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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 6

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No 13 of 1989, as last amended by Act, No. 17 of 2011 relating to Excise Duties and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1747/1 of February 27th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1752/17 of April 04th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 5 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1757/4 of May 09th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1757/3 of May 09th, 2012, which was presented on 19.06.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—
Determination under the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or
Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines that the fuel allowances of
the Chairman and members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or
Corruption shall be set out as below with effect from 01.05.2012 in terms of Section
2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19
of 1994.

The Parliament further determines that the Chairman and the members of the
Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be provided
monthly with 225 litres and 170 litres of Petrol or Diesel respectively or paid an
allowance equivalent to such quantities at the prevailing rates in the market and that the
fuel allowances as determined by this resolution shall be substituted for the fuel
allowances determined by resolutions previously passed by Parliament with regard to
the fuel allowances payable to the Chairman and the members of the Commission to
Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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Buddhasravaka Bhikku University (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, July 06, 2012)

2073/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name/s, address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who
supplied dhal to the Lak Sathosa establishments in year 2011;
- (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting
those suppliers;
- (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted
bids for this tender; and
- (iv) the period of time for which the suppliers had to supply dhal
according to the aforesaid tender?

(b) If not, why?

2074/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name/s address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied sugar to the Lak Sathosa establishments in year 2011;
- (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers;
- (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
- (iv) the period of time for which the suppliers had to supply sugar according to the aforesaid tender?

(b) If not, why?

2075/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name/s, address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied eggs to the Lak Sathosa establishments in the year 2011;
- (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers ;
- (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
- (iv) the period of time for which the suppliers had to supply eggs, according to the aforesaid tender?

(b) If not, why?

2076/'11

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

- (a) Will he state the locations of Lak Sathosa outlets in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name/s, address/es and business name/s of the supplier/s who supplied chicken to the Lak Sathosa Establishments in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting those suppliers ;
 - (iii) if so, the names and the addresses of the other tenderers who submitted bids for this tender; and
 - (iv) the period of time, for which the suppliers had to supply chicken, according to the aforesaid tender?
- (c) If not, why?

2302/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, at the district level and on the basis of each designation, the number of appointments given by the Ministry of Education during the period from the year 1990 to the year 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic monthly salary stipulated for each grade of the teacher service as per the revision of the salaries of teachers made last; and
 - (ii) separately of the privileges and allowances entitled to each grade of the teacher service in addition to the monthly salary received by the government teachers ?
- (c) If not, why?

2303/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of school children who were hospitalized or who lost their lives due to dengue fever, motor accidents, committing suicide, food poisoning or being subjected to physical or mental harassments in each of the years during the period from the year 1980 to 2011, and the names of the schools to which they belonged; and
 - (ii) as per the age group and the school to which the child belongs, the number of school children who were accused of committing various offences and produced before the juvenile court during the past year?
- (b) If not, why ?

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0657/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (5)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the 30 biggest state owned enterprises in the country;
 - (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 30 biggest state owned enterprises ;
 - (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
 - (iv) the profit or loss of each entity for the last 5 years to date, on per year basis; and
 - (v) the market share of each state owned enterprise?
- (b) Will he state whether each loss making entity out of aforesaid enterprises could be made profitable?
- (c) If not, why?

1339/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the Regional Youth Resource Centre that was maintained by the National Youth Council for the youth of Damana Divisional Secretariat Division of Ampara District, has been closed for some years without being used ; and
- (ii) the opportunity for leaders to emerge and for the youth to gain vocational and sports skills have been lost due to this reason?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the obstacles that caused this resource centre to be abandoned ;
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to remove those obstacles speedily and make this centre available for the use of the youth of that area ; and
- (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?

(c) If not, why?

