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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0407/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the lawfully obtained water supply connection that provides water to the residence of Mr. K. Leelathunga of Godakadurahena East, Getamanna, Beliatta, has been destroyed by some person in an illegal manner; and
 - (ii) complaints in this regard have been lodged at the Police Station at Beliatta on 06.11.2008, 14.12.2008 and 16.12.2008?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the action that has been taken by the Beliatta Police Station with regard to the aforesaid complaints;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to provide a fresh water supply connection to Mr. Leelathunga's residence; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken against the person who committed this illegal action?
- (c) If not why?

0408/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of schools that receive difficult area allowance in the Matale District;

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- (ii) the names of those schools; and
- (iii) the criteria on which the difficult area allowance is paid to those schools?
- (b) Is he aware that Mahala Kotuwa Sri Sumana Maha Vidyalaya in Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division does not receive the difficult area allowance?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant difficult area allowance to this school too?
- (d) If not why?

0431/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of lands that have been distributed among the middle class people out of the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission and the Government in Matale District;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the recipients of those lands;
 - (iii) the acreage of the lands that have been given to them at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (iv) the basis on which these lands were given and the conditions under which they were given?
- (b) Will he take steps to take over the lands that are overgrown and have not been brought under cultivation though they were given to the middle class people and distribute them among the landless people?
- (c) If not why?

0271/'09

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the 'trishaw taxi service' is a part of the transport service of the country; and
 - (ii) trishaw service has to be maintained under a proper regulatory system?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the law with regard to parking of trishaws in the cities and the streets and adding a new trishaw to the transport service?

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- (c) Will he admit that there should be a co-ordinated programme for the various institutions that are relevant to the maintenance of this service?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether information regarding the number of trishaw taxis in the country is available; and
 - (ii) if so, what it is?
- (e) If not why?

0272/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a situation under which agro-produce and trees are being destroyed by a disease called 'mealy bug', which is harmful to crop cultivations, has arisen?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the above mentioned situation was reported to the relevant Ministry;
 - (ii) of the extent of the damage that has been caused up to now as it has been reported;
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken in this regard so far; and
 - (iv) whether cultivation has been protected by controlling the above mentioned situation?
- (c) If not why?

0273/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that an extra amount of Rs. 843/50 has been added as late payment charges on the electricity bill issued on 05.05.2009 for electricity meter number 97025820 by the Lanka Electricity Company Kotte?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the right the aforesaid company has to add Rs. 843/50 as late payment charges; and
 - (ii) the way in which the aforesaid amount was calculated?
- (c) If not why?

0114/'09

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of money spent in the years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 on social welfare projects in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Jaffna districts which come under zone 2 of the Ministry of Nation Building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the date of commencement of work, the date of completion of work, the estimated amount and the total amount of money paid, if the work of the above mentioned project has been completed?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of families that received benefits under the above projects; and
 - (ii) the projects that have been selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts of money?
- (d) If not why?

0119/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a loan scheme (NLDL) was introduced by the Budget proposals of 2008 to promote local dairy production?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the granting of loans to dairy farmers and relevant investors was started under this loan scheme;
 - (ii) the districts which have been selected for the purpose of granting loans under this loan scheme;
 - (iii) the amount of money given as loans in the years 2008 and 2009 with respect to each district?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of people who have received loans under this loan scheme; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the recipients of the aforesaid loans along with the amounts received?
- (d) If not why?

0123/’09

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

- (a) Is he aware that it is a responsibility of the Department of Prisons to look after the detainees who have been sentenced or remanded on order of the court?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the number of Prison detainees who have died at escape attempts or due to other reasons from the year 2000 to 2009 in relation to each year;
 - (ii) the measures adopted to restrict escape bids or deaths of detainees; and
 - (iii) whether any compensation is paid to the dependants of the deceased?
- (c) If not why?

