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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0578/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Doctors pass out per year from Sri Lankan Universities;
 - (ii) the number of overseas medical graduates who are accounted to be registered as doctors ;
 - (iii) whether the exams to register the aforesaid graduates as doctors are carried out by the Sri Lanka Medical Council and it has been assigned to another authority w.e.f. 01/01/2010; and
 - (iv) if so, the name of the new Authority ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the requirement of Doctors in the country per year;
 - (ii) the average salary paid to a Doctor;
 - (iii) the other benefits given to them;
 - (iv) whether the Doctors qualified in Sri Lanka are permitted to go overseas on leave; and
 - (v) if so, the time period they are allowed to be on leave ?
- (c) If not, why?

0726/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution under which the Girathalana North road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to tar that road?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of tarring the aforesaid road ;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;
 - (iii) the length and width of the road to be tarred, according to that estimate ;
 - (iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been tarred by now ; and
 - (v) the date on which tarring was completed?
- (c) Is he aware that tarring of that road has not been done conforming to the standards many places have cared in by now and that the specified length has not been tarred?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (e) If not, why?

0887/'10

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a large amount of garbage collected daily from the surrounding areas of the economic centre in Dambulla town is disposed to the Inamaluwa forest reserve ?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a serious environmental damage is caused to the Inamaluwa forest reserve as a result ;
 - (ii) the lives of the wild animals that live in the reserve have been seriously threatened as they consume polythene and pieces of plastic in the garbage so disposed ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken to prevent the environmental damage which is being caused to the Inamaluwa reserve and protect the lives of the wild animals in it ?
- (d) If not ,why?

0889/'10

Hon.Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of land acquired by the Divisional Secretary of Minipe in Kandy district from 2000 to 2008 under the State Lands (Recovery of possession) Act, the names of the owners of those lands, their addresses and Grama Niladhari Divisions ;

- (ii) whether compensation has been paid by the National Highways Sector Project of the Ministry of Highways for the building or land where Mr. G.M. Punchibanda of Pallewatta Grama Niladhari division was residing or for a well in that land which was subjected to recovery of possession within the aforesaid period ;
- (iii) if so, the amount paid as compensation ?
- (b) Will he admit that Mr. Punchibanda has obtained electricity supply for that land using forged documents and that he has submitted an application for the approval of Land Commissioner General to obtain a license for that land ?
- (c) Will he state whether action will be taken—
 - (i) to recover the money paid as compensation to Mr. Punchibanda in recovering the possession of land;
 - (ii) against the officials who advised and approved the provision of a license for the aforesaid land in an irregular manner, the payment of compensation for property on it and the supply of electricity ?
- (d) If not , why?

0891/'10

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the vegetable cultivators in Welimada are inconvenienced owing to the improper administration of the Keppetipola Dedicated Economic Centre;
 - (ii) this Centre, where farmers cannot fetch a good price for their vegetables and payments are not properly made for their products has become a place and that the farmers have lost their credibility in this Economic Centre ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made speedily to—
 - (i) develop and implement a programme that can do away with this situation and prevent problems between the farmer and the trader while building confidence in the farmer on the Economic Centre;
 - (ii) implement a programme which will prevent exploitation of farmers by getting the help of the Price Control Unit and the Weighing and Measuring Unit for checking the stalls at this Economic Centre ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0897/'10

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an Island situated close to Kalpitiya has been leased out to a local or foreign company or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased out, the purpose, the period and the amount of the lease ?
- (b) Will he state ;
 - (i) the name of the company to which the aforesaid island has been leased out or the name of the person to whom it has been leased out;
 - (ii) whether the relevant Lease Agreement will be submitted to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

0602/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) all the shares bought by ETF during the last year;
 - (ii) the purchasing prices and the present reselling prices of aforesaid shares;
 - (iii) whether the shares were bought from quoted companies; and
 - (iv) if not, as to why non quoted shares were bought?
- (b) Will he state whether it is a policy of the government to buy minority share holdings in many quoted and unquoted companies ?
- (c) If not, why?

0839/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the profit made or the loss incurred by Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation in each year during the period from year 2006 up to now ;
 - (ii) whether the Rupavahini Corporation has implemented the updated combined plan for the year 2010 ; and
 - (iii) of the amounts of time the Rupavahini allocated for the election campaign activities of the government, during the periods when elections were held from 2006 up to now and the payments made in that respect?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of persons recruited to the Rupavahini Corporation from year 2006 up to now ; and
- (ii) the qualifications required for the posts to which the aforesaid persons were recruited and the qualifications of those recruited?

(c) If not, why?

0894/'10

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of registered youth clubs affiliated to the Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation that comes under the National Youth Council;
- (ii) of the number of active youth clubs out of the above mentioned youth clubs;
- (iii) of the total number of members of the active youth clubs;
- (iv) whether the membership has increased considerably when the present is compare with the membership that existed 5 years ago;
- (v) if not, whether it has been decreased;
- (vi) whether the total present membership of the active youth clubs is a satisfactory number ?

(b) If not , why?

0898/'10

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he present to this House a detailed report pertaining to the amounts of money spent at ceremony held for filling the Hambanthota harbour with seawater ?
- (b) Will he state the details of the persons who obtained the money so spent ?
- (c) If not, why?

0910/'10

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of tea estates managed by the Sri Lanka Plantation Corporation ;
- (ii) of the amount of tea disposed monthly as waste tea at tea auctions, out of the amount of tea produced by those tea estates;

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- (iii) separately of the number of kilograms of tea that was condemned as unsuitable for human consumption at the tea auctions out of the amount of tea produced by the Kele Bokka Estate and the Galpihilla Estate, in the month of August in year 2010;
 - (iv) the gross loss incurred by it;
 - (v) the steps that will be taken in future to find out the reasons for such a loss and prevent the situation ?
- (b) If not ,why?

0913/'10

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the names addresses and marks obtained by students who were in the waiting list and admitted to school and students who were not admitted to the school though their names were in the waiting list subsequent to the interviews held for the admission of students for Grade One of Vihara Maha Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Kiribathgoda for the year 2010?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, addresses, and marks obtained and the special reason of admission of the five students who were admitted to the said school on the special orders of the officials of the Ministry of Education in 2010 ;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and marks obtained by the 18 students who obtained low marks at the interview and admitted by the principal on the orders of the officials of the Ministry of Education in the months of October and November 2010, in total violation of the circular of the secretary of the Ministry of Education ?
- (c) Will he state whether the officials of the Ministry and the principal who admitted children to the school as stated above in violation of the circular of the secretary to the Ministry of Education and the policies of the Minister will be punished under the Bribery and corruption Act or any other law ?
- (d) If not, why?

0645/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the minimum salaries of the private sector will be increased;
 - (ii) the amounts in Sri Lankan rupees to be increased in salaries of the various categories in the private sector separately; and
 - (iii) the last occasions in which the salaries of the private sector employees were increased over the last 10 years?

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- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when the salaries of the Public Sector going to be increased;
 - (ii) the amount to be increased; and
 - (iii) the minimum pensionable salaries for the various categories of the Public Service?
- (c) If not, why?

0840/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will inform this House of the name and qualifications of the incumbent Chairman or the appointed competent authority of the Ceylon Ceramic Corporation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the owners of the land in which the Weuda Tile Factory belonging to the Ceylon Ceramic Corporation is situated ; and
 - (ii) whether a decision has been taken to sell or lease out the said land?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the number of workers employed in the Weuda Tile Factory?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the cost of living allowance and the employment provident fund money due for them have not been received until November 2010 ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the said allowances will be granted to them?
- (e) If not, why?

0895/'10

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that a quarry is run in a place which adjoins the land in which the Bogoda Rajamaha Viharaya, Which is a world heritage, and the historic Bogoda Wooden Bridge are situated ;
 - (ii) a serious environmental damage caused by the aforesaid quarry in the vicinity of the aforesaid sacred area ?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether, permission has been granted to run the above mentioned quarry ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the persons who are responsible for the environmental damage caused to the aforesaid place of cultural importance ;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to prevent the aforesaid environmental damage ?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Census (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Provincial Councils (Transfer of Stamp Duty) Bill — Second Reading.

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Regional Infrastructure Development Levy (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

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Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Tax Appeals Commission Bill — Second Reading.

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Telecommunication Levy Bill — Second Reading.

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Ports and Airports Development Levy Bill — Second Reading.

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Debits Tax (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

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Finance (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, March 22, 2011)

0664/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of stores;
 - (ii) the location of each of the aforesaid stores ;
 - (iii) separately, the capacity of each store ;
 - (iv) the number of employees who served in each store ; and
 - (v) the number of vehicles;
- that belonged to the Paddy Marketing Board at its inception?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of paddy stores that belong to the government;
- (ii) the places where those paddy stores are located ;
- (iii) separately, the capacity of each of those stores and the number of employees attached to each of them ; and
- (iv) the types of the vehicles allocated for purchasing paddy and the number of vehicles so allocated;

at present ?

(c) Will he state with respect to the last 5 years—

- (i) the amount of paddy purchased by each store separately, during the Yala and Maha seasons ;
- (ii) the purchasing price of paddy ;
- (iii) the selling price of paddy ; and
- (iv) the amount of paddy destroyed out of the stocks of paddy purchased during the aforesaid period of time?

(d) If not, why?

0665/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of —
 - (i) the number of hectares brought under the cultivation of agricultural crops;
 - (ii) the number of hectares brought under the cultivation of each export crop ;
 - (iii) the number of hectares brought under the cultivation of export crop ;in each district in the Yala and Maha seasons during the post 10 years ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) separately as per the seasons, the harvest from each cultivated agricultural crop;
 - (ii) separately, the annual harvest of each export crop and the export value of the said crops;
 - (iii) the total export value of the said crops ;for each year during the past 10 years ?
- (c) If not, why?

0666/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the number of government farms that existed by 1977 ?
- (b) Will he state, in relation to each farm;
 - (i) the name, objective of establishing and the role played;
 - (ii) the extent and the number of employees; and
 - (iii) the years that registered profits, profits registered , divisions that registered profits and production of a few years that registered profits ?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of farms that were transferred to the private sector, out of the above farms ;
 - (ii) names of person to whom they were transferred and the present owners;
 - (iii) the dates of such transfers , bids and the basic terms of transfer; and
 - (iv) the functions performed by private farms at present ?

