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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,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Sections 4 (3), 14 and 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and by Act, No. 28 of 1987, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1764/9 of June 27th, 2012, which were presented on 07.08.2012, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0657/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (6)

(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 into each entity and the number of workers in them 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 the aforesaid enterprises could be made profitable?

(c) If not, why?

1364/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(3)

- (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 3 kilometer stretch of the aforesaid road ; and
 - (ii) whether the relevant Technical Officer's 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?

1724/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a non banking financial institution named Industrial Finance Limited has been registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the date on which it was registered;
 - (iii) separately, the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors along with their addresses and the experience in the financial field?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this company had been owned by some other company earlier;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that company; and
 - (iii) the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors along with their addresses?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of customers of the I.F.L. company at present;
- (ii) the number of depositors who have deposited money in the aforesaid company; and
- (iii) the value of the deposits of the aforesaid company as at 31st March 2011?

(d) If not, why?

2503/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of media personnel who had registered with the government in each of the years during the period from the year 2005; and
- (ii) the number of media personnel who disappeared and the number of media personnel who were killed during the aforesaid period ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of registered newspapers, radio channels, television channels and websites as at 2011;
- (ii) of the number of media institutions which were banned during the period from the year 2005 up to now;
- (iii) of the reasons for banning each of the aforesaid media institutions ?

(c) If not, why ?

2624/'12

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether kerosene and diesel subsidies were granted to people when fuel prices went up in 2007;
- (ii) if so, the value of the kerosene subsidy granted to one family;
- (iii) the methodology adopted for selecting the recipients of kerosene subsidy;
- (iv) separately, the amounts of money allocated in the years 2008,2009,2010 and 2011 in order to grant the aforesaid kerosene subsidy;
- (v) the persons to whom the diesel subsidy was granted;
- (vi) whether a pledge had been made to grant a diesel subsidy to the fishing community too; and
- (vii) if so, the amounts of money allocated in the years 2008,2009,2010 and 2011 separately, in order to grant the diesel subsidy to the fishing community ?

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(b) If diesel and kerosene subsidies have not been granted as mentioned above, will he admit that the people have been deceived since 2007 up to now ?

(c) If not, why?

2720/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) whether an annual assessment of the volume of water lost to the Water Supply and Drainage Board owing to misuse and waste of water by main and peripheral water supply lines in each province is made;

(ii) if so, the volume of pipe borne water lost annually in each province in the above mentioned manner separately; and

(iii) the measures expected to be adopted by the Water Supply and Drainage Board to minimize the aforesaid waste of water ?

(b) If not, why?

2776/'12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether a building has been constructed by the Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha at Niwdawa in Bandaragama for the use of a project under which food stuffs are dried and made available in packets by using machines?

(b) If so, will he inform this House in relation to the aforesaid project—

(i) of the year of commencement;

(ii) of the amount of money invested;

(iii) of the number of jobs that have been provided by now; and

(iv) of the income generated from the date of commencement?

(c) If not, why?

1841/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the construction work of the bridge over the Kolamunu Oya at Kothmitiyana in Bamunukotuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District has not been started eventhough a period of more than one year has elapsed since the foundation stone was laid ?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for not starting the construction work of that bridge;
- (ii) whether financial allocations have been made for that purpose; and
- (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction work of the bridge over the Kolamunu Oya for which the foundation stone was laid, will be restarted; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be restarted?

(d) If not, why?

2131/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any person has taken away the vehicles which belong to the Road Development Authority;
- (ii) if so, the name of the aforesaid person;
- (iii) the number of vehicles taken away by him;
- (iv) the makes and the registration numbers of those vehicles;
- (v) the date on which the aforesaid vehicles were taken away; and
- (vi) if the aforesaid vehicles were returned to the Road Development Authority, the relevant date on which it was done?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that taking away government vehicles in the aforesaid manner is contrary to the Public Enterprises Circular dated 08.01.2004; and
- (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken in relation to taking away the aforesaid vehicles?

(c) If not, why ?

2185/'11

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

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Ltd. for the last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves utilized;
 - (ii) the profit or loss;
 - (iii) the total staff cost and the profit per employee;
 - (iv) the cost per passenger; and
 - (v) the amount of duties or taxes paid to the government ?
- (b) Will he further state—
 - (i) the capital, money, loans and guarantees that have been given;
 - (ii) the details of them; and
 - (iii) the purpose of giving them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the total loans outstanding of the Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Ltd. as at today?
- (d) If not, why?