0357/’09

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the person who had held the ownership of the land called Pansalatenna Mauthsawa in Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division in Matale District, when it was taken over by the Government under the Land Reforms Programme of the Government in 1973;
 - (ii) of the extent of the aforesaid land that was taken over;
 - (iii) whether 50 acres of land were given to its original owner as ‘legal obligation’, on that occasion;
 - (iv) of the name of the person to whom 50 acres of land were given, if lands were provided as mentioned above; and
 - (v) of the reasons, if lands were not provided as mentioned above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether lands for the purpose of exchange have been provided from the land called Pansalatenna / Mauthsawa for statutory determination, according to the section 19 of the Land Reforms Act;

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- (ii) the names of persons to whom such lands have been given if lands have been provided as mentioned above;
 - (iii) the extents of land provided; and
 - (iv) the reasons for providing lands in that manner?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are lands that had been in possession of Mr. A.N.A. Faleem of No.37, Dunuwila Road, Akurana, the recipient of special numbers, ‘Maha 375’ and ‘Maha 307’ and taken over by the Land Reforms Commission;
 - (ii) whether 50 acres were provided to Mr. Faleem as legal obligations when the aforesaid lands were taken over; and
 - (iii) if lands were not provided, the reasons for not doing so?
- (d) If not why?

0386/’09

Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of acres of land in the Walapane Divisional Secretariat Division, which belong to the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions to which the aforesaid lands belong to?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of land in the new town of Walapane, which belong to the Land Reforms Commission;
 - (ii) whether there are unauthorized dwellers in the aforesaid lands situated within the boundaries of the new town;
 - (iii) if there are such unauthorized dwellers, the number of such families; and
 - (iv) the course of action that will be taken with regard to the aforesaid unauthorized dwellers?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the present condition of the lands which have been allocated for Government institutions and Government’s official residences within the boundaries of the Walapane new town; and

- (ii) the measures that have been taken up to now and the measures that will be taken in the future by the relevant commission with regard to the aforesaid lands?
- (d) If not why?

0387/'09

Hon. (Mrs.) Renuka Herath,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons in the approved cadre of the Walapane Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (ii) of the names of the persons who are holding the aforesaid posts and the lists of duties relevant to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the posts that have fallen vacant at present in the aforesaid divisional secretariat and the dates from which those posts have fallen vacant;
 - (ii) the manner in which the duties relevant to the aforesaid vacant post are performed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which the existing vacancies will be filled?
- (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,— Supplementary Sum— Head 246 — Programme 1,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one billion, seventy nine million and two hundred and eighty thousand (Rs. 1,079,280,000) 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 246 — Department of Inland Revenue
- Programme 1 — Operational Programme

Capital Expenditure = Rs. 1,079,280,000
= Rs. 1,079,280,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 8 of 2009 presented on 08th July, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 7, Rs. 15,316,230,000/-

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The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,— Supplementary Sum— Head 118 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two thousand and five hundred million (Rs. 2,500,000,000) 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 118 — Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services
Programme 2 — Development Activities
Project 3 — Agricultural Development
Recurrent Expenditure = Rs. 2,500,000,000
= Rs. 2,500,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.7 of 2009 presented on 07th July, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 6, Rs. 12,816,230,000/-

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Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* Indicates Government Business

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, July 21, 2009)

0157/’09

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of houses constructed at the district level in the Southern Province under the Local Government Housing Act, No.14 of 1964 as amended by Act, No.63 of 1979; and

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- (ii) separately, of the number of houses / housing schemes in respect of the relevant Local Government body?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the names and the addresses of the heads of the households who have been residing in the above mentioned houses on rent basis for a period of over 20 years and the monthly housing rentals paid by them?
- (c) Will he state the timeframe within which the legal provisions will be formulated in keeping with the proposal submitted to the meeting of the consultative committee on Local Government and Provisional Councils held on 12.10.2007 to transfer the ownership of those houses to the relevant residents who have been residing in those houses on a rent basis for a period of over 20 years paying a monthly rental exceeding Rs. 25.00?
- (d) If not, why?

0096/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that vehicles have been obtained on rent or lease for the use of the Ministers and their staffs?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if vehicles were so obtained on rent or lease, the number of vehicles so obtained and the number of Ministers for whose use the vehicles were obtained for the year 2008;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles obtained on rent or lease for the staffs of Ministers;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for those vehicles in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on the Ministers and the staffs in the year 2008?
- (c) In view of this, will he admit that a huge amount of money has to be paid as rent?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0409/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Pallepola Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
 - (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
 - (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari, remaining to be filled in this division; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?
- (d) If not why?

