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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0268/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Government took a decision to provide a subsidy on petrol to the three wheeler drivers;
 - (ii) a circular has been issued in this regard;
 - (iii) the number of persons who applied to get the subsidy according to the circular, was very low; and
 - (iv) the reason for the above situation is that the procedure for applying has been made complicated with the intention of minimizing the opportunities of applying for the subsidy?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of people who applied for the petrol subsidy from the district of Colombo; and
 - (ii) the number of people who received the subsidy?
- (c) If not, why?

0269/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the traffic lights systems were installed in Rajagiriya junction in Kotte;

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- (ii) the amount of money spent on that; and
- (iii) the name of the institution which installed the traffic lights systems?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of days on which the aforesaid traffic lights were operative; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the aforesaid traffic lights systems to be not operative at present?
- (c) Will he admit that there has been a waste of public funds as a result of this?
- (d) If not, why?

0351/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Dhamma schools conducted at present in the G/Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the names of those Dhamma schools along with the names of the temples in which they are conducted respectively; and
 - (iii) the name of the monk or the layman who holds the post of Principal in each of these Dhamma schools?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the number of students who study in each of those Dhamma schools?
 - (ii) as to whether the desks and chairs available in those Dhamma schools are sufficient for students studying in them;
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated from the decentralized Budget or from Provincial Council funds annually for those Dhamma schools from the year 2000 to 2008 ;
 - (iv) as to who made such allocations; and
 - (v) the amount of money allocated from the funds of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage or from any other funds of the government for these Dhamma schools?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to remedy the shortcomings in these Dhamma schools in the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

0352/'09

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of houses that have been built in place of the houses that were destroyed in Thelwatta Peralilya area in Hikkaduwa due to the Tsunami disaster in 2004, according to a proposal by the then Minister of Fisheries?
- (b) Is he aware that while various non – governmental organizations had accepted the construction of houses in that area, construction of the aforesaid houses had to be started as those organizations lacked a plan of action to construct houses?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and addresses of the owners of those houses;
 - (ii) whether the construction work of the ground floors of the aforesaid houses have been completed; and
 - (iii) if not, whether construction work of the ground floors will be completed so that they will be suitable for occupation by the recipients of the houses?
- (d) Will he state the time frame within which the remaining work of the aforesaid houses will be completed as most of those recipients of houses are people who have lost all they had possessed and lack a permanent source of income up to now?
- (e) If not, why?

0032/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the loans given by the treasury to the Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd (HDL) from 03rd August, 2007 to 31st August, 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the letters issued by the Treasury giving terms and conditions of each loan from 03rd August, 2007?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the capital and interest outstanding of each loan from 1997 to 31st August 2008;
 - (ii) the loans of HDL guaranteed by the Government, which is payable to Japan as at 31st August, 2008 and the payable date; and
 - (iii) the annual net profits of HDL after interest on loans for the last 10 years to 31st March, 2008 separately?

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- (d) Will he further state whether—
 - (i) the loans given to HDL by the Treasury from 1997 have been fully defaulted; and
 - (ii) the land of the Hilton Hotels belongs to the Government as per Surrender of Special Grant Instruments nos. 673 and 674 of July, 1999?
- (e) Will he state, the reason for not making payments for the use of this Government Land by HDL or Hilton?
- (f) If not, why?

0158/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of plots of lands that have been given annually in the Mahaweli New Development Zone at Sooriyawewa in the Hambantota district from the year 2004 to 31.03.2009;
 - (ii) the criteria on which the recipients of land were selected and the total extent of land that has been given on the basis of dry / irrigated lands, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who could not be provided with lands even though they had fulfilled the required qualifications?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately with regard to each land—
 - (i) whether lands have been given to companies or other institutions for private businesses; and
 - (ii) if so, the name and the address of the Head of the company / institution so applied;
 - (iii) the qualifications required and the criteria followed to give those lands and the date on which the lands were given along with the extents of lands so given;
 - (iv) the activity for which the given lands were used and the period for which those lands were given;
 - (v) whether those lands have been used for the activities for which they were given; and
 - (vi) the progress of those activities at present?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of lands (dry / irrigated) remaining to be distributed on 31.03.2009;

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- (ii) whether persons to whom lands should be given compulsorily have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such persons; and
 - (iv) the period of time within which these people will be given lands?
- (d) If not, why?

