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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0365/'09

Hon. R.M. Gamini Ratnayake,— 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 police stations newly initiated by the Police Department in the years 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) out of them, the number of police stations newly constructed in the North and East?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of companies which construct the above police stations;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called to award the constructions to the relevant companies;
 - (iii) separately, the police stations that were constructed and handed over in accordance with tenders and the names of companies that carried out the construction;
 - (iv) the amount of payments made up to now to the said companies by the police Department;
 - (v) the amount of money yet to be paid for the construction of the new police stations; and
 - (vi) as to when such payments will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

0389/09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date that the Lanka Marine Limited, Water's Edge and Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation were reverted back to the Government; and
 - (ii) the profit and loss along with the balance sheet as at 31st December of the year and the date of transfer from the date it was privatized to-date on per year and per entity basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount that has been paid and the amount more that got to be paid to the entities that initially took over Lanka Marine Limited, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and Water's Edge;
 - (ii) the number of people worked at the time of handling over to the private entities, and at the time of reverting back to the Government; and
 - (iii) the number of people that are working now?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—Regulations under the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act,—That the regulations made by the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower under Section 11 of the Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act. No. 36 of 2005 and was published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1602/6 of 19th May, 2009, which was presented on 08.09.2009, be approved.

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Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

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The Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—Supplementary Sum—Head 145 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Three Hundred 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 beginning on 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 145 — Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services
Programme 02 — Development Activities

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.13 of 2009 presented on 08th September, 2009;
Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 12, Rs. 20,430,903,938/-

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The Minister of Transport,—Regulations under the National Transport Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 44 read with Section 46H of the National Transport Commission Act, No.37 of 1991 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1603/44 of 29th May, 2009 which was presented on 10.09.2009, be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Friday, September 25, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0491/’09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who have registered by now for the investment opportunities in response to the letter issued on first of January 2009 by His Excellency the President in his capacity as the President and also in his capacity as the Minister of Finance and Planning requesting the Sri Lankans who live abroad and the expatriate workers to invest in Treasury bills and Treasury assets;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have registered as a fraction of the number of Sri Lankans who live abroad and the expatriate workers;
 - (iii) the amount of foreign monetary assets received by this country as a result of the investment made in treasury bills as mentioned above; and
 - (iv) the amount of foreign monetary assets received by this country as a result of the investments made in treasury bonds?
- (b) If not, why?

0293/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from 01st January 2005 to 31st December 2008 and 01st January 2009 to date—
 - (i) the interest payable for the total debt obtained within the above period;
 - (ii) SLR to US DLR equivalent;
 - (iii) reserves against imports ratio;
 - (iv) poverty level;
 - (v) number of families earning less than the poverty level;
 - (vi) balance of payment; and
 - (vii) number of families receiving subsidies?
- (b) Will he state, with proof whether the country has progressed or retarded according to above (i) to (vii)?
- (c) If not, why?

0115/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts that have been allocated separately in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 for social welfare projects in the districts of Monaragala, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya and Ratnapura which come under Zone Number 01 of the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the date work was started, the date work was completed, estimated amount and the total amount that has been paid if work of the aforesaid projects has been completed;
 - (ii) the number of families that benefit out of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) the projects selected for the year 2009 and the estimated amounts?
- (c) If not, why?

0390/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, as at 01st January 2007, 01st January 2008, 01st January 2009 and to date—
 - (i) the number of Army, Navy, Air Force and Police personnel; and
 - (ii) the number of males and females?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the additional benefits given to these heroic forces personnel as at 01st January 2006 and after 17th May 2009;
 - (ii) the number of houses been built and given to the armed force personnel in 2008 and in 2009 to-date;
 - (iii) whether these houses were given on free of charge;
 - (iv) if not so, the payment terms; and
 - (v) the names of the heroic forces personnel who received these housing benefits?
- (c) If not, why?

0482/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether officials of the Ministry of Education went on overseas tours using state funds in the year 2008;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those countries; and
 - (iii) the purpose of such tours?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the names and the ages of the officials who went on the above mentioned tours?
- (c) Will he state the total expenditure incurred on the above mentioned tours?
- (d) If not, why?

0484/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of 'Dengue' patients from year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) separately of the number of patients who died during that period;

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- (iii) whether specific causes for the fluctuation of the intensity of the disease have been identified; and
- (iv) if so, what they are?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the relevant Ministry to eradicate ‘Dengue’ completely;
 - (ii) whether international assistance has been obtained to eradicate ‘Dengue’; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those countries?
- (c) If not, why?

0485/’09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of official vehicles at the head office of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that vehicles have been obtained by the aforesaid Board on rent basis, from outside and private institutions, for the use of the officials of it’s head office?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles so obtained;
 - (ii) the make and registration numbers of those vehicles;
 - (iii) of the officials who use these vehicles;
 - (iv) the institutions or private owners from whom these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (v) their names and addresses; and
 - (vi) the monthly rent paid against those vehicles?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the distance that each of these vehicles has run from January 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid for that; and
 - (iii) where these vehicles are parked?
- (e) If not, why?

0486/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees presently serving in the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) who contribute to the Employees Provident Fund;
 - (ii) whether a portion of the provident fund earned by the employees, is paid as interest;
 - (iii) of the amount paid as interest in the years 2007-2008; and
 - (iv) if the payment of interest has been suspended in these years, the reasons for it?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that a certain official has arbitrarily suspended the payment of interest of the Employees Provident Fund?
- (c) Will he make necessary arrangements to pay back this amount of money which has not been paid to a group of people belonging to the working class?
- (d) If not, why?

0487/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the Finance Director of the Sri Lanka Transport Board has deposited the Provident Fund contributions of the employees of that institution, in an illegal private institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of that illegal financial institute, if the money has been so deposited;
 - (ii) of the amount of money deposited in it;
 - (iii) as to when this money was deposited; and
 - (iv) of the interest received so far from that date?
- (c) Will he state the amount deposited in the Seylan Security and Finance Private Limited?
- (d) Will he admit the fact that the Finance Director has deposited the interest derived from this institution, in his personal account?
- (e) 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?

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 posts are performed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which the existing vacancies will be filled?
- (c) If not why?

Friday, October 09, 2009

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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

P.1/'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.