0276/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 586,952/- has been paid as salary increments in the year 2007 to eight officers who had been recruited on contract basis by the Sri Lanka Railways Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the above mentioned eight officers; and
 - (ii) the duties performed by them?

- (c) Will he state whether it is correct to pay salary increments to officers recruited on contract basis?
- (d) If not why?

0277/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of dengue patients who have been identified since the beginning of the year 2009 up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of persons who have died of dengue?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there is a special programme to treat the identified dengue patients; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of that programme?
- (c) Will he admit that, there is an increase in the spreading of dengue fever, when compared to the previous year?
- (d) Will he state reasons for the above mentioned situation, if the spreading of dengue fever has increased?
- (e) If not why?

0278/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that the posts of the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the House, the Chief Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip in Provincial Councils are not legally accepted posts?
- (b) if so, will he admit that the privileges granted to the aforesaid posts and the monies that are being spent on them are illegal?
- (c) If so, will he state whether necessary steps have been taken to suspend the aforesaid illegal posts and stop the aforesaid expenses?
- (d) If not why?

0133/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Tissamaharama;

- (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0094/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) of the number of motor vehicles registered in Sri Lanka as at 31st December, 2008;
 - (ii) of the number of diesel vehicles and the number of petrol vehicles, separately, out of them; and
 - (iii) of the number of motor bicycles, three wheelers and other vehicles separately, out of the total number of registered petrol vehicles?
- (b) Will he state separately, the percentage of the sale of petrol for motor bicycles and three wheelers, out of the total sale of petrol?
- (c) Will he admit that passengers using three wheelers and motor bicycles are immensely inconvenienced as a result of the price of petrol remaining continuously higher than the price of diesel?
- (d) If not, why?

0250/'09

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amount of money allocated for each district in which 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project was in progress in the years 2007 and 2008 and the amount of money spent, out of that allocation?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail the amount of money spent on the functions at national level which were held in relation to 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether new officers or staffs have been recruited in relation to 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project; and
 - (ii) of their names, addresses, designations, salaries and privileges provided to them if such officers or staffs have been recruited?
- (d) Will he state separately and in detail—
 - (i) whether allocations were made from the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project or the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services for the 'Galu Samaya' programme that was implemented within Galle town; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated and the purpose for which it was spent?
- (e) If not, why?

0251/'09

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) of the local price and the price in the world market for one kilogram of cinnamon obtained in the last 10 years with regard to each kind of cinnamon separately;
 - (ii) of the methodology that determines the price of cinnamon when they are purchased locally;
 - (iii) whether the Government of Sri Lanka purchases the local cinnamon produce and exports it; and
 - (iv) of the quantity so exported and the name of the institution that exported that quantity, if cinnamon has been exported as mentioned in (iii) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the countries to which cinnamon was exported in the last 10 years;
 - (ii) the quantity exported; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons or companies that exported cinnamon?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to what the concessions granted by the Government to the cinnamon exporters and other businessmen engaged in the cinnamon business field;

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- (ii) the steps taken by the Government with regard to cinnamon related value added products and what those products are;
 - (iii) the revenue generated through them and the subsidies granted by the Government for them; and
 - (iv) the amount of subsidies so granted?
- (d) If not, why?

0008/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Tourism had undertaken for the last three years;
 - (ii) the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
 - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
 - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
 - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0009/'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 dry lease and wet lease aircrafts being used by Mihin Air;
 - (ii) whether they were selected through a tender process;
 - (iii) if so, names of the companies quoted and the selection process; and

- (iv) the person who decided that?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost being charged per month from dry or wet lease basis;
 - (ii) whether the interviews were held;
 - (iii) the Panel and their recommendation for the final selection approved by the auditors;
 - (iv) the number of staff members, working;
 - (v) their salary scales and the impact to the company, per month basis;
 - (vi) the accounts of the Mihin Air to-date;
 - (vii) the date and the amount transferred to Mihin Air from the Government;
 - (viii) the Head that the money transferred from and the date that the Parliament approved the payment; and
 - (ix) the Head under which, the Mihin Air got the allocation of funds in the years 2006 and 2007 through the Appropriation Acts?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the names of the key officers of the Treasury and Mihin Air, who were involved in Mihin Air Limited financial transactions?
- (d) Will he admit that the money has not been legally allocated and therefore all the officers are subjected to misuse of public funds?
- (e) If not, why?