0215/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the current market price of a cylinder of gas (12.5 kg);
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the businessmen who run Shell Gas Company and Laughs Gas Company; and
 - (iii) the price at which Ceylon Petroleum Corporation supplies a kilogram of gas?
- (b) If not, why?

0178/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of sports schools that exist in our country at present; and
 - (ii) separately, whether those schools came under Provincial Councils or the Central Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the relevant schools as per each district?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a special project is being implemented by the Ministry of Education to develop these sports schools;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is such a project implemented by any other Ministry;
 - (iii) if so, what those projects are;
 - (iv) the sports schools selected under each of those projects; and
 - (v) the basis on which the relevant schools were selected?
- (d) If not, why?

0179/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of Colleges of Education that exist in our country at present; and
 - (ii) the courses conducted by each of those Colleges of Education, separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students enrolled for each course annually (from the year 2000 up to 2008);
 - (ii) whether a decision has been taken to systematically minimize the number of students enrolled for the aforesaid Colleges of Education; and
 - (iii) whether the Government has taken a decision to cancel some of the courses conducted at present or close down the Colleges of Education?
- (c) If not, why?

0266/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of buildings that have been obtained for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources on the basis of paying a monthly rental;
 - (ii) the purpose for which the aforesaid building have been obtained;
 - (iii) separately, the monthly rental paid for each of those buildings;
 - (iv) the names of the owners of the aforesaid buildings; and
 - (v) the procedure adopted for obtaining the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution for which the building of No.4, Galle Road, Dehiwela has been purchased;
 - (ii) the year in which that building was purchased; and
 - (iii) the monthly rental of the building?
- (c) 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,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989 relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1590/18 of 27th February, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989 relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1591/10 of 04th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989 relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/23 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty on liquors (other than toddy or any liquor made from any cereal) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/24 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Excise Notification No.907)

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty on Molasses, Palmyrah, Coconut and Process Arrack manufactured in and issued from any licensed manufactory established in Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/24 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Excise Notification No.908)

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty on foreign spirits manufactured in Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/24 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Excise Notification No.909)

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2004 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy by the repeal of the Schedule I, II and III of the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1386/24 of 31st March, 2005, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1595/14 of 31st March, 2009 which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Supplementary Sum— Head 295 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees eight thousand sixteen million and four hundred thousand (Rs. 8,016,400,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing from 01st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 295 — Department of Commerce

Programme 2 — Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	13,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>8,003,400,000</u>
Total	= Rs.	<u>8,016,400,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.4 of 2009 presented on 23rd June, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 3, Rs. 2,949,830,000/-

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum— Head 243 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees three hundred and fifty million (Rs. 350,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing from 01st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 243 — Department of Development Finance

Programme 2 — Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	150,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>200,000,000</u>
Total	= Rs.	<u>350,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.5 of 2009 presented on 23rd June, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 4, Rs. 10,966,230,000/-

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum— Head 249 — Programme 1,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand and five hundred million (Rs. 1,500,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing from 01st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule**Head 249 — Department of Treasury Operations****Programme 1 — Operational Activities**

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,500,000,000</u>
	= Rs.	<u>1,500,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.6 of 2009 presented on 24th June, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 5, Rs. 11,316,230,000/-

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Department of Coast Guard Bill — Second Reading.