2626/'12

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90 dated 18th October 1990 have been made applicable to the employees of the People's Bank with effect from 7th June 1996;
 - (ii) Bank of Ceylon and National Savings Bank have not made that Circular applicable to their employees;
 - (iii) the Public Administration Circular No.44/90 implemented for a special requirement of the Public Service, was cancelled on 23rd December 1996; and
 - (iv) despite the fact mentioned in (iii) above, the pension scheme implemented by the People's Bank based on the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90, is maintained by that Bank up to now?
- (b) Will he state whether the pension scheme that existed prior to 7th June 1996 will be implemented again for the employees of the People's Bank, with effect from the date on which the Public Administration Circular No. 44/90 was cancelled ?
- (c) If not, why?

2779/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of licences that have been issued to run radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have been given those licences; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money charged from the above mentioned licensees for each of the licences issued?
- (b) If not, why?

1842/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to set up a tourist zone in a large extent of land belonging to the Yala Sanctuary adjoining the Yala Village Hotel located in the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land expected to be used for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether there is a plan to lease out the lands acquired for the aforesaid tourist zone to local or foreign investors;
 - (iv) if so, the period for which the aforesaid lands will be leased out; and
 - (v) if lands are leased out to foreign investors, the names of those investors and the names of countries to which they belong?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money at which an acre of land in this area which is in the Yala Sanctuary is expected to be leased out; and
 - (ii) of the income that the government expects to generate through this leasing out of land?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that making the Yala Sanctuary a tourist zone in the above mentioned manner will pose a grave threat to the fauna and flora in the Sanctuary; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for taking such a step ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2132/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the allowances paid to the employees of the Road Development Authority have been increased since the year 2005;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so increased;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of allowances paid in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
 - (iv) whether the approval of the General Treasury has been obtained for the payment of the aforesaid allowances;
 - (v) if so, whether that approval will be tabled;
 - (vi) whether the circular on which the aforesaid allowances were paid will be tabled; and
 - (vii) the name and the designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the aforesaid payments ?
- (b) If not, why?

2186/'11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of plantation companies that have been regularized; and
 - (ii) the total profit or loss per company and all together?
- (b) Will he state per year basis for the last 3 years—
 - (i) whether the government has given money, loans or written off any dues from those companies;
 - (ii) if so, amount granted as per the above; and
 - (iii) whether the government is taking lands from the regional plantation companies;
 - (iv) if so, the number of acres taken; and
 - (v) the purpose for which the land is being taken?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the government is once again going to regularize the plantation companies with immediate effect ?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1133/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of electricity consumers served by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) the number of consumers of the CEB coming under the categories separately as Domestic, Government Institutions, Industrial Institutions, Religious Institutions and others; and
 - (iii) the consumption of electricity by each user category as a percentage of the total production ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the rates charged for the electricity from the user categories in (a)(ii) above for the last three years to date; and
 - (ii) the changes of rates during the aforesaid period as a percentage?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (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 the CEB in percentages and actual values separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1370/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (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 brothers at 'Darshana', kapparatota, Weligama in the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (ii) though it is now nearly a year since this taking 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 state—

- (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 lands 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?

1868/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

(a) Will he state the number of—

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

(b) Will he inform this House separately, of—

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

(c) If not, why?

2057/'11

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (4)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of all the purchases and sales of listed shares at the Colombo Stock Exchange done by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) during the period of the last two years ;
- (ii) the names of the 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 two 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 two weeks since the purchase or sale?
- (c) If not, why?

2106/'11

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

- (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 the plantation sector in Sri Lanka at present ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (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) of the measures taken to ensure that the students in the plantation sector can obtain better results ?

- (c) If not, why?

2288/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the 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 the 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; and
- (iii) the fundamental rights to life of the residents of the aforesaid land have been violated as a result of the above mentioned condition which arose after the aforesaid land was taken over ?

(c) If not, why ?

2294/'12

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

(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 years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2011 at district level ?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the alternative measures taken regarding the students and the 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 also 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 the school buildings that have not been used for any productive purpose ?

(d) If not, why ?