0021/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost of fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Wednesday, July 22, 2009)

0410/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
 - (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
 - (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?
- (d) If not why?

0411/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Laggala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and

- (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
- (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
- (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
- (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?

(d) If not why?

0412/09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
- (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
- (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
- (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
- (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and

(ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?

(d) If not why?

0413/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
- (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
- (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
- (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
- (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
- (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?

(d) If not why?

0414/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;

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- (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
 - (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
 - (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?
- (d) If not why?

0415/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
 - (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
 - (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and

(ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?

(d) If not why?

0416/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Ambangangakorale Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
- (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
- (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
- (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
- (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
- (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?

(d) If not why?

0417/'09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
- (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and

- (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
 - (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
 - (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?
- (d) If not why?

0418/09

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat the recently held competitive examination for the recruitment of Grama Niladharis for the vacancies in the Matale Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matale District;
 - (ii) the number of persons who passed the aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who passed the aforesaid examination and the marks obtained by them?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) out of the above mentioned persons, the names of those who faced the interview;
 - (ii) separately, the marks obtained by them at the interview; and
 - (iii) the names of those who were granted appointments on the result of the above mentioned interview?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies for Grama Niladhari remain to be filled in this division; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in the future to fill these vacancies?
- (d) If not why?

0134/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Lunugamwehera;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0135/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Sooriyawewa;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?

- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0136/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Hambantota;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0137/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Ambalantota;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0138/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Angunakolapelessa;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0139/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Weeraketiya;

- (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0140/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Katuwana;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount annually borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0141/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Walasmulla;

- (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0142/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Okewela;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0143/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Beliatta;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0144/'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) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Tangalle;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?

- (c) Will he state the total amount borne annually as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, July 23, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0279/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that 63 main train derailments and 142 other train derailments have been reported in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the physical damages and material losses caused by these derailments?
- (c) Will he state the reasons that have been caused such a situation?
- (d) If not why?

0280/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of Railways has given three Brake Vans to a private company;
 - (ii) of the name and address of the above mentioned company and the date on which the Brake Vans were given;
 - (iii) of the basis or the agreement on which the Brake Vans had been given;
 - (iv) whether monies have been paid to the relevant department as per the said agreements; and
 - (v) the value of the financial loss incurred by the department due to the non payment of the relevant monies?
- (b) If not why?

0281/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a stock of explosives purchased for the Ambepussa quarry project which was launched under the railway track rehabilitation project has been destroyed as it was unusable?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the financial value of the said stock of explosives so destroyed and the date on which the said substance was destroyed; and
 - (ii) the reasons for purchasing such a stock and destroying it subsequently without being used?
- (c) If not why?

0011/'09

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

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

0012/'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 date that the Mihin Air was incorporated;
 - (ii) the date it had the first commercial flight; and
 - (iii) names of the Directors of Mihin Air from the inception to date?

- (b) Will he state per person and per year basis the emoluments, tickets used on Mihin Airline, tickets paid for on the other air lines and any other perks given to each person?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) any other benefits given and has to be given; and
 - (ii) the total Net Profit and Gross Profit per month from the date it was operated?
- (d) If not, why?

0064/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of salt producing companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations and production capacity; and
 - (iii) the names of the owners of these companies?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the demand of salt in Sri Lanka for the last 20 years per year basis;
 - (ii) the total import of salt to Sri Lanka for the last 10 years per year basis; and
 - (iii) the rupee value of above imports for the last 5 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0312/'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 Habaraduwa 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?

0376/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—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 whether the provision of Rs. 200/- per month to purchase milk for children from birth to five years of age as proposed on the page No.9 (Sinhala text) of the Mahinda Chinthanaya manifesto has been implemented by now?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where provision of the aforesaid Rs. 200/- is being implemented at present; and
- (ii) the number of children who have been provided with this amount of Rs. 200/-?

(c) If not, why?