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Ambuluwawa Dissanayake Mudiyansele Jayaratne Religious Centre and Biodiversity Complex Trust Fund Bill — Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, July 07, 2009)

0034/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2004 to 2008 separately for each district except Colombo taking 2004 as a base year—
 - (i) the amount that the Samurdhi recipients received in rupee value;
 - (ii) the inflation for each year; and
 - (iii) the real purchasing power after deflating the inflation for each year?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 08, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0172/'09

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. M. M. Sumanawathie has retired with effect from 01.01.1991, after serving as the Principal of Deeyagaha Batahira Maha Vidyalaya in Matara;
 - (ii) she should have been promoted to the post of Grade II Principal with effect from 01.01.1988 on the basis of merit and seniority; and
 - (iii) however, she was not granted the relevant promotion till her retirement?
- (b) Will he admit that the attempt that was made to get Mrs. Sumanawathie's promotion and pension granted during the 18 years after her retirement, has failed?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not granting the aforesaid promotion and the pension;
 - (ii) when the relevant promotion and the pension will be granted to

Mrs. Sumanawathie who has fulfilled all the requirements; and

- (iii) whether compensation or any other allowances will be provided to Mrs. Sumanawathie, who is 78 years of age, for the period in which she was deprived of the promotion and the relevant pension due to the delay at the relevant department?
- (d) If not, why?

0355/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by this Ministry to Galle district for the home garden project under “Api Wawamu- Rata Nagamu” programme in the year 2008;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated to each divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) the amount allocated as decentralized allocations and Provincial Council Members’ allocations for the ‘Home Garden Project’ in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the names of the Hon. Members who have made allocations in that manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the amount spent by the relevant Ministry on the publicity work of the exhibition and carnival, “Galu Samaya”?
- (c) Will he admit that even though extensive publicity was given to “Api Wawamu – Rata Nagamu” programme, the amount that was allocated for the home garden project in Galle district is relatively insignificant when compared with the publicity given?
- (d) Will he take necessary measures to make a larger allocation through the relevant Ministry for that project in the year 2009?
- (e) If not, why?

0105/09

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

- (a) Is he aware that the National Television telecast pre-election advertisements in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money earned by this institution from each political party or institutions and persons through such pre-election publicity activities;
- (ii) the amount of money due to be recovered as a result of engaging in such pre-election publicity activities; and
- (iii) the names of political parties, institutions or persons from whom the money is due to be recovered for engaging in their publicity activities?

(c) If not, why?

0218/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka within the month of January 2009; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which he visited Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he submit to this House whether it was at an invitation extended by the Government of Sri Lanka that the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka as mentioned above?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the parties with whom the Minister of External Affairs of India had discussions in Sri Lanka and their names;
- (ii) the dates on which those discussions took place; and
- (iii) the matters which were subjected to discussion by the Minister of External Affairs of India?

(d) If not, why?

0270/'09

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

(a) Is he aware that the formulation of a comprehensive national policy for the admission of children to grade I classes in schools has ended in failure?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) as a result of the above mentioned situation, a new policy has to be submitted for the year 2009 too;

- (ii) revised policies have been submitted each year during the period of past few years; and
- (iii) as a result, the parents who wanted to admit their children to schools faced a great inconvenience?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the persons who are responsible for the formulation of the policy submitted for year 2009; and
 - (ii) whether this policy will be revised again in a coming year?
- (d) If not, why?

0383/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, - To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning, -

- (a) Is he aware that there was an amount of approximately 4000 million American dollars in the Foreign Reserve of Sri Lanka as at August 2008?
- (b) Will he admit that the aforesaid amount has come down to 1000 million American dollars by March 2009?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for the reduction in the aforesaid Foreign Reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

0385/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the government has decided to sell 63% of the shares of the 'Lanka Transformers Limited' that belongs to the Ceylon Electricity Board, as a solution to the grave financial crisis the Ceylon Electricity Board is faced with?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, whether steps were taken to sell the shares through an open tender in this transaction; and
 - (ii) whether the selling of shares to the private sector in this manner is not against the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya'?
- (c) If not, why?