2785/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that there is a problem with regard to the non-implementation of the orders given to the government departments and institutions by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission ?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the aim that is expected to be achieved by the Public Administration Circular 17/2005 that has been issued pertaining to the implementation of the orders of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission; and

(ii) whether that aim has been achieved by now ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of orders given by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission upon investigating disputes from 05.10.2005 up to date;

(ii) out of those orders, the number of orders that have been implemented by the relevant government institutions and officials; and

(iii) whether follow up action has been taken to ensure that the orders given by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission are implemented accordingly ?

(d) If not, why?

1843/'11

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

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) a valuable paddy storage complex in Kandalama, Dambulla in Matale District has been abandoned without making use of it; and

(ii) the said storage complex can be restored for the use of stocking the paddy purchased from farmers as lack of storage space is a hindrance to the paddy purchasing process of the government?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) if so, whether it has been planned to restore the aforesaid storage complex and use it for the storage of paddy;

(ii) if not, whether there is a plan to use it for some other useful purpose;

(iii) if so, what that purpose is; and

(iv) if those buildings are to be used for the storage of paddy or some other purpose, the date on which such work will be started?

(c) If not, why?

2133/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the manner in which the amount of money spent to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka, was obtained ; and
 - (ii) separately, the items on which the above expenses were made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka has received any benefit as a result of the expenses made to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in our country ;
 - (ii) if so, of the benefits gained ;
 - (iii) of the number of members in the Committee which took action to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (iv) separately, the name, designation and relevant qualifications of each of the aforesaid members?
- (c) If not, why?

2187/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of non-functional Public Enterprises in the country;
 - (ii) the names of those Enterprises;
 - (iii) the total number of employees working in those institutions at present;
 - (iv) the total loss of the aforesaid institutions to date; and
 - (v) the actions taken by the government to solve the problems exist in those institutions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the non- functional Public Enterprises are going to be privatized or closed ; and
 - (ii) if not, as to why they are being recapitalized at this moment?
- (c) If not, why?

2295/'12

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

- (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 ?

1876/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the two storey building of the Provincial Hospital at Badulla where clinics No. 72 and 73 are held, is getting damaged as a result of the caving in of the foundation of that building; and
 - (ii) the people of the area level allegations that the building has not been constructed in compliance with the required standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the awarding of the contract for the construction of this building;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the persons or institutions that offered bids; and
 - (iii) the name of the person who was awarded the contract?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the construction of the Provincial Hospital at Badulla;
 - (ii) whether the Technical Officer's report has been obtained prior to making payments to the contractor; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to hold a proper investigation regarding the construction of that hospital building ?
- (d) If not, why?

2134/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money set aside by the government under the budget proposals of 2007 for the purpose of uplifting the garment factories that incurred losses ;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the garment factories that received such funds ;and
- (iii) separately, the amounts given to each factory?
- (iv) the finance institutions that made funds available for garment factories ;
- (v) separately, the amount of money made available by each such finance institution ;
- (vi) the amount paid back by the garment factories that received such funds by now ;
- (vii) the outstanding amount as at present ;
- (viii) the number of employment opportunities generated by each factory after obtaining such funds ; and
- (ix) out of those factories, the number of factories operational at present?

(b) If not, why?

2188/'11

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

(a) Will he state for the last five years —

- (i) the total container movement in the country ;
- (ii) the total container movement in the country per port, per berth;
- (iii) the domestic containers handled in Sri Lanka per port, per berth; and
- (iv) the prognosis of container movement for the next 5 years?

(b) Will he inform this House for the last five years—

- (i) the number of cargoes handled in ports of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) their handling cost and the revenue earned in rupee value;
- (iii) the quantity of general cargoes handled by the Ports Authority on per port, per berth basis; and
- (iv) as to where most of the cargoes were originated?

(c) If not why?

Thursday, September 20, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1197/'11

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

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last five years—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of eggs;
 - (ii) the production cost of eggs in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the amount of eggs that was imported;
 - (iv) the value of the imported amount of eggs; and
 - (v) the real subsidy given to the importers of eggs?
- (b) Will he also state separately, all the taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on eggs imported and produced locally?
- (c) If not, why?

1396/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a very dangerous situation has arisen as a result of not repairing the Dangaha Ela bridge situated at Wellatota in the Tihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in 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?