- (d) Will he inform, in relation to the government owned farms;
 - (i) the functions performed;
 - (ii) separately of the number of employees;
 - (iii) profits registered or losses incurred in the last 5 years ; and
 - (iv) the values of each product produced in the last year ?
- (e) If not, why?

0667/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the names of public sector institutions (Departments, Corporations, Boards, Authorities) established by the central government and provincial councils with relevance to agriculture ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date of establishment the objectives and the functions each of these institutions;
 - (ii) the posts created and the number of employees in each post as of now in each of these institutions ;
 - (iii) the manner in which the aforesaid institutions operate at regional level and their organizational structure ?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the names of non-governmental organizations established with relevance to agriculture by now;
 - (ii) the names of persons who set up each of these institutions and those who provide financial allocations to them;
 - (iii) the amount of financial allocations spent by the aforesaid organizations by now;
 - (iv) the number of employees in each of these organizations ?
- (d) If not, why?

0669/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of major irrigation schemes in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the electorate to which each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes belongs ;
 - (iii) the names and the water source of each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes ; and
 - (iv) the catchment area and its capacity?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the year in which each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes was commenced ;
 - (ii) the year in which each of them was completed ;
 - (iii) the date on which each was commissioned ; and
 - (iv) the amount spent for the completion of each scheme?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount allocated for rehabilitation of each irrigation scheme within the last 20 years ;
 - (ii) years in which money was allocated ; and
 - (iii) the work done with respect to each scheme within the last 20 years?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that has been brought under cultivation ;
 - (ii) the extent of land cultivated in Yala and Maha season, separately, within the last ten years ; and
 - (iii) the number of families that have been settled with respect to each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes?
- (e) If not, why?

0776/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Dr. Darshana Wickramasinghe of University of Ruhuna was dismissed from service on a decision of the University Council, though he was found not guilty for all charges framed against him;
 - (ii) the aforesaid decision was challenged before the Court of Appeal by Dr. Wickramasinghe and a writ of certiorari quashing the said decision has been issued;
 - (iii) Dr. Wickramasinghe has filed a private case in the District Court of Matara for damages caused by Prof. Mirani Weerasuriya of same University by making malicious complaint against him which resulted lost of his employment; and
 - (iv) even for this private case, the University makes payments for the Lawyers retained for Prof. Mirani Weerasuriya?

(b) Will he state whether —

- (i) the aforesaid actions taken by the authorities of the University of Ruhuna could be justified; and
- (ii) the University Grants Commission is directed to make inquiries on the above and to take appropriate steps to prevent such incidents in future?

(c) If not, why?

0777/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the values and sources of Foreign Research Grants received by the Faculty of Medicine of Ruhunu University of Sri Lanka for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 separately;
- (ii) the manner in which those funds were utilized by the aforesaid Faculty of Medicine;
- (iii) whether the Faculty Board of Faculty of Medicine, the Senate and the academic authority were informed of the receipt of those grants and the findings of the research for which the grants were used; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for not informing the relevant authorities;

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether those funds were taken in to the University accounts in terms of Section 99(1) of the Universities Act No. 160 of 1978 and other Financial Regulations of the Government; and
- (ii) if not, the reasons for not accounting those funds in the University accounts?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0041/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House the actions taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairmen of the Committee on Public Enterprises, Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the report presented by the Hon. Wijayadasa Rajapakse on the 12th January, 2007?

(b) Will he State—

- (i) the action taken on the report dated 20th July 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No.PS12 submitted by the Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29th November, 2007;
- (ii) the names of the institutions investigated as per the above reports; and
- (iii) the actions that have been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?

(c) If not, why?

0239/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?

(b) Will he submit to this House —

- (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
- (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
- (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
- (vi) what those requirements are;
- (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
- (viii) the names of those schools?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

0700/'10

Hon. Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Committees appointed by his predecessor to recommend changes in laws and regulations in areas that come under the purview of this Ministry ;
 - (ii) the areas considered by those Committees; and
 - (iii) the number of Committees that have reported to the Ministry?
- (b) Will he state steps to ensure the swift submission of reports by any Committees that have not reported?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether any of those reports recommend the institution of—
 - (i) performance indicators for judges and magistrates that encourage swift decisions and discourage applications for and agreements to dates that delay justice ;
 - (ii) an enlightened sentencing policy to reduce congestion in prisons and inappropriate penalties for young persons ;
 - (iii) mechanisms for arbitration and conciliation that reduce recourse to confrontation through judicial action; and
 - (iv) training for judges ,magistrates and police officials ensuring that punishment is directed towards reform and deterrence rather than retribution ?
- (d) If so, will he take action based on those reports?
- (e) If not, will he take other measures to achieve such objectives?
- (f) If not, why?

0714/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the full name and the age of the present Chairman of the Port Authority ;
 - (ii) the authority who has appointed him to that post ;
 - (iii) the previous place of work of the aforesaid Chairman and his position at that place ;
 - (iv) the educational qualifications and professional experience of the aforesaid Chairman ; and
 - (v) his monthly salary and other allowances paid to him ;
- (b) If not, why?

0869/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state, in relation to the Grade 5 scholarships Examination held in 2009—
 - (i) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at national level;
 - (ii) The percentage of the students who passed the examination in each province, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the three Education Zones that have recorded the highest percentages and the percentage of the students who passed the examination in each of those education zones ?
- (b) Will he take action to increase the percentage of passing this scholarship examination ?
- (c) If not, why?

0884/'10

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) sixty six (66) houses have been built in Rosita Division of Stony Chift Estate by the National Housing Development Authority;and
 - (ii) out of those houses thirty three(33) houses have been allocated as workers residents and the balance have been left vacant?
- (b) Will he state whether the actions will be taken to allocate the balance houses to the workers for their residents in a fair manner?
- (c) If not, why?

0900/'10

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the board of directors of Uva Capital Co-operative Society (Uva Capital Co-operative Bank) has been elected in compliance with the Co-operatives Act ;
 - (ii) whether the committee meeting and the general meeting have been held legally, in electing that board of directors ;
 - (iii) of the venue of the general meeting of this Co-operative society and the date on which it was held ;
 - (iv) of the membership of this Co-operative Society ; and
 - (v) of their names and addresses?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the current Chairman and the board of directors of Uva Capital Co-operative Society ; and
 - (ii) the names of the General Manager and the Executive Officers of it?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the former Chairman and the current Chairman of this Co-operative Society Bank are brothers ;
 - (ii) the General Manager of this bank is the wife of the former Chairman ; and
 - (iii) an audit report has been submitted regarding the fraud and corruption that have taken place in this bank?
- (d) Will he state whether any legal action will be taken according to the audit report mentioned in (c) (iii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

0905/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) permanent appointments were granted in two phases (under P.A. circular No. 13/2005 and 21/2006) for a group of English teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis in the Eastern Province for a period of over five years ; and

- (ii) even though some out of the aforesaid group of teachers have been granted appointments with effect from 28/07/2005 in terms of the above mentioned P.A. circulars, as per the instruction given in the letter of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education bearing No. ED/2/29/4/1/46 and dated 19/07/2005, a group of about 50 teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis from 2003 - 2004 have not been granted permanent appointments up to now?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken without delay—
 - (i) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the Educational zones of Ampara, Akkaraipattu and Sammanthurai in Ampara district ; and
 - (ii) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the educational zones of Paddirippu, Kalkudah and Batticaloa in Batticaloa district?
- (c) If not, why ?

0250/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names; and
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;in the government schools administered by the Hambantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0646/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are lands acquired by the Government for road widening and development etc. to which compensations have not been paid yet;
 - (ii) If so, the amount to be paid;
 - (iii) the date from which such compensations are due to be paid;
 - (iv) whether an interest is paid to the owners of the acquired land for the non paid remainder; and
 - (v) as to why some institutions and persons are paid the money for the acquired lands whereas the majority have not been paid?
- (b) Will he admit that, in future, the citizens, would have the right to say that the acquisition of lands should be done only after the full compensation is paid?
- (c) If not , why?

0841/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately and on annual basis the total duty income lost to the government from 2006 up to date?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the duty income lost to the government through four trade agreements alone, signed last year is nearly Rs. 600 crores?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, what those agreements are ;
 - (ii) the reasons that led to the loss of duty income due to those agreements ; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government to avoid these situations?
- (d) If not, why?

0872/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that projects were implemented to generate the electricity required to strengthen the national power grid in our country after year 2005 ;
- (ii) if so, what those projects are as per hydro power plants, thermal power plants and other power plants separately ; and
- (iii) separately, the number of mega watts that have been added to the national power grid by those projects by now and the number of mega watts targeted to be added in future?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether attention has been paid to starting special projects in addition to the above mentioned projects ; and
- (ii) if so, the details of each of those projects briefly?

(c) If not, why?

0901/'10

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether action is being taken to construct a reservoir in Horagolla area on the Monaragala-Bibile Road by constructing a dam across “Kumbukkan Oya”, which flows across the Monaragala District;
- (ii) the date on which the construction work of it will be commenced;
- (iii) whether it has been planned to take waters of that reservoir out of the Monaragala District;
- (iv) if not, the areas in Monaragala District to which water will be provided from the aforesaid reservoir;
- (v) whether arrangements will be made to provide alternative lands for the lands that will be submerged by this reservoir, and to pay compensation for lands and properties ?

(b) If not, why?

0915/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which the office bearers were last elected through on election to “Sri Lanka Cricket” ;
- (ii) of the name of the person who was elected as its Chairman on that occasion ;
- (iii) of the reasons that led to the appointment of interim committees for “Sri Lanka Cricket” in March 2005, December 2008, March 2009 and July 2010, separately in respect of each occasion ; and
- (iv) separately of the names of members appointed to the interim committees on each such occasion?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the instances in which “interim committees” are appointed as per clause 33 of the Sports Act No. 25 of 1973 ;
 - (ii) the obstacles that obtained for the election of office bearers democratically for “Sri Lanka Cricket” from the year 2005 up to now ; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that non-election of office bearers democratically to the aforesaid institution is detrimental for the existence of the game of Cricket?
- (c) Will he state as to when action will be taken to elect office bearers to Sri Lanka Cricket through the votes of sports clubs in terms of clause 35 of the Sports Act ?
- (d) If not, why?