1664/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of chicken imported from India by Lak Sathosa during the latter half of 2010 and the first half of 2011;
- (ii) the amount paid to India per kilo of meat imported;
- (iii) the locations where such stocks of chicken were stored;
- (iv) the date on which chicken was released for consumption from the stores, the amount released and the institutions that obtained the meat, separately, with respect to each storehouse;
- (v) the amount that remained in the storehouses out of the said stocks of chicken, by June 2011; and
- (vi) the measures taken with regard to the remaining stocks?

(b) If not, why?

2057/'11

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) all purchases and sales (separately) of listed shares at the Colombo Stock Exchange done by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) in the last two years ;
 - (ii) the names of brokers responsible for each transaction ;
 - (iii) the cost of each transaction, inclusive of brokerage fees separately ; and
 - (iv) the brokerage fees paid to each stock broker company for the aforesaid period of 2 years?
- (b) Will he state the closing price of each share in (a) (i) above for two weeks prior to each purchase or sale, and 2 weeks since the purchase or sale?
- (c) If not, why?

2105/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that children drop-out at different grades within the school educational process in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the drop-out rate in relation to (a) above ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of drop-outs in each District ;
 - (iii) the drop-out rate at Grade 5 ; and
 - (iv) the drop-out rate after sitting for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) Examination?
- (c) Will he state the drop-out rates in relation to Sinhala and Tamil medium students separately?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for school drop-out in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the programmes that are implemented to motivate children to attend schools?
- (e) If not, why?

2110/'11

Hon. John Amaratunga,— Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the value of the shares held by the Employees Provident Fund in Commercial banks in Sri Lanka or abroad on per bank basis ;
- (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased on per company basis ;
- (iii) the person and/or persons from whom such shares were purchased on per company basis ;
- (iv) the value at which each lot of shares was purchased;
- (v) if any such shares have been subsequently sold, the price at which they were sold and the persons to whom they were sold; and
- (vi) the names, designations and academic qualifications of the nominees of Government and/or Employees Provident Fund to the Boards of Directors of each bank in which the shares are being held ?

(b) If not, why?

2294/'12

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

(a) Will he state separately the number of schools coming under the Central Government and the Provincial Councils that have been closed down in the year 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2011 at district level ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the alternative measures taken regarding the students and teachers of a school when it is closed down;
- (ii) the criteria used when a school is closed down;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid criteria have been followed regarding the schools that have already been closed down; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the buildings of schools that have been closed down by the year 2011 have been used for any productive purposes by now;
- (ii) if so, the purposes for which they have been used and the annual income earned through them; and
- (iii) the action that will be taken in future regarding school buildings that have not been used for any productive purpose ?

(d) If not, why ?

2610/'12

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

(a) Will he state whether —

- (i) steps have been taken to establish a Quazi Court at Muththetugala in Kurunegala District;
- (ii) the custodians of the mosque at Kurunegala bazaar have donated a 10 acre land belonging to the aforesaid mosque for this purpose; and
- (iii) financial assistance has been received from Kuwait for the construction of the aforesaid court building ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the period of time that will be taken to build this Quazi Court ?

(c) If not, why?

2612/'12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 120 students have been enrolled per year to the physical education course in the Uva College of Education in the recent past; and
- (ii) only 60 students have been enrolled to the aforesaid College of Education in the year 2012 due to the cut of allocations ?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) there are vacancies for physical education teachers in the entire school system of the Island; and
- (ii) the target of filling the aforesaid vacancies cannot be achieved owing to reducing the number of physical education students enrolled to the Uva college of Education in the year 2012 by half ?

- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to rectify the injustice caused by the aforesaid situation this year to the children living throughout the country including the Uva Province who possess necessary qualifications to follow the physical education course ?
- (d) If not, why?