2036/'11

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually by Sri Lanka Cricket for sending its officers abroad from the year 2008 up to now ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on each of the occasions when officers were sent abroad in each of the aforesaid years ; and
 - (iii) the number of days spent abroad by the officers on each of those occasions?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the positive or negative results gained by the game of cricket as an outcome of the aforesaid foreign trips made by the officers ;
 - (ii) separately, of the amounts of money spent on travelling, accommodation and other expenses of each of the officers who went abroad ;
 - (iii) whether tour itineraries relevant to the trips made by the aforesaid officers will be submitted ; and
 - (iv) separately, of the monthly salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid officers?
- (c) If not, why?

2296/'12

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

- (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 even at present ?
- (b) Will he also 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 also 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; and
 - (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?

1877/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the Nanagoda bridge located in the Walallavita Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Kalutara District has been stopped halfway?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the estimated amount for the construction of the aforesaid bridge ;
 - (ii) whether the necessary allocations have been made for the aforesaid construction ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the construction work of the Nanagoda bridge will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2135/'11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the estimated amount of money for the construction of one metre length of the protection fence on either side of the Colombo-Kandy Highway widened by the Road Development Authority ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for constructing one metre stretch of that protection fence ;
 - (iii) the total length of the protection fence as stated in the estimate ;
 - (iv) the total amount of money estimated for the construction of the protection fence ; and
 - (v) the total amount of money spent on the construction of the aforesaid protection fence?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether extensions have been made to the protection fence in addition to the length mentioned in the estimate ;
 - (ii) if so, the length of the extensions ; and
 - (iii) the reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

2189/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether petroleum was found in Pasikuda under the then government during 1970-1977;
 - (ii) if so, as to when it was found; and
 - (iii) the quantity of petroleum found?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the present Minister of Petroleum Industries declared that petroleum was found in Sri Lanka in October 2011;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity that was found;
 - (iii) as to when it will be sold to the local market; and
 - (iv) as to when oil and gas prices will be reduced?
- (c) If not, why?

2298/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, separately of—
 - (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?

1878/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that necessary action is being taken to close down the Halpandeniya Rathna Vidyalaya, which is situated in the Tangalle Education Zone in Matara District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to start a government factory or any other activity using the resources of the aforesaid school ;
 - (ii) if so, whether plans have been made for that ; and
 - (iii) of the activity which is expected to be commenced in the aforesaid school according to the plans mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

2136/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Road Construction and Development Company has been liquidated by now;
 - (ii) separately, the invoiced annual rent of Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited from 2005 to 2011;
 - (iii) whether agreements have been signed between Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited and the Road Development Authority with relevance to the renting of those assets; and
 - (iv) whether that agreements will be tabled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are share certificates for the funds invested in Maga Neguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited by the Road Development Authority; and
 - (ii) whether those certificates will be tabled ?
- (c) If not, why?

2190/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of elections held in Sri Lanka for the last 10 years;
 - (ii) whether election for all Provincial Councils have been held on one day; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why they were not held together?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total cost per election held since 1st January 2005 to date separately;
 - (ii) as to when the next Provincial Council election is due; and
 - (iii) as to why the electronic voting system is not being implemented within the election system of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

2299/'12

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

- (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 also 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 ?

Friday, September 21, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1200/'11

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

- (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 the 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?

1579/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Officers' Hostel located at the Kalutara Main Post Office in Kalutara District is in a dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he would take steps to renovate this building expeditiously;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated; and
 - (iv) the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2037/'11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the company which has been awarded the contract to supply coal for the Norachchola Thermal Power Plant;
 - (ii) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in awarding that contract; and
 - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of the other tenderers who submitted tenders to get that contract?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid company, which supplies coal, has been given the approval of the Technical Assessment Committee appointed by the Ministry of Power and Energy; and
 - (ii) whether he will submit that assessment certificate?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the date of commencement and the effective period of the agreement pertaining to supply of coal;
 - (ii) the number of metric tons of coal supplied from the commencement of the agreement up to October 2011; and
 - (iii) the actual requirement of coal for the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1879/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the hospital at Horawala, Haburugala in Galle District provide services to people in 18 Grama Niladhari Divisions ;
 - (ii) a sufficient number of doctors is not available in the aforesaid hospital ;
 - (iii) as a result, the above hospital has faced the risk of being closed down at present ; and
 - (iv) the building of the aforesaid hospital, which was started to be constructed 20 years ago, is still confined to the foundation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the shortage of doctors and buildings prevailing at the hospital at Horawala, Haburugala will be remedied soon ; and
 - (ii) plans have been made for that?
- (c) If not, why?