0977/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of schools administered by the provincial councils and the central government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools which are lacking in facilities ;
- (ii) separately, the number of Muslim schools and Estate schools out of those schools ; and
- (iii) separately, at the district level the programmes which will be implemented for the development of the aforesaid schools?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 24, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0226/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0384/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether it is correct that there is feasibility being carried out to fill 500 acres of land from Galle Face to Wellawatte ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the person who is doing the feasibility;
 - (ii) the cost of filling the sea bed;
 - (iii) whether it affects the environment;
 - (iv) the parties who are the local and foreign consultants and investors;
 - (v) the purpose of doing such project; and
 - (vi) the Pay Back Period?
- (c) If not, why?

0528/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether inner circular road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0621/'10

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he admit that the collection of money from school children and parents by past pupils associations and various other associations citing various reasons has been banned through circular No. 2008/41 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Despite it being so, is he aware that the Old Boy's Association of Royal College, Colombo has distributed collection cards titled '2010 Royal Parade' to the value of Rs. 600/- among children and collected money through them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken, if money has been collected in violation of the above circular?
- (d) If not, why?

0761/'10

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited entered into an agreement with the Telecom Asia Company regarding the VOIP International Telecommunication Service;
- (ii) whether the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited granted for it;
- (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited, received US \$0.075 per minute for international telephone calls before entering into the above mentioned agreement;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid amount has come down to US \$ 0.069 per minute as a result of the above mentioned agreement?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether a proposal for entering into the above mentioned agreement with the aforesaid company was submitted for the first time in September 2009;
- (ii) whether the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited; rejected that proposal on legal and financial ground;
- (iii) if so, the names of the persons who brought that company to Sri Lanka again;
- (iv) whether the above mentioned agreement has been signed against the relevant accepted procedure;
- (v) the loss incurred by the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited as a result of signing the above mentioned agreement?

(c) If not, why?

0870/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether necessary steps have been taken to set the participation of the young men and women of the Northern Province in the activities of the National Youth Services Council ;
- (ii) separately of the number of youth clubs established in each of the Districts in Province?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide vocational training to young men and women of the Northern Province;
- (ii) the number of the vocational training institutions established in that Province, and their names;
- (iii) the names of the vocational training conducted by these institutions;
- (iv) whether an adequate number of young men and women follow those training courses?

(c) If not, why?

0902/'10

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Children's Savings Accounts that have been opened at the bank affiliated to Uva Capital Co-operative Society ;
- (ii) of the names of those account holders ;
- (iii) whether loans have been granted to the officers of the bank and other persons, with the money deposited at this bank ; and
- (iv) if so, the names and addresses of those who have been granted loans?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) loans obtained in this manner have been defaulted on ; and
- (ii) no action has been taken by that bank regarding those who have defaulted on loans?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of those who have defaulted on loans ; and
- (ii) the legal measures that will be taken against them?

(d) If not, why?

0923/'10

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) will he state—
 - (i) separately the amounts of funds acquired locally and from foreign countries out of the total estimated cost of the Hambantota Port Construction Project;
 - (ii) the system adopted for the recruitment of workers for the construction work of this project ?
- (b) If not, why?

0978/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that in computing the grants and pension provided under the minutes on pensions to Mr. A.H.M. Mahroof who retired on 20.11.2008 while holding the post of Assistant Fitter at the Colombo Municipal Council, he should be under instructions of the Human Rights Commission (over HRC/2505/05 dated 14.06.2007) considered as a permanent employee in the capacity of Assistant Fitter with effect from 27.04.1989 and as a person who was promoted to the post of Fitter of Trained Class 1 Grade II with effect from 1989?
- (b) If so, will he state whether steps will be taken to adjust Mr. Mahroof's pension and all other allowances that he is entitled to with relevant to the pension and provide them to him without delay, by considering the above mentioned matters?
- (c) If not, why ?

0240/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Hambanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?

- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0647/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that during 2009 January - May, an active shortage of Foreign Exchange was prevailing in the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the various schemes offered by the Central Bank in order to attract Foreign Exchange;
 - (ii) the schemes still remain out of them;
 - (iii) whether there was a special 20% added on to NRFC Account Holders and it is still functioning?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the schemes offered by the Budget of 2009 and in mid 2009 to encourage the savings;
 - (ii) the interest rates offered then and what is prevailing now;
 - (iii) whether a bonus of 20% on savings by Senior Citizens was given;
 - (iv) if so, until what date it was operating; and
 - (v) as to how the Senior Citizens are being assisted now?
- (d) If not why?

0842/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of members of the delegation, including the president, that attended the United Nations Conference in year 2010 ;
 - (ii) the number of official passes issued per country for the purpose of attending the aforesaid conference ;
 - (iii) the name of the place where the aforesaid delegation stayed ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent on the aforesaid tour ; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who will bear the aforesaid expenditure?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of representatives who attended the aforesaid conference from each of the member Countries of the United Nations Organization?
- (c) If not, why?

0871/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that elders' associations have been established for citizens of our country ;

- (ii) if so, the number of such elders' associations that have been established in out country at present;
- (iii) whether arrangements have been made to provide senior citizens with an Identity Card for Elders;
- (iv) whether that identity card will be given due recognition by every government institution ?
- (b) If not, why ?

0924/'10

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of that will be obtained the amounts locally and from external sources out of the total estimated cost of the coal Fired Thermal Power Station Project at Norochcholay;
 - (ii) the sources from which funds are received for the Project;
 - (iii) the amount obtained as loans out of the total cost;
 - (iv) the names of countries which grant the loans;
 - (v) the amount payable as interest for the loans and the period of repayment;
 - (vi) the period of time required to complete the whole project ?
- (b) Will he state the system adopted for the recruitment of workers for the work of the Project ?
- (c) If not, why?

0979/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission is an institution constituted under a legal basis?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the relevant institutions are bound to implement the recommendations and orders issued by the aforesaid commission, which is an institution constituted under Act No. 21 of 1996, after investigating into complaints made by citizens regarding violations of human rights committed by the ministries, departments, corporations, statutory boards and other public sector institutions of the government ; and
 - (ii) a public Administration circular has been issued to the effect that the recommendations of the aforesaid commission should be executed?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to issue such a circular, if a circular has not been issued as per (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why ?

Friday, March 25, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0227/10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Agunakolapelessa Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0430/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of all the Government owned institutions such as Corporations and Boards with the capital invested to date per Institution;
 - (ii) the number of persons working in such Institutions for the last three years;
 - (iii) the amount of share ownership of the Institutions by the Government; and
 - (iv) the profit or loss per Institution for the last year as per (a)(i) above?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) the number of Institutions out of the total number as per (a)- i which do not report to COPE or PAC;
 - (ii) the reasons for not reporting; and
 - (iii) whether it is a violation of Section 148 of the Constitution?
- (c) If not, why ?

0534/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Akkaraipattu-Sakamam road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0706/'10

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of Samurdhi recipients who have been entitled to Samurdhi benefits as at 30th June every year from 2005 to 2009 in each divisional Secretariat division in the Galle district ;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid to those who were entitled to it, their names and addresses ; and
 - (iii) separately, the total amount of money paid to Samurdhi recipients annually in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients earlier but were removed later in each of the above years, their names and addresses ;
 - (ii) the basis on which they were removed ; and
 - (iii) Separately and on yearly basis, the number of new Samurdhi recipients added to the list during that period ; if there are any and their addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

0782/'10

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of people residing in the Eastern Province who are congenitally disabled and those who have become disabled due to various accidents and diseases separately on district basis;
 - (ii) the relief services provided by the government for those disabled persons ;
 - (iii) the amount spend by the government annually in that respect ?
- (b) If not, why ?

0893/'10

Hon. Harin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) study leave is granted to students of leading schools who sit the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination ;
 - (ii) even though it is required to complete all lessons in the syllabus relating to students sitting the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) examination by the end of the term, teachers in charge of the relevant subjects conduct tuition classes during school hours ; and
 - (iii) as stated above, study leave has been granted to conduct such classes during school hours?
- (b) Will he state as to who has approved the granting of study leave as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether disciplinary action will be initiated upon inquiry into the teachers of government schools who grant study leave to students and conduct tuition classes for fees during school hours without teaching at school?
- (d) If not, why

0906/'10

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a shortage of over twenty teachers with relevant to various subjects and lack of physical resources exist at Al-Aksha National School situated in Kalpitiya Educational Zone in Puttlam district, where over two thousand pupils study?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether steps will be taken to address the severe shortage of teachers that exists at this school and to provide the necessary physical resources including auditorium facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

0926/'10

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total estimated cost for the project to construct the new container terminal at Colombo harbour ;

- (ii) out of this total cost, the amount to be met locally;
- (iii) the amount to be met through foreign funds;
- (iv) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project;
- (v) out of the total cost, the amount being received as loans;
- (vi) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods;
- (vii) the timeframe for the completion of the entire project ?
- (b) Will he state the method of recruiting workers for the activities of the aforesaid project ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0972/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an arrangement to hold the Common Wealth Sports Festival (Common Wealth Games) in Sri Lanka in the year 2018 ;
 - (ii) if so, whether a national level programme has been prepared for the aforesaid function in addition to the activities related to organizing it ;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to identify the talented sportspersons in schools ; and
 - (iv) whether a programme has been prepared to bring the rural sportspersons to national level?
- (b) If not, why ?

0980/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the judiciary of Saudi Arabia has imposed death sentence on Miss. Rizana Nafeek who went to Saudi Arabia from Sri Lanka as a house maid ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which Miss. Rizana Nafeek left Sri Lanka as a house maid, the number of her passport, the date of birth mentioned in it and the date on which it was issued ;
 - (ii) the name and the address of the justice of the peace who attested her application for the Sri Lankan passport ;
 - (iii) the date of birth, the registration number, the date of registration and the area of registration mentioned in the birth certificate of Miss. Rizana ;
 - (iv) the date of birth as mentioned in her National Identity Card and the number of the National Identity Card ; and
 - (v) the name of the foreign employment agency that helped Miss. Rizana to go abroad?