2633/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of recognized political parties in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of those political parties, whether there are any political parties that obtain funds from foreign countries;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid political parties that obtain foreign funds are being monitored;
 - (iv) if so, the institution which conducts it; and
 - (v) whether the methodologies adopted for the purpose of obtaining the above mentioned funds by the political parties which obtain foreign funds, are being monitored ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1133/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of electricity consumers served by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) the number of consumers of CEB coming under the categories as follows separately: Domestic, Government Institutions, Industrial Institutions, Religious Institutions and others; and
 - (iii) the consumption of electricity by each user category as a percentage of total production ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the rates charged for the electricity from the user categories in (a)(ii) for last three years to date; and
 - (ii) the changes of rates during the aforesaid period as a percentage?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the loss incurred by the CEB per month from January 2011 to date; and
- (ii) the contribution by each of the aforesaid user category of electricity to the loss in CEB in percentages and actual values separately?

(d) If not, why?

1350/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that even though foundation stone was laid to launch a factory associated with the production of rice flour at Oluwila Walawewatta Road in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the project has been suspended midway?

(b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for suspending this project?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether speedy action will be taken to resume the activities of this project and popularize rice flour among the people of the area;
- (ii) if not, whether plans have been made to utilize this building and the land for some other purpose; and
- (iii) if so, what those plans are?

(d) If not, why?

1864/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the places where local and foreign players who participated in matches played in Sri Lanka at the last World Cup Cricket tournament were accommodated;
- (ii) the places where the aforesaid places of accommodation were located;
- (iii) the teams that lodged in each of the aforesaid places of accommodation;
- (iv) separately, the number of days each of the aforesaid places of accommodation were allocated for players; and
- (v) separately, the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid places of accommodation; and
- (vi) whether the all payments have been made for the above mentioned places of accommodation by now ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the places of accommodation for which payments are due and the amount to be paid for each place separately, if all payments have not been settled as per (vi) above; and
- (ii) if payments were not made as scheduled, the reasons for same ?

(c) If not, why ?

1187/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House for the last 5 years on per year basis separately—

- (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of garlic;
- (ii) the local production of garlic and cost of production per one kilogram of garlic;
- (iii) the import content; and
- (iv) the value of the import content of garlic?

(b) If not, why?

2080/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the lands within the city limits were acquired for widening the Colombo - Trincomalee Road under the Galewela town development plan ;
- (ii) whether compensation has been paid, for the lands and the properties that were acquired ;
- (iii) the number of persons who applied for compensation ;
- (iv) the estimated amount of money for the payment of compensation ; and
- (v) the amount of money that has been paid as compensation, by now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of applicants and the amount of money that should be paid, if there are applicants, who have not received compensation even by now for the aforesaid lands and the properties that were acquired ;
- (ii) of the reasons for not paying compensation to them ; and
- (iii) of the date on which they will be paid compensation?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 18, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0686/'10

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

- (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 this House—
 - (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?

1352/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that an electricity transformer has been installed for the purpose of supplying electricity from Mahawatta Kanda to the Thenipita Tea Colony in Kuruvita in Ratnapura District?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not supplying electricity to Thenipita Tea Colony although a transformer has been installed as stated above;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for supplying electricity to the people of the aforesaid area;
 - (iii) if so, the amount that has been allocated; and
 - (iv) if electricity is supplied, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1865/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employment opportunities agreed to be provided to Sri Lanka by the Korean Government in year 2011 ;
 - (ii) of the number of applications brought to this country from Korea for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the number of applications distributed in the first instance ;
 - (iv) whether the number of applications brought were sufficient to be provided to the applicants ;
 - (v) if not, whether applications were brought to this country from Korea again ;
 - (vi) if the additional number of applications required were printed in this country, the name of the institution which printed them ; and
 - (vii) if the aforesaid institution is not a government institution, the names and addresses of its owners?
- (b) Will he state the procedure adopted in recruiting persons for employment opportunities in Korea?
- (c) If not, why?

2023/'11

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign scholarships that have been awarded to the officials by the Ministry of Disaster Management and the institutions coming under its purview, within the years 2010 and 2011?
 - (ii) the names of officials who have been awarded the above mentioned scholarships ?
- (b) If not, why?