0287/'09

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that three vehicles bearing registration numbers 65-1986, 65-

1988 and 65-1990 which belonged to the Bank of Ceylon have been released to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for a monthly rental of Rs. 25,000/- per vehicle?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry of Finance and Planning has paid the rental due for the aforesaid three vehicles up to the month of February 2009, to the Bank of Ceylon?
- (c) Will he admit that one vehicle out of the aforesaid three vehicles has met with an accident?
- (d) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the above mentioned vehicle met with the accident, the registration number of that vehicle and the extent of the damages;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to get the other two vehicles back to the Bank of Ceylon, taking the above mentioned situation into consideration; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, July 08, 2009)

0295/'09

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?

0296/'09

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?

0297/'09

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?

0298/'09

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?

0299/'09

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?
- (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?

0300/'09

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?

0301/'09

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?

0302/'09

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?

0303/'09

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
 - (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?

0304/'09

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?

(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?

0305/'09

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?

0306/09

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?

0307/'09

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?

0308/'09

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?

0309/'09

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?

0310/09

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?

0311/'09

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?

0381/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that it has been mentioned on the page 21 (Sinhala text) of the “Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that 25 houses will be constructed in every village per year under the “Jana Sevana” programme?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the number of new houses that have been constructed in the country as a whole;
- (ii) the names of the villages in which the above mentioned number of houses were constructed and the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and districts where those villages are situated;
- (iii) the number of houses that have been constructed in Kandy district under this programme; and
- (iv) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid houses were built?

(c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0015/'09

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?

0017/'09

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

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

0219/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages and restaurant cars brought down to Sri Lanka from January 2006 up to now;
 - (ii) the dates on which the said railway carriages and restaurant cars were brought down to the country and the number remaining unused so far; and
 - (iii) their financial value?
- (b) If not, why?

0220/'09

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 of—

- (i) whether National Independence day function was held in the Eastern Province on 4th February 2009;
 - (ii) of the venue, if it was held;
 - (iii) of the names of the Ministers who took part in this function; and
 - (iv) of the cost incurred on this function?
- (b) If not, why?

0221/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of divers who are engaged in fishing as an occupation in our country; and
 - (ii) the number of licensed divers in each district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he stated in a debate in Parliament on 18.02.2009 that the licenses of divers will be cancelled?
- (c) If he has stated so, will he state whether the licences of divers will be cancelled after paying them compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

0263/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a project named 'Gaja Mithuro' has been launched by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources;
 - (ii) of the objective of that project; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the construction of electric fences under the 'Gaja Mithuro' project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of other projects that have been initiated under this project;
 - (ii) the names of such projects, separately;
 - (iii) the number of projects that have been completed so far and their

names;

- (iv) the number of projects that have been successful and their names;
and
 - (v) the amount of money spent on these projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0264/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House a report on the projects for the construction of electric fences, which were launched from the year 2000 by the Wildlife Conservation Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons as to why the 'Gaja Mithuro' project was not assigned to the Wildlife Conservation Department';
 - (ii) whether action has been planned under the 'Gaja Mithuro' project to fulfil the needs of elephants such as food, water and salt;
 - (iii) if so, whether the construction of small tanks has been indentified by the relevant project to meet the above needs; and
 - (iv) of the details pertaining to the amount of money allocated for this purpose and the number of small tanks constructed up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

0265/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions which carry out the issuing of Vehicle Emission Inspection Certificate that have been operative within the Western Province since the year 2009;
 - (ii) whether those institutions are private institutions or public institutions;
 - (iii) the reason for assigning that task to private institutions in that manner, if they are private institutions; and
 - (iv) the basis on which those institutions were selected?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the legal and administrative capacity of the relevant Ministry to

provide necessary relief for people's rights on occasions when irregularities take place and customers face inconveniences as a result of assigning this task to private institutions in the aforesaid manner;

- (ii) the amount of money that has been paid by the Government to those institutions in this respect, from 1st January 2009 up to 31st March 2009; and
 - (iii) whether the basis on which payments have been made in the aforesaid manner, has been submitted to this House?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the rates charged for vehicles in issuing Vehicle Emission Inspection Certificates;
 - (ii) the amount of money received by the Government through it; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been provided to the treasury, out of the said amount?
- (d) If not, why?