- (c) Will he inform the date on which the death sentence was imposed on her by the Saudi Arabian judiciary and the date on which the ruling of the Court of Appeal was announced ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0241/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Thissamaharama Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0447/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the total amount of gratuity paid to the employees who left the Sri Lanka Transport Board on per year basis for the last ten years; and
 - (ii) the names of such employees and the gratuity paid to each of them from 2005 to 2010 on per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why some of the employees including Mr. W.A Jayasena of Meethotamulla Deport who left the SLTB have not been paid gratuity yet; and
 - (ii) as to where the money provided for their gratuity is at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0862/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Publication Assistance Project was started ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the government for the aforesaid project in each of the years during the period from its inception up to now ; and
 - (iii) of the number of writers who obtained assistance under the aforesaid project in each year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the current position with regard to the performance of the aforesaid project ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to formulate a firm footing, to prevent this project, which has been of great assistance to writers, from being inactive from time to time ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0973/'10

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in year 2008—
 - (i) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at national level ;
 - (ii) the percentage of the students who passed the examination at the Provincial education zonal and education divisional levels, separately ; and
 - (iii) the names of the three education zones that have recorded the highest percentages?
- (b) If not, why ?

0981/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Islamic Sharia law is the law in force in Saudi Arabia;
 - (ii) when a death sentence is imposed on an individual by court in terms of the Sharia Law, that the completion of 18 years of age of the convict on the date the Illegal act or crime s committed is taken into consideration;
 - (iii) the real age of Miss Rizana Nafeek who has been sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia at present was 17 years at the time this criminal charge was leveled against her ?
- (b) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken against the officials who assisted in issuing the forged birth certificate, National Identity Card Sri Lanka Passport to Miss Rizana and the Justice of the Peace who certified the application for Sri Lanka passport and the foreign employment agent who assisted her to go abroad;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment which failed to make proper submissions when the case against Rizana was being heard in that country, should accept the full responsibility for the imposition of said sentence on her ?
- (c) If not, why ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, March 25, 2011)

0882/'10

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that an article in the 'Daily Mirror' of July 29th 2010 declares that some of the Non-Governmental Organizations agitating for changes in laws relating to sexuality and gender equality have involved in illegal activities like extensive use of drugs?
- (b) Will he take steps—
 - (i) to ensure that newspapers possessing information about illegal activities and highlighting them are questioned as to any evidence they might possess about such activities; and
 - (ii) to inform such newspapers that the law should be upheld, having changes in law is an acceptable practice and it should not be attacked in intemperate terms?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the views of the Law Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the issues of sexuality and gender equality has been noted in the aforesaid article, and
 - (ii) the timeframe envisaged by the Ministry for implementation of any changes in law that have been recommended?
- (d) If not, why?

0903/'10

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. M.R.M. Silmi, who is serving as a lecturer of the National College of Education, Dharga Town, Aluthgama faced the interview on 05/11/2000 to be absorbed into Class III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service ; and
 - (ii) he did not get the expected promotion, despite having fulfilled all the required qualifications as a result of his personal file not being completed and duly maintained by the Kalutara Zonal Education Office?
- (b) Will he admit that the requirement for the completion of five year service by 24/08/2000 for a graduate lecturer to be eligible for promotion as per Cabinet decision No. 82/2000 dated 24/08/2000 had already been completed by Mr. Silmi who is a holder of a Masters Degree (M.A) by the date 11/07/2000?

- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the reasons for further delaying the granting of the said promotion to Mr. Silmi?
- (d) Will he state whether action will be taken to absorb Mr. Silmi to Class III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service with effect from 08/12/2000 and pay without delay all salary arrears and allowances as per the salary scale of the relevant post?
- (e) If not, why?

0907/'10

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of unauthorized and illegal constructions identified within Galle Municipal limits by the Urban Development Authority by now and their locations ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Galle district Director of the Urban Development Authority has been informed by the Authorized Director by the letter bearing No. 05/02/අන/පැ/44/62 and dated 09/02/2010 that there was a danger of the collapse of an uncovered brick wall due to the exposure to rains, at one unauthorized two storey building in Galle city, out of the above mentioned unauthorized constructions;
 - (ii) this has been communicated to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) by the Galle Municipal Commissioner by the letter bearing No. ME/UA/2008/103 and dated 15/09/2008;
 - (iii) steps have not been taken up to now to demolish and remove that unauthorized and dangerous section of construction ?
- (c) Will he state the policy adopted by the Urban Development Authority regarding the unauthorized construction identified in (a) and the unauthorized building mentioned in (b) ?
- (d) If not, why ?

0908/'10

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that steps were taken to construct houses for the occupants of the village named “Kaleefa pura” situated in Moragoda in the Galle Kadawath Sathara Division Secretariat Division by the Tsunami Housing Programme under the patronage of the government of United Arab Emirates ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the number of houses constructed by the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the persons who received houses under the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) the amount of financial assistance granted for each recipient of the aforesaid houses ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution or non-governmental organization which implemented the Kaleefa Pura Housing Project;
 - (ii) the institution or the persons that supervised the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the name and address of that institution or names and addresses of those persons ?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 05, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0081/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Thorana junction to Water Supply Board road in the Wakamulla Grama Niladhari Division in the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?

- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0432/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the authority who calculates the inflation of a country;
 - (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995) ?
- (b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?
- (c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?
- (d) If not, why?

0535/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Siyambalanduwa-Pottuwil-Akkaraipattu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0791/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of schools administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone umbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have been closed down or identified to be closed down out of those schools;
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
- (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the subjects for which there is an excess of teachers;
 - (iv) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vii) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0834/'10

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately the number of vacancies allocated in 2010 and 2011 in the first 50 schools that admit students to Grade Six based on the marks scored at the Grade 5 scholarship examination, for the students who had passed the scholarship examinations held in 2009 and 2010?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the number of vacancies allocated in 2011 for the students who had passed in 2010 has dropped in comparison to the number allocated out of Grade 6 for the students who had passed the examination in 2009, in all the said schools or in some of them ;
- (ii) of the reasons for that, if there is such a drop ;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to allocate in 2011 at least the number of vacancies allocated in 2010, if there is a drop in the number of vacancies in Grade 6 ; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to maintain the number of vacancies allocated by the popular schools in the island for the students who pass the scholarship examination without a drop in future with a view to ensure the free education policy?

(c) If not, why?

0904/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether His Excellency the President appointed a commission, presided over by Mrs. Shirani Thilakawardhana to investigate into the irregularities that are alleged to have been committed in purchasing arms, ammunition and other equipment for Sri Lanka Army, Navy and Air Force?
- (ii) if so, the date on which the above mentioned commission was appointed;
- (iii) of the names of the members of that commission;
- (iv) of the date on which the report of that commission was handed over to His Excellency the President ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the scope of that commission;
- (ii) the period of time covered by it;
- (iii) if irregularities have been identified in the report of that commission, what they are;
- (iv) whether that report be tabled ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether persons who are responsible for the irregularities have been identified in that report;
- (ii) if so, who they are;
- (iii) the legal or disciplinary action that has been taken against them by now;
- (iv) if such action is not taken, the reasons for that ?

(d) If not, why?

0927/'10

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total estimated cost for the project on upgrading the railway tracks of the Sri Lanka Railways Department ;
 - (ii) out of this cost, the amount to be met locally ;
 - (iii) the amount to be met through foreign funds;
 - (iv) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) out of the total cost, the amount being received as loans ;
 - (vi) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods ; and
 - (vii) the timeframe for the completion of the entire project?
- (b) Will he state the method of recruiting workers for the activities of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not , why?

0968/'10

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the Deduru Oya reservoir project at present ;
 - (ii) of the names of the areas to which water is provided under this scheme ;
 - (iii) whether a hydro power plant will be constructed under this scheme ; and
 - (iv) if so, its electricity generating capacity?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of small and medium scale tanks in the Yapahuwa electorate ; and
 - (ii) whether those tanks will be provided with water from the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why ?

1007/'10

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of acting principals in the government school system ;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who belong the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service and qualified to serve as principals in the schools in which acting principals are serving;
 - (iii) of the number of principals who have Principal Grades and qualified to hold principal posts in the aforesaid schools in addition to the persons mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) of the reasons for not appointing those principals to the aforesaid posts ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of “Isuru” Schools in the island ;
 - (ii) the number of “ Navodya” Schools in the island;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid schools during the last five years ?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of employees that have been recruited to the schools coming under the purview of the North Western Provincial Council on the basis of the posts, for which they have been recruited;
 - (ii) of the names of the schools for which employees have been recruited ;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted for recruiting the aforesaid employees ?
- (d) If not, why?

0126/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that Development Projects of the Coconut Development Board are carried out in the Hambantota district under 6 zones?
- (b) Is he satisfied that the needs of the Coconut cultivators are sufficiently met with the officials of these 6 zones having to cover 12 Divisional Secretariat divisions?
- (c) Is he aware that these officials can only be met on Wednesdays?
- (d) Is he aware that the aforesaid situation has impeded the proper implementation of the Coconut Development project in the Hambantota district?

(e) Will he take steps to increase the approved number of 6 zones for the Hambantota district, to 10 in order to solve this problem?

(f) If not, why?

0649/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction of the Katunayake Expressway was started in year 2000 and cancelled later;
- (ii) as to when the construction was stopped;
- (iii) the cost incurred at the time it was stopped;
- (iv) the original estimated cost to complete the Expressway; and
- (v) the names of the contractors?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether this project is being restarted;
- (ii) if so, as to when it was restarted and the date on which the construction is to be completed;
- (iii) the cost to restart ;and
- (iv) the names of the present contractors;

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the total cost of this Project including penalties that have been paid; and
- (ii) the interest rates for the loan taken for this project?

(d) If not, why?

0792/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of schools administered by the Kamburupitiya Divisional Educational Office of the Mulatiyana Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
- (iii) the names of schools that have been closed down or identified to be closed down out of those schools ;
- (iv) the names of those schools?