2106/'11

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately on district basis the number of government schools in terms of their medium of instruction;
- (ii) separately the number of National schools, Provincial schools, Novodya schools and Isuru schools;
- (iii) the number of primary and secondary schools; and
- (iv) the number of schools that belong to the 1000 secondary schools project;

in relation to the schools operative in plantation sector in Sri Lanka at present ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately at district or zonal level, the results of Grade 5 Scholarship Examination, Ordinary Level Examination and Advanced Level Examination of the students in the plantation sector for the last 5 years; and
- (ii) the measures taken to ensure that students in the plantation sector can obtain better results ?

(c) If not, why?

2295/'12

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

(a) Will he state the human and physical resources development projects implemented under the Ministry of Education at present ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the prime objective;
 - (ii) of the year of commencement and the proposed year of completion;
 - (iii) of the total amount estimated ;
 - (iv) of the institution that grants money and the amount of money granted separately, if foreign aid is received ; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the government ;
- in relation to each of the aforesaid projects ?

(c) If not, why ?

1063/'11

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the total amount in US Dollars to be paid at the end of the period of loans or grants lent for last 15 years by the countries and institutions as follows; China, USA, India, IMF, World Bank, ADB, JBIC and EU ; and
 - (ii) the average pay back period of loans per country or institution separately ?
- (b) If not why?

1353/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the roof of the building which houses the Medagama Divisional Education Office which comes under the Bibile Education Zone in Monaragala District is facing the danger of destruction as result of decay; and
 - (ii) this situation has become a threat to the lives of the workers there and it has also hampered the administrative activities of the office?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to renovate this office building speedily;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the renovation work will be started;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount that has been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2081/'11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of petrol that has been released to the filling stations, out of the sub-standard stock of petrol that was imported by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the recent past;
 - (ii) of the quantity that has not been released out of the aforesaid stock;
 - (iii) of the value of the aforesaid quantity of fuel that has not been released;
 - (iv) whether a quantity of fuel has been released out of the remaining stock of fuel after the aforesaid stock of fuel was identified to be a substandard stock; and
 - (v) of the action that is to be taken or that has been taken with regard to the remaining stock of fuel ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2288/'12

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which land was taken over to build Mahinda Rajapakse College at Pitipana, Homagama;
 - (ii) the person in authority who took over the land;
 - (iii) whether there were any residents in the aforesaid land before Mahinda Rajapakse College was built;
 - (iv) whether the land of Mr. M.A. Anura who has been residing at 1/7 B, Pitipana South, Homagama for 35 years, too has been taken over for the aforesaid purpose; and
 - (v) the relief granted to the residents when the aforesaid land was taken over ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) electricity supply provided to the residents of the aforesaid land which was taken over, has been disconnected by now;
 - (ii) the well which was used by them has been closed down;
 - (iii) the fundamental rights to life of the residents of the aforesaid land has been violated as a result of the above mentioned condition which arose after the aforesaid land was taken over ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2296/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately the years in which the projects named “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” were commenced;
 - (ii) the objectives of starting “ Isuru Schools” and “ Nayodya Schools”; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid projects are implemented separately even at present ?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of local funds provided;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign funds provided; and
 - (iii) the institutions that have granted foreign funds, the amount of funds granted and the relevant years separately;
- for “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” projects ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) at district level, the number of schools developed under the aforesaid projects from the year of commencement upto now;
- (ii) separately the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” expected to be developed in the next 10 years under the aforesaid projects;
- (iii) the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” which are included in the project of 1000 secondary schools implemented at district level ?

(d) If not, why?

1200/’11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the countries to which Sri Lankans went for employments in the years of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010;
- (ii) the number of males and females went to those countries for employments on per year basis in aforesaid years separately;
- (iii) the average salary earned by them; and
- (iv) whether there is a minimum salary that they are to be received?

(b) If not, why?

1359/’11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the organic fertilizer plant of Wettawa which comes under the Katana Pradeshiya Sabha area of Gampaha District, has been established near a busy street; and
- (ii) as a result, the health of the people of that area is under threat?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to establish that organic fertilizer plant in an isolated area, taking the above mentioned situation into consideration;
- (ii) whether plans in that respect have been made by now;
- (iii) if so, of the place where it is proposed to be relocated; and
- (iv) of the period of time required to establish the fertilizer plant at that location ?

