hansard copy No.164/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0950/'08

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— 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 of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in May 2006 (Hansard copy No.164/9)?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0951/'08

Hon. Edward Gunasekara,— 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 of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in June 2006 (Hansard copy No.164/18)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, April 24, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0005/'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 the action taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairmen Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the report presented by Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe on the 12th January, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action taken on the report dated 20th July, 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No. PS12 submitted by Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29th November, 2007;
 - (ii) the Institutions investigated as per above; and
 - (iii) the action that has been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

0013/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
 - (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
 - (iii) the frequencies of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and

- (iii) the amount that has been paid by each TV station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
 - (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Tuesday, May 05, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0080/'08

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

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

0081/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sovereign guarantee was given and 500 million Dollar bond was taken on 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 to 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 institutions 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 five 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?

Friday, June 12, 2009

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers” [P.3/'05]

P.1/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.2/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.3/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.4/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.5/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.7/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.8/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.9/08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.10/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in Government documents is an impediment and an inhabitation to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.11/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.12/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.13/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that Laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compelling Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which Leads to Higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.14/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.15/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Punishments for Government Officials,—That this Parliament resolves that, High Ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Government officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Quality Assurance Council” be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Position named “Special Prosecutor”,— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named “Special Prosecutor” that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.19/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.21/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.22/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.23/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.24/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Tax Concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.25/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.26/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.27/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.28/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.29/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.30/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.31/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.32/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.33/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.34/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.35/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports Instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.36/'08

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P 37/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P38/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,—Since the Ussangoda mountain range area on the coastal belt in the south belonging to the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, popularly known as the Horton Plains of the South and identified as a site belonging to Middle Paleolithic has inherited an immense importance as an open settlement site from which twenty eight thousand years old geometrical tools and rocks have been discovered and also as a site extremely rich in marine and land bio-diversity and an ideal turtle habitat and as a wall that protected people from the Tsunami waves, this House resolves that it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

P.39/'08

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

P.40/'08

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

P.41/'08

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

P.44/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace, this Parliament is of the opinion that a Conflict Resolution Centre which can go into problems in Sri Lanka, in the region, and the world as a whole, be created, utilizing the strengths in all religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam.