- (b) Will he state in this House —
- (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (v) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0918/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of “Adivasi” families identified to be settled in the Senanigala area;
 - (ii) the number of families that have already been settled there;
 - (iii) the number of persons belonging to these families;
 - (iv) the extent of land recommended to be allocated to each family ;
 - (v) the extent of land that has already been allocated or intended to be allocated to them by now?
- (b) Will he state whether there is an arrangement to prevent the allocation of the extent of land recommended to be allocated to the aboriginal families from senanigala area?
- (c) If not, why?

0928/'10

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the amount to be met locally out of the total estimated cost for the new airport project at Mattala, Hambantota ;
 - (ii) the amount to be met through foreign funds ;
 - (iii) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ;
 - (iv) out of the total cost the amount being received as loans;
 - (v) the names of countries granting loans, the relevant interest rates and the loan repayment periods ; and
 - (vi) the timeframe for the completion of the entire project?

- (b) Will he state the method of recruiting workers for the activities of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not, why?

0969/'10

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the areas to which water is supplied under the Moragahakanda reservoir project?
- (b) Does he admit that it had been planned to supply water to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa areas under this scheme by channeling water from the aforesaid reservoir along Mee Oya via Dambulla?
- (c) Will he state whether some other way of supplying water to Yapahuwa and Galgamuwa areas will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Tuesday, April 05, 2011)

0222/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands belonging to Land Reforms Commission, within the district of Hambanthota;
 - (ii) if so, the name, extent, Grama Niladhari Division where it is located and the nature of land, with respect to each of the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) the annual income from each land;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of those lands have been transferred legally to individuals or institutions;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done;
 - (vi) the name and address of the persons or institutions that received lands, the date of transfer, extent of the land and the relevant period of time;
 - (vii) the income received by the Commission from each land?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether lands of the Commission are occupied illegally by individuals or institutions;
- (ii) if so, their names the extent of land occupied and the period for which it has been occupied;
- (iii) the measures taken and the current situation in that respect;
- (iv) the extent of land in possession of the Commission at its inception and at present;
- (v) the extent of land that was alienated out of the extent that was there at the inception;
- (vi) the names and addresses of the persons to whom lands were alienated and the extent of land ?

(c) If not, why?

0672'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the amount of fertilizer imported for agricultural purposes by the public sector and the private sector within the last ten years ; and
- (ii) the amount of each type of fertilizer imported by the aforesaid two parties, the countries from which they were imported and the prices, in each year?

(b) If not, why?

0673/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the total volume of fertilizer produced by the public and private sector ;
- (ii) separately and on annual basis the total volume of fertilizer produced in relation to each type of fertilizer and the sector that produced each type of fertilizer ; and
- (iii) separately, the market value of the total volume of fertilizer produced by public and private sectors annually, in relation to agriculture during the last 10 years?

(b) If not, why?

0675/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to the last ten years—
 - (i) of the amount of seeds imported annually with the involvement of the state sector and private sector for the use in the field of agriculture;
 - (ii) of the amount of each type of seed imported annually by the state and private sectors, their values, the names of the countries from which they were imported and the their prices ?
- (b) If not, why?

0676/'10

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House with respect to the last 10 years—
 - (i) the amounts of each type of seeds produced annually for agricultural purposes by the government and the private sector separately ; and
 - (ii) the market value of the aforesaid seeds in each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

0858/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state separately in respect of each province, whether salary arrears are to be paid for teachers serving in schools coming under the purview of the central government and the provincial councils in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, North-Western, Central, Uva, North-Central, Eastern and Northern provincial councils?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amount of salary arrears to be paid to teachers at each province level as at 01.01.2010, if salary arrears are to be paid as mentioned above?
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made by the government for the payment of the aforesaid salary arrears ; and
 - (iii) the reasons, if allocations were not so made?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to these teachers as a result of not paying salary arrears;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid teachers will be paid their salary arrears?

(d) If not, why?

0909/'10

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. A.M. Ismail (R.P.C. 20302) residing at No. 343/2, M.P.C.S. Lane, Sammanturai No. 3, was suspended from service for being late in informing his inability to report for duty after being bitten by a snake while being attached to the Pothuwil police station on secondment from the Sammanthurai police station ; and
- (ii) the inquiries on the appeals seeking his reinstatement has now been completed but he has still not been reinstated despite a written recommendation for the reinstatement of Mr. Ismail made to the Deputy Inspector General of Police of the Eastern Province (South) through letter No. S/2/1/380/09 dated 05/06/2009 by the Senior Superintendent of Police of Ampara?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reinstate Mr. Ismail, who has led an exemplary life without engaging in criminal or terrorist activities during the period under interdiction, with effect from the year 1998?

(c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, April 06, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0228/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Beliatta Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
- (ii) the names of those schools;
- (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
- (iv) the names of those schools?

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0444/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he state separately the total number of failed Finance Companies reported during the last five years?
- (b) Will he admit that it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to protect depositors?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
- (i) of the total number of depositors not paid by the Companies which accepted their money; and
 - (ii) the Companies defaulted or delinquent in paying; and
 - (iii) of how IFC and CIFC depositors lost their savings as at 01.06.2010 even after the Central Bank stepped in and assured that no Company would to bankrupt ?
- (d) Will he explain to this House —
- (i) as to what has happened to the Directors of the Companies; and
 - (ii) as to why there are different standards applied to the Directors when it comes to Bank reporting of these Finance Companies?
- (e) If not, why?

0536/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform—
- (i) whether the Pottuwil-Panama road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
- (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0559/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Support for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential Election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0806/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of schools administered by the Welipitiya Divisional Educational Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the names of schools that have been identified to be closed down out of the schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred ?

- (b) Will he state in this House —
- (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division; and
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so, the period of time within which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

0880/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state, separately—
- (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;
- in each of the above mentioned years?
- (c) Will he inform this House ;
- (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College ;
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

0970/'10

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated with the approval of His Excellency the President for the reconstruction of the road from Sungawila to Somawathie Raja Maha Vihara ; and
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money approved for the reconstruction of the aforesaid road?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the authority or the Department which managed the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (ii) the officers who were appointed to manage the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by now for the reconstruction of the above mentioned road out of the amount allocated ;
 - (iv) whether any irregularities have taken place in managing the aforesaid amount of money ; and
 - (v) whether the report of the inquiry conducted by the Ministry in relation to this matter will be submitted, if such irregularities have taken place?
- (c) If not, why ?

0988/'10

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps were taken to build a housing project named “Nila Sevana” close to Ragama town for the purpose of providing houses for public sector employees ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was commenced ;
 - (iii) the number of houses that have been planned to be built under the proposed housing project ;
 - (iv) if the construction work of the aforesaid project has already been started the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now ; and
 - (v) the proposed date by which the construction work of the aforesaid housing project will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

0242/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0650/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the areas newly identified for Tourism development ;
 - (ii) whether an area of 500 Acres in Kuchchaveli and Kalpitiya is in the newly designated areas;
 - (iii) the cost that the Government has invested in those areas;
 - (iv) the objectives to be achieved by the Ministry through the said investment; and
 - (v) the level of Tourists and the Nationality that is trying to cater?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a Tourism Fund being initiated; and
 - (ii) the amount that the Government is going to contribute to the fund?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether ten Private Companies are going to invest 500 million internally in tourism development ; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of those companies?
- (d) If not, why?

0660/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the post for which Mr. Sumanasena Ramasinghe joined the service of Ayurveda Department of the Ministry of Health of the Southern Province, the date on which he joined the service, his period of service, the date on which he retired and the post that he held on the date he retire ;
 - (ii) the number of extensions of service he has obtained and the relevant years ;
 - (iii) the name, post and address of the officer who recommended extensions of service for him ; and
 - (iv) the criteria to be met for an extension of service?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. Ramasinghe entered the Staff Grade ; and
 - (ii) the privileges and facilities that Staff Grade Officer is entitled to?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Ramasinghe was served charge sheets for any offence during his period of service ;
 - (ii) if so, whether disciplinary inquiries have been held with relevance to that ; and
 - (iii) whether he has been found guilty of some offence and punished in some manner?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the appointing authority not taking action to provide Mr. Ramasinghe with a pension ;
 - (ii) of the legal situation with relevance to that ; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which his pension would be adjusted, if adjusting Mr. Ramasinghe's pension has been delayed due to an administrative omission?
- (e) If not, why?

0807/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools administered by the Akuressa Divisional Educational Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
 - (ii) the names, address and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools in which the total number of students is less than one hundred out of the schools mentioned above ?
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) whether there are schools in which there are excess teachers in this Division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of the schools in which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to those schools in which there is a shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so, the period of time taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why?

0881/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of State Counsels ;
 - (ii) the number of State Attorneys ;in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) Will he state separately, the number of State Counsels and State Attorneys required to fulfill the responsibilities of Attorney General's Department, efficiently, without any delays?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies that exist at the Attorney General's Department?
- (d) If not, why?

0919/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the basic educational qualifications considered in recruiting cadre for libraries and laboratories of schools ;
 - (ii) whether the designation of the above category of employees has been subject to change under the absorption of the school staffs ; and
 - (iii) if so, the said designation?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a grave injustice has been committed to the library and laboratory employees who have better educational qualifications in relation to other non-school staff on account of the absorption of the school staffs ;
 - (ii) they have been subject to mental stress as a result ; and
 - (iii) they have encountered problems in following diploma courses relevant to their posts?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House, whether action will be taken either to amend or repeal the relevant absorption in order to redress this injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

0999/'10

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) as Sri Lanka holds a prominent place in the world with respect to civilization based on irrigation and agriculture it is appropriate to construct a museum of water and irrigation so that the aforesaid prominence could be endowed upon the future generation ;
 - (ii) the future generation will be provided with the opportunity to study the history of Sri Lanka agriculture and irrigation works through that ;
 - (iii) those who are engaged in the field of irrigation and agriculture will be provided an opportunity to carry out researches, through the construction of such a museum ?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to start the construction of such a museum speedily ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, April 07, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0237/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0376/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amounts of Duty and all other forms of Taxes imposed on the imported items namely Milk Powder, Gas, Sugar, Dhal, Onions, Potatoes, Rice, Canned Fish and Petroleum;
 - (ii) the quantities of the aforesaid items imported for the last 10 years;
 - (iii) the revenue earned through imposition of Taxes for the last 5 years;
 - (iv) the quantities of them produced locally, if any, for last 5 years on per year basis; and
 - (v) the annual consumption of those items for last 5 years?
- (b) If not, why?