(c) If not, why?

2082/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the loss caused to the farmers owing to the failure of crops which happened as a result of the non germination of the seeds given to them for cultivating big onions in year 2010, has been estimated ;
- (ii) accordingly, the loss incurred per acre of big onion cultivation ;
- (iii) the total acreage of big onion cultivation that was damaged owing to the non germination of seeds ; and
- (iv) the number of farmer families that were affected as a result of the above situation?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the payment of compensation, for farmers whose cultivations have been damaged as stated above, has been completed ;
- (ii) if so, the amount of compensation paid per acre ; and
- (iii) if compensation has not been paid, the reasons for it?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the details of the institution or institutions that imported the seeds that did not germinate ; and
- (ii) the persons who authorized those institutions to import low quality seeds?

(d) If not, why?

2297/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the annual income limit of the parents which is considered when awarding Mahapola Scholarships to the students of universities and other higher educational institutes;
- (ii) the year in which the above mentioned income limit pertaining to the Mahapola Scholarship was revised last; and
- (iii) the income limit that was taken into account prior to the above mentioned revision made with regard to the Mahapola Scholarship ?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 19, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0691/'10

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

- (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?

1364/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a stretch of about 3 kilometers of the Madala-Dammulla-Karadina main road which belongs to the Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Ratnapura District has been developed by carpeting ; and
 - (ii) people of that area make allegations that the development work has been done without adhering to the proper standard?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total amount spent for developing the 03 kilometer stretch of the aforesaid road ; and
- (ii) whether the relevant technical officer report has been obtained prior to making the payment to the contractor?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tenders were invited for the aforesaid development work ;
- (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that offered tenders ;
- (iii) of the tenders offered by each of the aforesaid institutions ; and
- (iv) of the institution that was granted the tender and the amount of the tender offered?

(d) If not, why?

1868/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of permanent employees serving at Sri Lanka Telecom;
- (ii) the number of regional offices of Sri Lanka Telecom situated island wide; and
- (iii) the number of permanent employees serving at each of those offices separately?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom; and
- (ii) separately the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the other executive officers of that institution?

(c) If not, why?

2298/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the educational reforms that were effected in the system of education in Sri Lanka after the Independence and the main objectives of introducing each of those reforms; and
 - (ii) the changes that have been made to the school syllabuses under each of the above mentioned reforms ?
- (b) If not, why?

2628/'12

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the movement of vehicles has become difficult;
 - (ii) pedestrians face great inconveniences; and
 - (iii) road accidents have increased;

as a result of the electricity posts on the Ampara main road, which was widened and reconstructed about five years ago, have not been removed and placed in suitable places?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to facilitate the users of the aforesaid road by rectifying the above mentioned condition prevailing on the Ampara main road?
- (c) If not, why ?

0993/'10

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the Gas Company was sold to the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the price and the percentage of the shares that were sold;
 - (iii) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of selling the Gas Company;
 - (iv) the dividend received by government from the date of sale to the date of repurchase; and
 - (v) the Shell Terminal shares holding by the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the price paid by the government to buy back the shares of the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares bought back by the government;
 - (iii) as to when the aforesaid repurchasing was done; and
 - (iv) as to how the valuation was agreed upon?
- (c) If not, why?

1370/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Weligama Urban Council has taken over an extent of 18.235 perches from the land known as Thanigahawatta, at No 153/1, new Galle road, Kapparatota, Weligama belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brother s at 'Darshana', kapparatota, Weligama in the Weligama, Pradeshiya Sabba area;
- (ii) though it is now nearly a year since this take over, no compensation has been paid so far; and
- (iii) the Weligama Urban Council has now put up buildings covering the adjoining lands belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brothers in addition to the land taken over by way of a Gazette notification?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for not paying compensation against the land that was taken over;
- (ii) if compensation will be paid, the time it will take; and
- (iii) the amount that will be paid as compensation?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a compensation will also be paid against those portions of land which were used to put up the buildings mentioned in (iii) above;
- (ii) if so, the amount to be paid as compensation?