0379/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— 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 whether the provision of technical training and financial facilities on monthly basis to pre-school wardens as proposed on page 9 of the Mahinda Chinthanaya policy statement (Sinhala text) has been implemented by now?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid provision of training and financial facilities is being implemented at present; and

- (ii) accordingly, the number of persons who have been provided with this technical training and financial facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, July 23, 2009)

0022/'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 on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date the total cost of each hired vehicle to the Ministry of Ports and Aviation and for any company owned by the Ministry along with the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost of fuel for the above usage of vehicles and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0026/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, July 24, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0282/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that the production activities of the Ambepussa quarry project launched by the Japanese Overseas Economic Services Fund at a cost of Rs. 256, 914, 765 under the railway track rehabilitation project, were suspended for 253 days in the year 2007 due to machinery being out of order;
 - (ii) accordingly, only 34% of the production targets were achieved in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) therefore, measures had been taken to purchase ballast metal to the value of Rs. 33,808,358 from outside suppliers?
- (b) Will he admit—
- (i) despite the above mentioned circumstances, a sum of Rs. 4,457,356 was paid as overtime and travel allowances by the above project in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) accordingly that there is an inconsistency in the production capacity and overtime payments?
- (c) If not why?

0283/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that 16 officials of the Department of Railways who are not entitled to use official vehicles for private purposes according to Public Administration Circular No.11/2006 dated 14th July 2006, are using vehicles according to 2007 reports?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the aforesaid officials; and
 - (ii) the types of the vehicles used in that manner and the relevant registration numbers?
- (c) If not why?

0097/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of persons who have been recruited as Advisors to His Excellency the President; and

- (ii) of the names, addresses and educational or special qualifications of each of the persons so recruited?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these advisors are paid a salary or an allowance;
 - (ii) if so, the separate amounts paid to each of them for the year 2008; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money that was paid in the year 2008 to all the persons who have been recruited as advisors?
- (c) If not, why?

0099/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of teachers serving in all the schools in the island;
 - (ii) of the number of graduate teachers out of them;
 - (iii) separately of the number of Arts, Commerce, Science and other graduates, out of those graduate teachers;
 - (iv) the number of teachers who teach or are capable of teaching Advanced Level subjects in English medium;
 - (v) of the number of teachers who have studied English as a subject for the degree or obtained the degree in English medium, out of the number of teachers mentioned in the answer for (iv) above; and
 - (vi) the number of graduates who passed English at the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination out of the number of teachers mentioned in the answer for (V) above?
- (b) Will he admit that a sufficient number of teachers to teach the subjects for the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination in English medium is not available?
- (c) If not, why?

0382/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks during the past two years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the names of the banks from which the loans were obtained and the amounts of loans so obtained if the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks; and

- (ii) of the period of time within which the aforesaid loans and the relevant interest should be paid?
- (c) Will he state whether the approval of the Parliament has been obtained with regard to obtaining the above mentioned loans from the aforesaid private banks since the Parliament has the full control over public finance according to the Constitution of Sri Lanka?
- (d) Will he admit that, if such an approval has not been obtained, the Constitution of Sri Lanka is violated by obtaining loans in the aforesaid manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0060/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of people died, officially, owing to the aftermath of Tsunami;
 - (ii) the number of people displaced and the number of houses destroyed through the Tsunami on per district basis;
 - (iii) the number of houses been rebuilt and given by the Government to the people;
 - (iv) the number of houses been rebuilt by non-governmental institutions that are local and foreign on per district basis; and
 - (v) the total grant and aid we received as a country for the specific reason of Tsunami from 01st January 2005 to-date on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

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?

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?

Tuesday, August 04, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0225/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that disappearances of persons took place during the period from the year 1986- 2000?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons disappeared from each district during that period;
 - (ii) the number of cases that have been filed with regard to those disappearances; and
 - (iii) the number of cases for which the rulings have been given ?
- (c) If not, why?

0226/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that 25,000 copies of the book under the title “Udavoo Yauwwanaya” were printed?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on printing the above mentioned number of copies of the aforesaid book;
 - (ii) how the payment was made before the above mentioned number of copies were received at the stores;
 - (iii) the parties among which the above mentioned number of copies of the book have been distributed; and
 - (iv) the number of books so distributed?
- (c) If not, why?