0539/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Bogahawewa-Pulmudai road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0795/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that applications have been called for the post of Additional Registrar of Births and Deaths of Ranchagoda Division and Marriage (General) of Kandabadapaththuwa Division of Matara district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which applications were called ;
 - (ii) the qualifications required to apply for that post ;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have applied for this post ; and
 - (iv) the names of the applicants ?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether the interviews relevant to the aforesaid post have been held by now ?
- (ii) the marks obtained by each applicant at that interview, separately ;
- (iii) whether a qualified person has been selected through that interview for that post by now ;
- (iv) if so, the name of that person;
- (v) if not, the reason for not appointing a qualified person upto now;
- (vi) the time it would take, if a person will be appointed for the post ?

(d) If not, why ?

0854/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of elephants recorded in the North-Western Province as of 30th June 2010;
- (ii) separately, the number of elephants and the number of people killed in the North-Western Province as a result of the human-elephant conflict in the year 2009 and up to 30th June 2010 ; and
- (iii) whether action has been taken to pay compensation for the deceased?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of the staff and the places of work ;
- (ii) the number of vehicles provided to the staff ; and
- (iii) the financial allocation set aside for the staff in the years 2009 and 2010 ;

with respect to the employees of the Wildlife Department who are serving in the North-Western Province?

(c) Will he state as to what measures have been taken by the government to minimize the human-elephant conflict in the North-Western Province?

(d) If not, why?

0911/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the “wayamba” (North Western) Cricket team which represented Sri Lanka at the Champions league 20-20 Cricket tournament held in South Africa in September 2010 was sponsored by an institution with a trade name Musli Power X-tra;
- (ii) what that institution is;
- (iii) the amount of money paid to the Sri Lanka Cricket by this institution ?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether a product used for sexual stimulation is sold under the trade name Musli Power X-tra ?
- (c) If so, does he admit the fact that exhibiting the logo relating to that product while the “wayamba” (North Western) Cricket team was playing , is harmful to the image of the country and the players ?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to what course of action would be taken against those officers who acted irresponsibly in selecting sponsors for the above tournament ?
- (e) If not, why?

0238/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0651/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the inaugurated year, the person initiated and the purpose of establishment of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to the Capital Fund as of now; and
 - (iii) the amount added as capital to the Fund from its inception to date, on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the trustees of the Fund, at present;
 - (ii) the names of all lands bought by utilizing the Mahapola Trust Fund from its inception to date;
 - (iii) the purchasing price and the present Market price of each land separately;
 - (iv) whether any of those lands have been sold; and
 - (v) if so, the purpose of selling and the price of each land?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of students that are currently benefited by the Mahapola Scholarships Fund; and
 - (ii) the monthly stipend of a Mahapola Scholarship holder?
- (d) If not, why?

0540/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Thirikkonduyadumadu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0800/’10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that there are a large number of teachers trainees who have not been appointed as teachers so far though they have successfully completed the Teaching Diploma Course and internship at seventeen National Colleges of Education functional at present ?
- (b) Will he inform —
- (i) of the number of Diploma holders who have not been appointed as teachers, from December 2009 up to now ;
 - (ii) whether a methodology has been formulated to grant appointments to those teacher trainees;
 - (iii) if so, the number of teacher trainees to be granted appointments within the years 2010 and 2011 separately ;
 - (iv) the dates by which appointments will be granted in 2010 and 2011;
 - (v) whether financial provisions have been made by now for granting those appointments ;
 - (vi) if so, the amounts allocated for 2010 and 2011 separately ;
 - (vii) the head under which provisions have been made and the methodology adopted to do so?
- (c) If not, why ?

0914/'10

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether “Sri Lanka Cricket” has entered into a contract with Somerset Entertainment Ventures (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid contract was entered into and the details pertaining to the contract ;
 - (iii) the value of the aforesaid contract ;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid contract will be tabled ; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the registration number of the aforesaid company, if it has been registered in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country in which the aforesaid company has been registered, its registration number and the date of registration if it is a registered company in another country?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the advertisement pertaining to the aforesaid contract was published by “Sri Lanka Cricket” only on its web site ;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid advertisement was published ;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid company had entered into contracts pertaining to Cricket before it entered into the aforesaid contract ; and
 - (iv) if so, the occasions on which such contracts were entered into?
- (d) If not, why?

0246/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Beliatta Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to fulfill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0654/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the Paddy Marketing Board was opened;
 - (ii) the reasons for closing it in 1995;and
 - (iii) the objectives of establishing the Paddy Marketing Board?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of tons of paddy bought by the Paddy Marketing Board for the last 4-5 years;
 - (ii) the percentage of paddy bought by the paddy Marketing Board compared to its production in Yala and Maha seasons;and
 - (iii) as to how the Paddy Marketing Board managed to increase the minimum selling price of paddy?
- (c) If not, why?

0801/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of National Schools administered by the government in Matara district ;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those schools;
 - (iii) the schools which are overstaffed, out of the schools mentioned in answer for (ii) above ;
 - (iv) the subjects with respect to which they are overstaffed ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the schools where shortage of teachers exists, out of those schools
 - (ii) the subjects with respect to which shortage of teachers exists;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools where shortage of teachers exists ;
 - (iv) if so, the time frame required for providing teachers ?
- (c) If not, why?

0920/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a wrong mixing of drugs has taken place at the Drug Manufacturing Zone place at the Drug Manufacturing Zone of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation on a certain date in the month of August 2010?

- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid stock of drugs which was manufactured defectively has been removed from use by now;
 - (ii) of the course of action taken against the person or persons responsible for that fault;
 - (iii) whether this incident has been reported to the Drug Authority?
- (c) Will he state whether the Drug Manufacturing Zone has been cleaned according to G.M.P (Good Manufacturing Practice) after the aforesaid incident ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the loss incurred by the Corporation as a result of the production of drugs defectively;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid stock of drugs has been released to the market in order to cover the above mentioned loss ?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, April 08, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0214/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Galle district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?

(c) If not, why?

0247/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;
- in the government schools administered by the Tangalle Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0445/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Will he state the number of people go for foreign employments on per year basis during the last five years to date?
- (b) Will he admit that the people going overseas for employment be protected through an Insurance Scheme?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House how much is charged per person for such Insurance cover?

- (d) Will he mention the total number of claims made per year for the last five years?
- (e) Will he explain as to why people do not get the claim even though they have paid for the Insurance Policy ?
- (f) If not, why?

0678/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the land on which Sooriyawewa Cricket Stadium in Hambanthota is built was transferred by the government to an outside party by way of leasing or any other method;
 - (ii) to whom it was transferred in that manner;
 - (iii) the amount for which that land was transferred, the year in which it was transferred and the extent of the land;
 - (iv) the party to whom the ownership of that stadium will be transferred once it is completed;
 - (v) the period of time and amount for which it will be transferred;
 - (vi) the annual income expected through it ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total amount that would be spent on the construction of the aforesaid stadium;
 - (ii) whether that amount is spent by the government, a government institution or by Sri Lanka Cricket or some other institution;
 - (iii) if so, the amount spent by each party, separately?
- (c) Will he inform of —
 - (i) the persons who provide consultancy for designing and architecture of this stadium;
 - (ii) the amount expected to be spent on the playground, pavilion, light bulbs for day and night matches and annual maintenance, separately ?
- (d) If not, why?

0802/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Akuressa Divisional Education Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements; and
 - (vi) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfill the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0215/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Matara district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
- (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
- (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
- (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
- (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
- (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?

(c) If not, why?

0248/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names;
- (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Ambalantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements;
- (iii) if so, the time frame for that?

(c) If not, why?

0686/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01st September 2010;
 - (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
 - (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
 - (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?
- (b) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
 - (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
 - (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?
- (c) If not, why?

0803/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education ,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Malimbada Divisional Education Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements; and
 - (vi) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfil the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

0921/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the full name and the age of the Chairman of the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation;
 - (ii) his place of work and the post he held before he was appointed to this post;
 - (iii) his professional experience;
 - (iv) monthly salary and other allowances paid to him at present;
 - (v) the authority who appointed him to the present post ?
- (b) If not, why?

0251/'10

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of schools without sanitary facilities and their names; and
 - (ii) the names of schools in need of buildings and the number of buildings required;

in the government schools administered by the Tissamaharama Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) that there will be a re-awakening in education as a result of fulfilling the above requirements;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide financial provisions required to full fill the aforesaid requirements; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame for that?
- (c) If not, why?

0691/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
 - (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
 - (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
 - (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
 - (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
 - (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?
- (d) If not why?

0804/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure facilities and common amenities in the government schools administered by the Welipitiya Divisional Education Office of the Akuressa Zonal Educational Office in the Matara District ?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the above schools—
 - (i) the number of schools without electricity;
 - (ii) the number of schools without library and laboratory facilities;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters;
 - (iv) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements; and
 - (vi) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of schools with aforesaid shortages?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds to fulfil the shortcomings in the aforesaid schools; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it?

(d) If not, why?

0859/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,— (2)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the estimated cost for the construction of the Galle Bus stand ;
- (ii) the name of the institution that prepared this estimate ; and
- (iii) the estimate and the plan of the relevant building?

(b) Will he state, in relation to this project—

- (i) the name of the contractor or the names of contractors ;
- (ii) the name of the firm or institution which provide consultancy services, if there is any ; and
- (iii) the name of the institution responsible for supervision?

(c) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the nature of this new bus stand and the institutions and the businesses that are intended to be carried out inside the building concerned ;
- (ii) the methodology which is adopted for allocating places of business inside this building ;and
- (iii) the relief that will be provided to the payment hawkers and the owners of temporary places of business who were removed from the vicinity of the Galle bus stand and other places in the Galle town with the construction of the bus stand?

(d) If not, why?