(d) If not, why?

2083/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a part of the forest reserve which comes under the Yodawewa sanctuary has been cleared ;
- (ii) if so, the extent of the aforesaid land that has been cleared ;
- (iii) the names of the persons who cleared the aforesaid land in the sanctuary ;
- (iv) the reasons for clearing the aforesaid land ;
- (v) whether the approval of the Wildlife Conservation Department pertaining to the environmental impact has been obtained ;
- (vi) if so, whether the aforesaid permits will be presented to this House ;and
- (vii) whether the aforesaid plot of land belongs to the catchment area of the Yodawewa?

(b) If not, why?

2299/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the programmes implemented by the Ministry of Education of the Central Government and Provincial Ministries of Education for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector from the year 2005 upto 2011; and
 - (ii) separately the amount of money allocated for each of those programmes ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the various Non Governmental Organizations which have taken measures for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector; and
 - (ii) separately the programmes implemented by each of those institutions and the value of the financial allocations made for those programmes ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2629/'12

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 800 persons belonging to about 214 families living in Gandhipuram Village in Porathivpatru of Wellaweli Division are facing great difficulties to obtain drinking water;
 - (ii) the well water available in that area gives a brackish taste; and
 - (iii) the people of the aforesaid area have requested that they be provided with drinking water facility ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to solve the problem of drinking water facility in that area ?
- (c) If not, why?

1306/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total remittances received in to the country for over last 10 years on per year basis in USD and SL rupees;
 - (ii) the names of the countries from which those remittance were received; and
 - (iii) the average remittance per person from each of the aforesaid countries for the last 5 years on per year and per country basis?

- (b) Will he also state the benefits given to the citizens who are helping to protect our external reserves?
- (c) If not, why?

1396/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a very dangerous situation has arisen as a result of not repairing the Dangaha Ela bridge situated at Wellathota in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to commence the repair work of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the repair work will be commenced; and
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for it have been made by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2114/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited, which was established consequent to the Cabinet approval which permitted joint ventures to be entered into by the Road Development Authority, the Construction Industries Council and the Construction Contractors Association, was registered;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of shares owned by the Road Development Authority, the Construction Industries Council and the Construction Contractors Association in the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) whether shares were allocated to other individuals or institutions in addition to the aforesaid institutions during the period in which the aforesaid company was registered;
 - (iv) if so allocated, their names, addresses and the amount of shares owned by each individual or institution separately;
 - (v) the names and addresses of the current shareholders of Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company; and
 - (vi) separately, the name and address of each shareholder who purchased shares and disposed of purchased shares from the year the aforesaid company was established to date ?
- (b) If not, why?

2306/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of mothers who were imprisoned with their children who were 5 years old or under the age of 5 years in the years 2005 and 2011, on the basis of the nature of the offence and on the basis of the jail term;
 - (ii) the number of children who were with the aforesaid mothers as at the year 2011, on the basis of the age ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the courses of action that have been followed regarding the protection and the development of the children who are with their mothers in prison;
 - (ii) the amounts of money that had been allocated for the aforesaid purposes in each of the years during the period from year 2000 to 2011 ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the welfare programmes that are being implemented the financial assistance provided by the government or various non governmental organizations for the benefit of the children and women who were in prison; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money spent by each of the aforesaid institutions in 2010 for the development of women and children in prison?
- (d) If not, why?