0076/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that Olupattawa tank which had been a private tank with an extent of 16 acres, at Siyambalagoda, in Homagama was acquired in the year 1968 on the survey order issued by the then Government Agent of Colombo on the requests made by the farmers' organization?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) according to the section 880 of the preliminary plan, the acquired portion has been mapped as an area with an extent of 12 acres 00 roods 38.6 perches;
 - (ii) the farmers' organizations have informed the relevant institutions on various occasions that it would change the existing conditions and cause pollution of the tank if construction of houses or other development work was allowed within the 4 acres that had not been acquired; and
 - (iii) there is a need for a tank reservation?
- (c) Will he, therefore, inform this House of the steps that will be taken to protect the tank reservation?
- (d) If not, why?

0091/'09

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

Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that Malwanegama Farm at Talawa, which belonged to the Department of Agriculture has been handed over to a private company?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if it has been handed over, the basis on which it was handed over and the name of the institution or the person that has been vested with it;
 - (ii) the amount of money obtained per acre annually in handing over the relevant farm;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been obtained as rent since the date on which it was leased out up to the year 2007; and
 - (iv) if a fixed amount has been obtained the amount of money so obtained?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the value of the immovable and movable property owned by the farm at the time the aforesaid farm was leased out; and
 - (ii) the purpose for which the said property was utilized?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose for which the aforesaid farm was established; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid farm is being used for the above mentioned purpose by the current administration?
- (e) If not, why?

0132/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of unauthorized settlers living in the reservation of the Suriyawewa tank which provides drinking water to the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division and comes under the area of the Mahaweli Development Authority?
- (b) Will he admit that the reservoir which provides drinking water gets polluted by the waste dumped in to it by these unauthorized settlers?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately and in relation to each family the name, address, and the number of family members of those unauthorized settlers living in reservation of the aforesaid tank and the period of unauthorized settlement by each of them up to now;

- (ii) whether the plots of land of the Mahaweli Authority which were to be given to those who were to lose their lands owing to the construction of the Weerawila Airport, are given to the unauthorized settlers on the reservation of the tank, since the relevant Airport is not constructed in that venue; and
- (iii) if not so, the place where irrigated land and lands for settlement are to be given and the extents of the relevant land for settlement and the irrigated land?
- (d) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to pay these unauthorized settlers with compensation based on the current commercial value in relation to the properties they have acquired during a long period, since they will lose them with their removal?
- (e) If not, why?

0159/09

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) conflicts and disputes have occurred after the implementation of the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000; and
 - (ii) tenant farmers have been legally deprived of their rights?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to abolish the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000 and present a new Bill so as to ensure the rights of tenant farmers; and
 - (ii) if not, whether the above Agrarian Development Act will be submitted after amendment?
- (c) Will he state the measures that will be taken with regard to those who lost their tenant rights after the implementation of the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, July 09, 2009)

0313/09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Imaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0314/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bope - Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for

the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0315/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0316/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0317/'08

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs.

350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0318/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0319/09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Goonapinuwala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0320/09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0321/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0322/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0323/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Welivitiya - Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs.

350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0324/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bentara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all

the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0325/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

0326/'09

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

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0327/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0328/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
 - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

0329/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
 - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought

under cultivation;

- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
 - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 10, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0072/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date that the Colombo Consumer Price Index was changed; and
 - (ii) the items on the new Colombo Consumer Price Index?
- (b) Will he submit to this House on yearly basis to date, from the date that the Colombo Consumer Price Index was changed—
- (i) a comparison of the new Price Index with the old Price Index;
 - (ii) a comparison of the inflation difference between the old and new indexes; and
 - (iii) other indexes that are used to compare the inflation of the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0073/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the maximum borrowing limits stipulated by Parliament from 1948 to 2000, 2000 to 2005 and separately in 2006,

2007, 2008 and 2009?