0922/'10

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of companies identified as the companies which have brought down drugs of inferior quality during the past 06 years ;
- (ii) the names of those companies ;
- (iii) separately, the loss incurred by the government as a result of each of these companies bringing down drugs of inferior quality ; and
- (iv) separately, the amount of money paid back to the government by each of these companies?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names and addresses of the chairperson and the board of directors of each of these companies which have identified as having brought down drugs of inferior quality ;
- (ii) out of the aforesaid companies, the number of companies which have been blacklisted ;
- (iii) the names of those companies ; and
- (iv) whether drugs have been purchased from companies blacklisted as above during the period from the year 2006-2010?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate,—Adjourned debate on question (08th October 2010)

Motion made and question proposed,— “That this Parliament resolves that holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performance of the Ministers.” [P.1/'10]

P.4/'10

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 resolves 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/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is resolves that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— That this Parliament resolves that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented 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.

P.7/'10

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/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

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

P.11/'10

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/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

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, compel 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/'10

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/'10

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/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

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/'10

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/'10

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/'10

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/'10

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

P.22/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That this Parliament resolves 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 that since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace.

P.23/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P.24/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— That 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.25/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.26/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.27/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.28/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.29/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.30/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.31/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.32/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.33/'10

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

P.34/'10

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Establishment of Industrial Estates in the Puttalam District,—That this Parliament resolves that Industrial Estates be established at suitable locations in the Puttalam District with a view to boosting up industries in the District and to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

P.35/'10

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Developing the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground in the Kalmunai Town,—That this Parliament resolves that the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground be developed in all aspects as an International Sports Ground with a view to providing advanced facilities for the youth of Digamadulla District to improve their skills and ability in the various aspects of sports.

P.39/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— That 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.40/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— 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.41/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— 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.42/'10

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

P.43/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,—That this Parliament resolves 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, hence it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

P.44/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting Laws for free access to Government information,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted in Parliament for the right of people to have free access to all the information of the Government whereby their transparency would be maintained.

P.45/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded Better Opportunities for Health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities as most of them are subject to open heart surgeries and for that purpose Employees of the Private Sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund and in case of Public Servants or Non Employees by the Government through the President Fund with full cost.

P.46/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the Protection of the World Environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

P.47/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Telecasting of Parliamentary Proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that live or censored Parliamentary Proceedings should be telecasted through the Television or Internet.

P.48/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Permission to Vote for Sri Lankans living overseas,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lankans who are living overseas must be permitted to vote at future elections.

P.49/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introduction of a Electronic Voting System,— That this Parliament resolves that a Electronic Voting System must be introduced for the present archaic Voting System.

P.50/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Implementation of a proper scientific plan for the protection of valuable natural resources of Sri Lanka and their surrounding areas,—That this Parliament resolves that a proper scientific plan be implemented to protect and promote the Sinharaja Forest, Kanneliya Forest Reserve, Roomassala Hill, the islands and the mangrove system of Koggala Oya and Madu Ganga, a Ramsar Wetland, which are considered as valuable natural resources not only of Sri Lanka but the whole world, and their surrounding areas.

P.51/'10

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Taking action for the protection, promotion and proper utilization of the historical and archeological heritages of the Galle fort and its surroundings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to protect and promote historical and archaeological heritages of the Galle rampart, inside the Galle fort and in the surroundings of the Galle fort which are an important centre of the tourism industry, have a historical and archaeological value and are considered as a world heritage site and to make the best use of this world heritage for the country by implementing a systematic plan with the participation of the community and the public sector institutions connected with it.

P.52/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Implementing a practical programme to address the housing issues of the owners of houses lacking in facilities living in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical programme be formulated for addressing the peoples' housing issues by constructing flats and cluster flats Schemes in Colombo and other cities in its neighbourhood under the vision of Mahinda Chinthana for ensuring the right of each and every family living in Sri Lanka to live in a house that consists of their basic requirements, drinking water, electricity, toilet facilities and a kitchen.

P.53/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Regulating the drainage of rainy water in the city of Colombo,— That this Parliament resolves since a situation has been created where the entire city of Colombo is submerged in a continuous rainfall of about half an hour as the drain system of the city of Colombo is more than 100 years old and is not functioning properly, whereas damages are caused to environment from houses, building and unauthorized structures constructed haphazardly, hence the relevant drain system shall be modernized, cleaned and properly maintained so as to enable the efficient draining of rainy water to mitigate the flood disaster situation caused within the Colombo Municipal Council area during torrential rains.

P.54/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Protecting the Professional dignity of the Medical field,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ordinary Patients are faced with grave problems and have become immensely helpless owing to doctors without necessary Professional Qualifications and experience practicing in the local and international medical field, and whereas the professionally qualified doctors in the medical field sustain disgrace in society as a result of it, that it is imperative to act properly, efficiently and lawfully in order to protect the professional dignity of the Medical field.

P.55/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Ensuring media freedom and right to information,— That this Parliament resolves that all citizens of a democratic country be granted the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding through free media, whereas right to information and expression has been established within the Constitution itself and there is no opportunity to hide or conceal the truth in a world where technology is developing.

P.56/'10

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Creating a healthy society through sports,— That this Parliament resolves that a fair system devoid of racism and class divisions shall be drawn up at the government level so as to create a healthy society by encouraging children to take up sports in their childhood itself, to guide children with innate talents to the international level and to bring glory to the country by creating world renowned players.

P.57/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Frequent update of the Register of Electors,— That this Parliament resolves that the Register of Electors must be an open list with frequent update rather than list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/'10

Hon Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting a Pension Scheme for the overseas work force,— That this Parliament resolves that a pension scheme should be devised to reward the overseas work force who sends their hard earned money to increase the wealth of Sri Lanka.

P.60/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Awarding pensions for the armed personnel who served before 19th of May, 2009- That this Parliament resolves that as the members of the Parliament are entitled to a pension in five years, the armed personnel who had been engaged in activities before the 19th of May, 2009 but have not completed the period of 22 years should also be entitled to a pension.

P.62/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing a special design to help people with restricted ability and mobility—That this Parliament resolves that all new public buildings must have design features ensuring accessibility as specified by the law for the persons with restricted ability and mobility in order to optimize their remaining productivity and to minimize the unwanted dependency.

P.63/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the right to vote— This Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen must be allowed to vote as there is a big number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined

P.64/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — Ensuring a corruption free world— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Sri Lankan Parliamentarians get together and join global organizations of parliaments in eradicating corruption.

P.65/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Granting a higher position to the Quaziz Court System,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Quaziz Court System that was established in Sri Lanka under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Ordinance of 1929 and subsequently amended under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Act in 1951 must be upgraded with powers vested with the Quaziz judges to adjudicate upon all matters concerned with disputes arising in Muslim families and also the status of the Quaziz Court System must be upgraded in such a manner where sittings be held in premises congenial to the dignity of the system and as the Quaziz judges are appointed by the Judicial Service Commission they should be placed on a respectable and an acceptable salary structure payable to other judicial officers.

P.69/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, —Repayment of funds of the depositor who are duped, — That this Parliament resolves that as there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in the finance companies and these depositors or the delinquent companies have been promised by the government during the political campaign of 2009/2010 elections that they will be paid their outstanding, hence the Central Bank that is the custodian of these institutions should have been more diligent and the government must step in paying the depositors.

P.70/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing Vocational training for disabled children and children with special needs, — That this Parliament resolves that the disabled children and the children with special needs be provided with vocational training at district and provincial levels and a programme should be implemented to direct them in proper manner to employment opportunities.

P.71/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Granting Justice of the Peace appointments to indigenous Ayurvedic doctors, — That this Parliament resolves that all the indigenous Ayurvedic doctors who have got themselves registered with the Ayurvedic Medical Council should be granted justice of the Peace appointments as a token of respect to that service, as they render a great service, specially to the rural people, considering it as meeting their social obligation, without expecting money or privilege.

P.72/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Formulating a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments, — That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments as the dignity and recognition bestowed upon this office deteriorate as a result of granting Justice of the Peace appointments that are recognised by society and provide an immense service to society without accepted criteria.

P.74/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Solving the problems created by the Tsunami disaster, —That this Parliament resolves that an efficient programme be implemented to look into any kind of problem caused by the Tsunami disaster and remains unsolved, at Divisional Secretariat Division and District Secretariat Division level and to minimize such problems faced and to be faced by those Divisions.

P.75/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Formulating a national policy for home base workers,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper national policy on nearly one Million home base workers who engage on various productions within various employment generating sectors of Sri Lanka be formulated by the political authority with the assistance of experts, scholars and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations in all related fields and that the aforesaid policy be implemented early.

P.76/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Utilizing paddy lands that can not be cultivated with paddy for productive purposes, — That this Parliament resolves that programmes be formulated in such a manner that the law on paddy lands reclamation is not violated, so paddy lands that are impossible to be cultivated with paddy could be utilized for productive agricultural crop cultivation only, without leaving any room for constructions to take place in them, once such lands have been identified after a proper study.

P.77/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Removing the salary anomalies of the Public Service Pensioners, —That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to remove the severe salary anomaly that exists between the salaries of the public servants who had retired prior to 01.06.2006 and those who retired after the said date, created as a result of the salary conversion of public servants that was effected from 01.06.2006, according to the salary revisions circular 6/2006.

P.78/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of information centres at district level, — That this Parliament resolves that information centres where all information relating to the geographical location, historic background, crops cultivated, road network, government offices, schools, universities, railway stations, bus stands are computerized and documented be established and that these centres be established at the provincial level during the first stage, at the district level during the second stage and at the Divisional Secretariat division level during the third stage.

P.79/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regulating of religious school education and administration of Sri Lanka, — That this Parliament resolves that an urgent programme be drawn up to increase the number of students attending religious schools by continually providing human and physical resources for religious schools in order to regulate education and administration of religious schools of all religions of Sri Lanka and to accord proper recognition to the certificates of the final examination and the Dharmacharya examination of Buddhist Dhamma Schools and similar examinations conducted in religious schools of other faiths.

P.80/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws regarding the rearing of pets such as dogs and cats, — That this Parliament resolves that laws be formulated for the registration of pets such as dogs and cats in local government authorities and that laws be formulated that the sale of the young of these animals should only be done in authorized centres and making it compulsory to spay female animals reared in other places other than these authorized centres.

P. 81/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training workers required for the job market,— That this Parliament resolves that the task of initiating a methodology for the training of workers required for the new employment opportunities generated in future Sri Lanka be commenced by all tertiary educational institutions in the country.