2630/'12

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that in Kaleimagal Vidyalaya situated in Gandhipuram village in Wellaveli area of Digamudulla District—
 - (i) classes are held only from grade 1 to grade 5; and
 - (ii) the residents of the aforesaid village request that the shortage of physical resources prevailing at the aforesaid school be remedied ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action would be taken promptly —
 - (i) to provide physical resources to Kaleimagal Vidyalaya in Gandhipuram village; and
 - (ii) to promote the aforesaid school to a school where classes are held upto Ordinary Level ?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 20, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0851/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (3)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the domestic rice consumption in year 2009 and 2010; and
 - (ii) estimated consumption in 2011 and 2012?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of government institutions that imported 100,000 metric tons of rice in , February 2010;
 - (ii) the source of finance for said importation; and
 - (iii) the import price, selling price ,the quantity sold and quantity in stock of rice imported as per above?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) approximately 30,000 metric tons of rice imported as per above have been sold to the private sector in September, 2010 at the price of Rs. 31/= per Kg whereas the price of imported rice was over Rs. 65/= per Kg; and
 - (ii) the private merchants have sold that rice in the local market even though the government had insisted them not to do so?
- (d) Will he state the action taken against the private merchants who sold rice as per above?
- (e) If not, why?

1567/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that people's lives have been put at great risk as the iron bridge built connecting the road from Mahaoya to Pollebedda in Mahaoya Divisional Secretariat Division of Ampara District has decayed and is in a dilapidated condition?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether renovation work of that bridge will be started soon;
- (ii) if so of the date on which it will be done;
- (iii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
- (iv) if so, of the amount allocated?

(c) If not, why?

1869/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately the income earned by Sri Lanka Telecom from consumer telephone connections in each of the years from year 2005 upto now;
- (ii) the date on which Sri Lanka Telecom started providing wireless fixed phones (CDMA) to the consumers;
- (iii) the number of consumers who are using CDMA phones provided by Sri Lanka Telecom at present;
- (iv) separately the annual income earned by the aforesaid institution from providing CDMA phones since the date on which the provision of such telephone connection was started upto now; and
- (v) separately the price at which a CDMA phones connection was provided by Sri Lanka Telecom at the initial stage and the price at which the same telephone connection is provided at present?

(b) If not, why?

1911/'11

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (3)

(a) Is he aware that in accordance with the principles in National Involuntary Re-settlement Policy (NIRP) which was approved by the Cabinet in May 2001;

- (i) the involuntary resettlements are implemented only if it is unavoidable;
- (ii) selecting relocation sites, livelihood compensation and development options are determined after fully consultation of affected people;
- (iii) either providing replacement land or paying cash in lieu as compensation is done considering lost land, structures and livelihoods;
- (iv) compensation for whole land is paid promptly at replacement values;

- (v) people having no documented title to land receive fair and just treatment; and
 - (vi) affected people are assisted to re-establish and facilitated to improve quality of life?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the instances along with the implementing agencies where the NIRP was adhered to within the Colombo Municipal Council since January 2010; and
 - (ii) whether the NIRP will be strictly implemented in all Municipalities, Urban Centres and Metropolitan Cities?
- (c) If not, why?

2304/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately —
- (i) the number of teachers who went abroad to serve as teachers after obtaining leave from the Ministry of Education or leaving the service permanently during the past 10 years; and
 - (ii) on the basis of each country, the number of foreigners who have received appointments from the Ministry of Education and engaged in the teaching profession in this country during the past 10 years ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2631/'12

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

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
- (i) a pledge was made by the government at the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2006 to the effect that the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution would be further strengthened and the impediments to the implementation of the Seventeenth Amendment would be removed;
 - (ii) again in 2007 a pledge was made at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) meeting to implement the Seventeenth Amendment;
 - (iii) the said pledge has been breached by the nullification of the Seventeenth Amendment through the promulgation of the Eighteenth Amendment;
 - (iv) the breach of this pledge has resulted in the credibility of the government being eroded at the international arena; and
 - (v) this situation has put the country in disgrace ?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the government will take steps forthwith to implement the Seventeenth Amendment and thereby setup Independent Commissions as the need for Independent Commissions has been recommended by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and the Resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council on Sri Lanka?