0227/09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of ice plants of the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation as at 31.12.2008 at the Galle Fishery Harbour;
 - (ii) whether a newspaper advertisement was published for the selling or leasing of the aforesaid ice plants;

- (iii) if so, when;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid ice plants have been sold or leased-out by now;
 - (v) if those ice plants have been sold, the price at which they were sold;
 - (vi) the names and addresses of persons who purchased them ?
- (b) If not, why?

0378/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that, on behalf of the Government of Netherlands, a Minister in that country has stated in the Parliament of the Netherlands that all aid from the Government of Netherlands to Sri Lanka has been completely stopped?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the particular statement has cited grave human rights violations, civilian deaths and the breach of the supremacy of law in Sri Lanka as reasons for stopping aid?
- (c) Will he state the measures adopted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to build better diplomatic relations with the Netherlands again?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, August 06, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0228/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that 670 units of Streptokinase Injections were purchased at the rate of Rs. 5000/= per unit in the year 2005 without following the tender procedure for purchasing medicines?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the normal market price of a unit of Streptokinase Injection in the year 2005;
 - (ii) the monetary value of the loss incurred; and
 - (iii) the parties who were responsible for the financial irregularities that took place in the year 2005?
- (c) If not, why?

0229/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that 1650 units of Spinal Needles were purchased in the year 2003 without following the tender procedure for purchasing medicines?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,-
 - (i) the price at which the aforesaid one unit of Spinal Needles was purchased;
 - (ii) the normal market price of a unit of Spinal Needles in the year 2003;
 - (iii) the amount involved in the financial irregularity that took place in purchasing Spinal Needles; and
 - (iv) the parties who are responsible for the aforesaid financial irregularity?
- (c) If not, why?

0230/'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 name of the Cabinet Minister in charge of the Ministry of Nation Building;
 - (ii) the number of Non Cabinet Ministers of Nation Building; and
 - (iii) the names of those Non Cabinet Ministers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development was convened in last year;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid Consultative Committee was convened in the year 2009;
 - (iii) if so, the dates on which it was convened; and
 - (iv) the reasons , if the above Consultative Committee is not convened?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, August 07, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0242/09

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 state in this House—
 - (i) the Act under which the Sri Lanka Law College has been established; and
 - (ii) the media of instruction through which lectures have been delivered in the Sri Lanka Law College from the year 2000 up to the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the media of instruction through which lectures are delivered in the Sri Lanka Law College from the year 2007 to date?
- (b) Will he state the age limit for the enrolment of students to the Sri Lanka Law College from the year 2010?
- (c) If not why?

0243/09

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 number of persons in respect of whom compensation has been paid out of those who died from January 2008 to 31st March 2009 while being members of the security forces?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons in respect of whom compensation has not been paid out of the members of the security forces who died within the period mentioned above;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid as compensation in respect of a member of the security forces who has died; and
 - (iii) the reason for the delay in the payment of relevant compensation?
- (c) If not why?

0184/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a manifesto named 'Mahinda Chinthanaya' has been issued?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of proposals that have been included in the printed publication named 'Mahinda Chinthana';

- (ii) the number of proposals that have been implemented up to now, out of the proposals mentioned in the aforesaid publication; and
 - (iii) how long it will take to implement the remaining proposals?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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

P.1/’09

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

P.2/’09

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

P.3/’09

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

P.4/’09

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

P.5/’09

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

P.6/'09

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

P.7/'09

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

P.8/09

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

P.9/09

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

P.10/'09

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

P.11/'09

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

P.12/'09

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

P.13/'09

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

P.14/'09

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

P.15/'09

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

P.16/'09

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

P.17/'09

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

P.18/'09

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

P.19/'09

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

P.20/'09

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

P.21/'09

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

P.22/'09

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

P.23/'09

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

P.25/'09

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

P.26/'09

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

P.27/'09

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

P.28/'09

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

P.29/'09

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

P.30/'09

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

P.31/'09

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

P.32/'09

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

P.33/'09

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

P.34/'09

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

P.35/'09

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

P.36/'09

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

P.37/'09

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

P.38/'09

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

P.39/'09

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

P.40/'09

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

P.41/'09

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

P43/'09

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