- (b) Will he state the amount of money borrowed locally and internationally in the above periods?
- (c) Will he also state on yearly basis from 2005 to 2009 the Government revenue that is earned to meet additional expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

0074/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on per year basis from 2000 to 2009—
 - (i) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the growth rate;
 - (ii) the total debt and per capita debt; and
 - (iii) the work force and the inflation figures?
- (b) If not, why?

0222/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amounts of the bank overdraft of the Treasury account maintained at Taprobane Branch, Colombo of the Bank of Ceylon as at 31st December 2005, 31st December 2008 and 30th January 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the escalation of the bank overdraft to such a high amount; and
 - (ii) the measures taken so far to prevent the escalation of the overdraft?
- (c) If not, why?

0267/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme was conducted at the Intercontinental Hotel on 3rd February 2009 for exporters of minerals;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid occasion;

- (iv) the names of the persons who participated in the aforesaid discussion; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who provided funds to the relevant discussion?
- (b) If not, why?

0182/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which Mihin Air airline was established?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the name, address and educational qualifications of the chairman of the Mihin Air airline?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to who appointed the above mentioned chairman to that position; and
 - (ii) the date on which he was appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

0189/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of grade three fish unloaded through the harbours of this country by the foreign vessels from October 2008 to date?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of grade three fish purchased by the Fisheries Corporation out of those stocks unloaded by the Foreign fishing vessels;
 - (ii) of the value of the amount so purchased;
 - (iii) the price of a kilogramme of fish purchased from foreign fishing vessels as mentioned above; and
 - (iv) the price at which a kilogramme of above mentioned fish was sold?
- (c) If not, why?

0403/'09

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 traveled?
- (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?

0404/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will she inform this House of the names of the housing schemes which have been implemented in Matale District by the Department of National Housing and the National Housing Development Authority from 1978 up to now?
- (b) Will she submit to this House, separately, the number of houses that were constructed as model houses, self-help houses and Gam-Uda (Village Reawakening) houses on the basis of each constituency and the name of the occupants (present owners) of those houses?
- (c) If not, why?

0406/'09

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 had 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?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, July 10, 2009)

0331/'09

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 Yakkalamulla 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?

0332/'09

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 Imaduva 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?

0333/'09

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 Habaraduwa 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?

0334/'09

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 Akmeemana 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?

0335/'09

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 Bope - Poddala 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?

0336/'09

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 Kadawathsathara 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?

0337/'09

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 Hikkaduwa 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?

0338/’09

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 Goonapinuwala 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?

0339/'09

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 Ambalangoda 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?

0340/'09

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 Balapitiya 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?

0341/'09

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 Karadeniya 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?

0342/'09

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 Welivitiya - Divitura 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?

0343/'09

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 Bentara 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?

0344/'09

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 Elpitiya 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?

0345/'09

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 Thawalama 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?

0346/'09

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 Niyagama 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?

0347/'09

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 Neluwa 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?
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Tuesday, July 21, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0075/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis from 2006 to 2009 all the loans taken in dollar terms or equivalent in dollar terms which the interest is greater than 3% along with the name of the lender?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total liability, interest and capital shown separately from 2006 to 2015 on per year basis;
 - (ii) the Government revenue for each year from 2006 to 2009; and
 - (iii) the Government's forecast for revenue for 2010 to 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

0231/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name and address of the incumbent chairman of Lanka Salusala Limited; and
 - (ii) of the number of members on its Board of Directors and their names and addresses?
 - (b) Will he state the date on which the incumbent chairman and the Board of Directors mentioned above were appointed?
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(c) If not, why?

0233/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that delegates from foreign countries came to meet the Chief Minister of the Eastern Province?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of foreign delegates who came to meet the above mentioned Chief Minister;
 - (ii) their names and designations;
 - (iii) the dates on which they came;
 - (iv) whether the above mentioned delegates came to meet the aforesaid Chief Minister with the understanding of the central government; and
 - (v) the purpose for which the aforesaid delegates came ?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0235/'09

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 of the name of the Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of the Southern Province?
- (b) Will he state whether a Deputy Inspector General of police has the power to address election rallies or engage himself in campaigning using his official rank?
- (c) If not, why?