- (c) If not, why?

2632/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—

- (i) whether Public Health Midwives have been recruited to the Health Department in the year 2011;
- (ii) the number of Public Health Midwives recruited during the aforesaid year; and
- (iii) the number of Public Health Midwives who were serving in the country by the month of May in year 2012?

- (b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that some vacancies for Public Health Midwives are yet to be filled; and
- (ii) if so, the courses of action that have been followed to fill those vacancies ?

- (c) If not, why?

1199/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he state for last 5 years on per year basis—

- (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of coconuts ;
- (ii) the imported amount of coconuts;
- (iii) the value of imported coconuts; and
- (iv) the real subsidy given to coconut importers by the government with evidence to confirm it?

- (b) Will he also state the direct and indirect taxes imposed on coconuts produced locally and coconuts imported, separately?

- (c) If not, why?

1571/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that as a result of the run-down roof and walls of a building that houses four classrooms in Ga/Seevali Maha Vidyalaya, Ethkandura belonging to the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office of the Galle District, the students of the aforesaid school have to carry out their educational activities under highly insecure condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to repair the aforesaid building promptly;
 - (ii) if so, the financial allocation set aside for the purpose; and
 - (iii) the date, if renovation activities are to be started?
- (c) If not, why?

2115/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, — To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the equipment, lands, buildings and other resources which were owned by the Road Construction and Development Company and handed over to Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the area of the buildings handed over; and
 - (iv) the prices assessed as of that date in handing over the equipment and machinery ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total value of the machinery and equipment handed over to Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited;
 - (ii) whether an agreement was reached for the aforesaid value;
 - (iii) if so, whether that agreement will be tabled;
 - (iv) the deadline for the completion of payments to the government for the value obtained as per the said agreement; and
 - (v) separately, the amount already paid and the amount due to be paid out of the aforesaid payments ?
- (c) If not, why?

2310/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately the number of students who have left schools at grade five and after taking up G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination in each of the years during the period from year 2000 to 2011 on the basis of ;
 - (i) gender;
 - (ii) Sinhala, Tamil, English media; and
 - (iii) rural, urban and estate sectors ?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, the percentage of children in the age group of 5-14 years who have not been admitted to a school in each of the years during the period from year 2000 to 2011?
- (c) Will he state separately on the basis of gender, the percentage of children —
 - (i) admitted to primary education;
 - (ii) remaining in schools up to grade five;
 - (iii) remaining in schools up to Ordinary Level;in the years 2000, 2005, 2010 ?
- (d) Will he state separately the Computer Literacy rate of school children in rural, urban and estate sectors in the year 2010 ?
- (e) If not, why ?

1307/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately—
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?

- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for aforesaid years separately—
- (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the Ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other out-sourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in out-sourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1576/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the building which houses the out patients department of Ihala Beligalla rural hospital situated at Beliatta area in the Hambantota District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) this situation has posed a threat even to the lives of the patients who come for treatment and the members of the hospital staff?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building;
 - (ii) if provisions have been allocated for that purpose, the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2116/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately on annual basis, the rental to be received for the plant and machinery belonging to the Road Development Authority held by Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited during the period from the year 2005 to 2011;
 - (ii) separately, the amount recovered and the amount not recovered in each year out of the aforesaid rentals; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the non-recovery of the aforesaid fees?
- (b) If not, why?

2311/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the application of the “Z-Score” was commenced for the evaluation of the results of the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level on which the admission to the universities in Sri Lanka is based;
- (ii) the main reason for the decision to take into account the Z-Score changing the district marks level which was considered for the admission to universities; and
- (iii) the other countries that employed the Z-Score system as being used in Sri Lanka for evaluating the results of the university entrance examinations ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Z-Score which is taken into account for university entrance is accorded for a student who did not sit even for one subject at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination; and
- (ii) whether the Z-Score is taken into account for university entrance is accorded for a student who failed even one subject having sat for all subjects of the above examination ?

(c) If not, why ?