P. 82/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration structure, — That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of redemarcating Grama Niladhari divisions the entire Public Administration structure be re-organized in such a way that divisional Secretariat divisions and districts be demarcated afresh through the redemarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's areas be made local government areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all Public institutions including Divisional education area, Police area, agrarian services area and the regional health services officers area.

P. 83/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Resumption of the further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project, — That this Parliament resolves that further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project be resumed forthwith and steps be taken expeditiously to solve the problems faced by the people who cultivate various crops on the catchment area of the Nilwala Valley, due to the stalled development activities of the Nilwala ganga project in the Matara district.

P.84/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extending the Honorary Post of Justice of the Peace' even beyond the term of the Peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies, —since the honorary post of 'Justice in Peace' accorded to the peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the people's representatives even beyond their terms of office.

P.85/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all members and Ministers of the Provincial Councils, — That this Parliament resolves that proper measures be adopted in this regard following deep consideration Since the allowances privileges and facilities of the Hon Ministers, Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chief government Whips, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whip and Hon. Members of the existing provincial councils and the Northern Provincial Council which is to officially function in near future, are not in a proper state.

P.86/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all people's representatives in Local Authorities,—That this Parliament resolves that since there are irregularities with respect to the allowances, privileges and other facilities granted to the Mayors, Chairmen, Deputy Mayors, Vice Chairmen and the Members of the existing Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Island and the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas which are planned to be established in the future, serious consideration be drawn to this matter and proper courses of action be followed in this regard.

P.87/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

P 88/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a National Youth Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a select committee be appointed consisting of the Hon. Members of Parliament representing all the political parties for formulating a National Youth Policy suitable for Sri Lanka to get the assistance of the veterans, academics and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations representing all the related fields for that purpose.

P. 89/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making use of Government schools and Universities for education units, during vacations,— That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non government organizations. Chambers of Commerce and Community based organizations during school holidays, and afternoon sessions and University vacations.

P. 90/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up of an efficeint system to make acting appointments on Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant,— That this Parliament resolves that a post of Grama Niladari's be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladari's from that pool to Grama Niladari divisions that fall vacant, Since appointing the Grama Niladari of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladari's of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary.

P .91/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting Official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees, — That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to civil defence committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the chief incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, The Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations public and private sector who are residents of the Grama Niladhari division, be set up and to facilitate proper Co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari division.

P .92/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P.93/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Holding all elections on the same day,— That this Parliament resolves Whereas during the 22 year period from 1988 to 2010 an election of some kind has been held every year except for the years 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2007 whereas the holding of such elections is having a huge impact on every field such as economy and administration of the country, though it is a worthy criterion in gauging the public opinion, that an appropriate amendment be introduced to the Constitution to revise the official term of office of entities such as local government authorities, the Parliament and the presidency and to devise an appropriate system of election, enabling the holding of elections for them on the same day.

P. 94/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the local government bodies in the provincial councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the provincial councils and between the provincial councils and the local government bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

P. 95/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity,— That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of government, non-government and private institutions.

P. 96/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

P.97/'10

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Increasing annual interest rate for fixed deposits of senior citizens up to 14 %,— That this Parliament resolves that the annual interest rate for fixed deposits of Rupees 15 lakhs or less of senior citizens be increased up to 14 %, as most of the senior citizens who are spending the evening of their life after rendering a considerable service for the country in corporations, boards, authorities and the private sector, live on the interest received on their savings and provident fund that they had deposited in fixed deposits, have been put into great inconvenience due to the lowered interest income received for the fixed deposits of senior citizens as a result of bringing down the annual interest rate of state banks up to 10.5 %.

P.98/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing Committees on Ethics,— That this Parliament resolves that a Committee on Ethics should be established to look into the matters connected with the maintaining of credibility and good ethical conduct of the Members of Parliament in Sri Lanka.

P.99/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing a new electronic identity card,— That this Parliament resolves that a national identity card with a new electronic number and containing important and necessary details about the relevant individual such as blood group, bank account number, credit card number, educational qualifications, driving licence number and passport number, be issued to facilitate administration and suppression of crimes and other fraudulent activities and that information of all residents of Divisional Secretariat Divisions be computerized early at Grama Niladhari Division level and those information be updated from time to time.

P.100/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Option of retirement after a 20 year period of service for male police officers,— That this Parliament resolves that the option of voluntary retirement available for female police officers after the completion of 20 year period of service shall be made applicable to the male police officers as well, and a scheme shall be formulated for this purpose.

P.101/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up committees for repealing regulations,— That this Parliament resolves that committees to look into the possibility of repealing redundant regulations shall be set up since the formulation of regulations as well as the repealing of regulations is an ongoing process

P.102/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Confirmation in service of officers of the Civil Defence Force,— This House resolves that the officers attached to the Civil Defence force be made entitled to Salaries, allowances, permanency of service and pensions enjoyed by the officers in other armed forces along with accepted official status as in the other government departments.

P.103/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Assurance Committees,—That this Parliament moves that Committees be established to ensure that the government fulfills its' responsibilities as there are occasions when the government fails to meet the assurances given in response to questions raised in Parliament and the obligations of the government.

P.104/'10

Hon. (Al-Haj)A.H.M. Azwer,— Encouraging the cultivation of Palmyra,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to encourage the cultivation of Palmyra known as "Katpagatharu" which is very useful for the public and to promote productions related to Palmyra .

P.105/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the Productivity of the Lands owned by the Department of Railways,— That this Parliament resolves that the income received by the Department be enhanced by removing speedily the unauthorized constructions and occupants from the lands owned by the Department of Railways and by reviewing the agreements regarding authorized constructions and that the lands that do not affect development work of the Department directly be provided to the private sector on long-term lease and funds thus obtained be utilized for modernization of the Railway network.

P.108/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a scheme to protect the lives of the beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that lands for cultivation be provided to beggars and their safety of life and nourishment be ensured through the income received from such lands, as there is a serious threat to the lives of the beggars at present.

P.109/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a system to prevent the harm caused by stray dogs to human lives,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system to allocate a portion of land for the purpose of confining stray dogs and caring for them with a view to preventing the harm caused by them to human lives.

P.110/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Imposing severe punishment for cases of child abuse,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to expedite the hearing of cases of child abuse by passing new rules and regulations, if the existing rules and regulations in that respect are not sufficient as a situation has arisen where child abuse increases speedily day by day, throughout the Island.

P.111/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing beach access roads for the promotion of tourism,— Since the obstruction caused to local and foreign tourists and fishermen in accessing the coastal belt as a result of constructions going on apace within the coastal zone of the Island, has hindered the promotion of tourism as well as the fisheries industry, that this Parliament resolves that a beach access road network should be established with a view to preventing this situation and to promote these industries.

P.112/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rectifying the salary anomalies of the officers in the Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that since there exist a salary anomaly in Principals' Service, Teacher Education Service and Education Administrative Service, a methodology should be formulated to rectify the aforesaid situation enabling them to receive a salary which is sufficient to maintain their dignity.

P.113/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

P.114/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the Notary Service operative in Sri Lanka at present,— Since the Notary Service operative in the Island at present has been based on obsolete laws, this Parliament resolves that this service has to be reconsidered and laws have to be introduced to suit the present situation in the country.

P.115/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of the chena cultivators in the dry zone,— That this House resolves that Co-operative Societies Limited be set up in order to increase the yield of crops such as paddy, kurakkan, green gram and gingelly cultivated by the chena cultivators in the dry zone, process products of high quality through the introduction of new technology to process products, and to strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.116/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisor Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Teacher Instructor posts which was initiated nearly 20 years ago with the objective of ensuring quality development in education in Sri Lanka, and has been in operation ever since, be established as a separate Teacher Advisor Service unit.

P.117/'10

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Conferring the power of subdivision on the government grant lands against which bans of sub division have been issued, to Divisional Secretaries,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary Laws be introduced to confer the power of sub division on the Divisional Secretaries by minimizing the current lengthy process operating through the Provincial Commissioner, Commissioner of Lands and the Presidential Secretariat when needs of sub division arise in order to ensure the rights of the second generation of original recipient of land and to effect development activities on their houses, lands, although sub division of government grant lands on permits such as Jayabhumi, Swarnabhumi and Rathnabhumi is banned.

P.118/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.119/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to those who have become disabled due to the war,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to provide some monthly allowance for those disabled due to war, as a considerable number out of those who earned a living as laborers and those who were engaged in permanent jobs have become deformed and disabled due to the war that existed for a period of nearly 30 years and live helplessly burdened by the cost of living.

P.120/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a transport allowance for all V.I.P security personnel,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to pay an equal amount as a transport allowance to the officials engaged in Presidential security service, Prime Minister's security service as well as other V.I.P security services

P.122/'11

The Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Reducing the difference that exists between the interest paid and the interest charged by the state banks,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to reduce the difference that exists between the interest charged and the interest paid, in order to extend a helping hand to the public and the small scale businessmen and encourage them as the interest rate paid by state banks for ordinary savings deposits remains at 4 % to 4.5 % and the interest rate paid for fixed deposits remains around 8 % while the interest rate charged by the banks for housing, business and agricultural loans etc. stands at 12 % to 13 %.

P.123/'11

The Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Providing an allowance in appraisal of graduate Grama Niladharis,— That this parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to grant a pay hike or an allowance to graduate Grama Niladharis in appraisal of their graduate qualifications as no consideration has been paid to that qualification so far even though about 30 % to 40 % of the Grama Niladharis currently in service have acquired graduate qualifications despite the fact that these Grama Niladharis who serve to provide public service to the people at village level have been recruited on the marks scored at a competitive examination that they faced post G.C.E. (A/L) qualifying.

P.124/'11

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Banning the publication of the image of Lord Buddha in daily news papers and periodicals excluding academic publications,— That this Parliament resolves that legislation necessary for banning the publication of the images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues in daily news papers, periodicals and other pamphlets other than academic publications in future be introduced, as images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues are printed in daily news papers and periodicals without any restraint and extensively and as it is an insult to Lord Buddha to use such paper as wrapping for various items and for other inappropriate activities and also in consideration of the commemoration of the 2600th Buddha Jayanthi.