0237/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether employees were recruited for the Department of Posts during the period from June 2000 to 31st March 2009;
 - (ii) of the number of employees so recruited and the positions for

which they were recruited; and

- (iii) whether the above mentioned recruitment was made through publishing the vacancies in Gazette notifications or newspapers?
- (b) Will he state the procedure that was adopted for the recruitment mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

0238/09

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 of—
 - (i) the number of security personnel provided by the government for the security of a Minister; and
 - (ii) the number of security personnel provided by the government for the security of a Member of Parliament?
- (b) Will he state the other facilities provided for the security of a Minister and a Member of Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, July 23, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0173/'09

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Separately, of the names and addresses of the persons who were selected for the positions from one to six according to the merit list of those who faced the interview from Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, at the competitive examination held in the year 2006 for the recruitment of persons to Grade III of the Grama Niladhari Services and the total marks obtained by them; and
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies for Grama Niladharies that exists within the Divisional Secretariat Division of Ambalantota?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Grama Niladhari appointments were given to those who secured the first and second places in the merit list, at the aforesaid competitive examination;

- (ii) if those appointments have not been given the reasons for it; and
 - (iii) if relevant Grama Niladhari appointments will not be given to the applicants who came first and second, whether the appointments will be given to those who have secured the third position;
 - (iv) the time frame within which it will be done; and
 - (v) if Grama Niladhari appointments will not be given to those who secured the third place, the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

0205/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether fish is graded when unloading fish from the foreign fishing vessels?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money charged per kilogram of grade 3 fish by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation when unloading fish from the foreign fishing vessels in September 2005, in May 2006 and in December 2008?
- (c) If not, why?

0214/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Treasury obtained bank overdrafts from the Bank of Ceylon and the People's Bank in the month of January and June in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) if so, the monetary value of the bank overdrafts so obtained?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Treasury obtained bank overdrafts from the Bank of Ceylon and the People's Bank in January in the year 2009; and
 - (ii) if so, the monetary values of the bank overdrafts so obtained?
- (c) If not, why?

0236/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of instances in which the Consultative Committee on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has been convened during the period from November 01, 2008 to March 16, 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the aforesaid Committee was convened in the above-mentioned manner; and
 - (ii) the reasons, if the aforesaid Committee has not been convened?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the relevant timetable according to which the Consultative Committee of this Ministry will be convened in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, July 24, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0216/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether Intercontinental Hotel is going to be used for the administrative affairs of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on rent or lease basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a cabinet paper has been submitted for this purpose;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was submitted;
 - (iii) the amount of money set apart to obtain the Intercontinental Hotel; and
 - (iv) as to how that amount of money is generated?
- (c) If not, why?

0217/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether Mr. Yasushi Akashi, the Special Envoy of the Japanese Government, came to Sri Lanka during the month of January in the year 2009?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether Mr. Yasushi Akashi came to Sri Lanka on an invitation of the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, who invited him to Sri Lanka as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the matters discussed by him with the above mentioned parties?
- (c) If not, why?

0224/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to when the order was placed to import Pethadine injections to the country;
 - (ii) the quantity of the aforesaid injections so ordered;
 - (iii) as to when the distribution of the Pethadine injections to the government hospitals was started;
 - (iv) of the quantity of the Pethadine injection left without being used; and
 - (v) the Financial loss incurred through the waste of the Pethadine injections?
- (b) Will he inform—
- (i) as to when the order was placed to import Morphine injections to this country;
 - (ii) the quantity so ordered; and
 - (iii) as to when the distribution of the “Morphine” injections to the government hospitals was started?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. S.A. Jayantha Samaraweera
Hon. Deepal Gunasekara
Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe
Hon. (Ven.) Akmeemana Dayaratana Thero
Hon. (Ven.) Kotapola Amarakitti Thero

Hon. (Ven.) Alawwe Nandaloka Thero

Hon. Mano Wijeyeratne

Hon. P. Weerakumara Dissanayake

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardene

Hon. Ameer Ali

Hon. Vinayagamoorthis Muralidaran

Hon. (Mrs.) Ferial Ismail Ashraff

Hon. (Mrs.) Anjan Umma,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate whether the Powdered Milk imported into Sri Lanka is in compliance with the international standards,—

Whereas, various parties have made submissions with strong supportive evidence and taken measures to stage protests to the effect that many matters which gravely affect the national economy and the health of the people are being brought about in a very crafty manner and on large scale, by the monopoly in distributing milk powder in Sri Lanka;

And whereas whether the content, composition, packing and promotion of imported milk powder found in the Sri Lankan market are in keeping with the rules and regulations of internationally accepted standards has become a problem faced by the entire population of Sri Lanka and it is a well-known fact that these companies which produce and market world famous brands of milk powder, sell other products similar to milk powder but which contain chemicals very harmful to human lives, in the guise of milk powder, aiming at very high profit and whereas last year, as it was proven before the law that one of these companies had mixed a highly poisonous chemical called 'melamine' with infants' milk powder in China, two officials of that company were sentenced to death and several other officials were imprisoned by the State Legal Agency of China;

And whereas the powdered milk has become a main food item in Sri Lanka today which has resulted in a massive market for imported powdered milk being created and that strong modes of propaganda which are being used to create this market spread false and wrong information with regard to the composition of the powdered milk to cheat the people into believing that powdered milk is an essential food item, it is a responsibility of those of us as representatives of the sovereignty of the people and the supreme law making body to investigate into the quality of the imported powdered milk;

Taking this situation into consideration, this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into the following facts and to submit required laws, recommendations and possible solutions to the Government and other concerned institutions/individuals;

- (a) (i) to find out who imports powdered milk into Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) To find out the types, quantity, and the country of manufacture of powdered milk imported by each importer.
- (b) (i) To find out whether the content, composition and the packing of the

- powdered milk imported by each importer are in compliance with the international standards; and
- (ii) To find out whether these imported powdered milk is in compliance with international laws on health care.
- (c) (i) To find out whether the importers and trading or marketing companies of the imported powdered milk use exaggeration and / or make a wrong impression on the composition and the nutritional value of the powdered milk in order to cheat the people and / or make a false statement about the contents and / or try to force into the minds of the people about their products through electronic, print media, leaflets, posters, banners and bill boards;
- (ii) To find out whether the aggressive propaganda campaign dominant in the field of powdered milk trading and importing, affect the people in an adverse manner; and
- (iii) To find out whether the unnecessary exaggerating and competitive advertising campaigns of the traders, importers and distributors of powdered milk result in the prices of powdered milk escalating unnecessarily in the market;
- (d) (i) To find out whether these traders, importers and distributors of powdered milk obtain import duty concessions, tax holidays and other relief with a view to obtaining public funds indirectly; and
- (ii) To find out whether the granting of various tax concessions and other relief are fair and justifiable if these imported powdered milk are not in compliance with accepted standards and / or and are found to be or low in quality and / or the public are being cheated through false media propaganda about the content and composition of those powdered milk.
- (e) (i) To submit to Parliament for necessary action, following consideration of the required legal provisions;
- (ii) To provide necessary advice to the relevant institutions such as Quality Control, Health, Customs, Food and Consumer Protection Authority; and
- (iii) To draft necessary recommendations to protect importers and customers to protect the fundamental rights and health of the people and to qualitatively strengthen all related institutions as a whole following the analysis of the above facts.
- (f) And to investigate into matters pertaining to pressures exerted by the powdered milk advertising campaign on the aim of making the country self sufficient in milk in line with the state policy of strengthening the local economy based on agriculture.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker, and
- (b) 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) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such