2137/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles belonging to the Road Development Authority that have been given to the Maganeguma Road Construction Equipment Company Limited ;
 - (ii) the dates on which such vehicles were given ;
 - (iii) the registration numbers and makes of the vehicles given ;
 - (iv) the reasons for giving such vehicles ;
 - (v) the vehicles that have been taken back by the Road Development Authority at present ; and
 - (vi) the condition of the vehicles taken back?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether due payments are made in relation to the vehicles given to the aforesaid company by the Road Development Authority ; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount received in relation to each vehicle separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2191/'11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total liability of Ports Authority of Sri Lanka on per port basis;
 - (ii) the instances where the Ports Authority has given guarantees, bank guarantees or undertaken liabilities for loans not taken by them; and
 - (iii) whether the undertaking given to Sri Lanka Cricket is highlighted within the liabilities given in (a) (i) above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of lands in the country owned by the Ports Authority or vested in the Ports Authority;
 - (ii) the lands in the Colombo District owned by the Ports Authority along with the extent separately;
 - (iii) the activities that are being done on the allocated or erected lands of the Ports Authority; and
 - (iv) the lands or lands with buildings that the Ports Authority expends money for maintenance?
- (c) Will he also state the net profit of the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2011 to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

1880/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) due to the shortage of buildings and teachers that exists at Middeniya Primary School administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office in Walasmulla Education Zone in Hambanthota District, the students have faced severe difficulties; and
 - (ii) even though the authorities have been informed of the building shortage and teacher shortage at that school, no solution has been provided up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been formulated to construct new buildings for that school;
 - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for that purpose; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the construction of the buildings will be started, if funds have been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2138/'11

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

- (a) Will he state the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Department of Railways in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees attached to the Railways Department at present;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre as at present;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees recruited for the permanent service and the number of casual employees from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iv) whether the approval of the Public Service Commission and the General Treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid appointments;
 - (v) if so, whether relevant documents will be tabled;
 - (vi) whether appointments have been made without obtaining the approval of the aforesaid institutions; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for that ?
- (c) If not, why?

2192/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 2 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total number of foreign tours made by the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare;
 - (ii) the names of the countries so visited; and
 - (iii) the necessity to achieve the objective set regarding such visits?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of officials accompanied by the Minister and the cost incurred for each visit separately; and
 - (ii) whether the funds used for the aforesaid tours were public money or money granted by the governments of the countries visited?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, October 12, 2012

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.20/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees’ 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 Employees' 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 Authority.

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.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 an Electronic Voting System,— That this Parliament resolves that an Electronic Voting System must be introduced for the present archaic Voting System.

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 a 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.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.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 re-demarcating 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 re-demarcated 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 of the 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 Peoples 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 efficient 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 employees 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.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.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 strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.116/'10

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisory 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 Advisory Service unit.

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

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

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.

P.126/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Establishment of a “Sister School Programme” for a Trilingual Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that developing a ten year National Strategic Framework for a Trilingual Sri Lanka is a landmark measure for national integration and social harmony, steps be taken by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration to link individual schools in majority Sinhala speaking areas with Tamil medium schools in a “Sister School Programme” for the exchange of students and teachers on short term exposure programmes.

P.127/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Renaming the Galle International Stadium,— That this Parliament resolves that the Galle International Stadium be renamed after the father of free education, the Late Hon. (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara as a mark of respect.

P.128/'11

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Formulation of a National Programme on Early Childhood Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated on providing early childhood education (pre-school education) which is a very important stage in the process of education of the children of our country and also, a proper training programme, a method of recruitment along with a salary structure be formulated for pre school wardens.

P.129/'11

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Completing a dissertation on historical places in Galle District,— That this Parliament resolves that an in-depth study be carried out on the places of historical, archeological and cultural importance in the Galle District and a dissertation of academic importance be completed on such places.

P.130/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections,— That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections be appointed, on a permanent basis.

P.131/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prompt disbursement of EPF and ETF money,— That this Parliament resolves that provisions be introduced to repay all the subscribers of EPF and ETF their dues, one month after retirement from active employment.

P.132/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring impartiality in State Media,— That this Parliament resolves that since State Media is the exclusive right of the citizens of Sri Lanka and since there has been regular politicization of the Government Media, equal treatment and equal opportunity must be ensured to all political parties registered in Sri Lanka through State Media.

P.133/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Language proficiency requirements in Public Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make mandatory, by the year 2025, that all Public Servants must be able to work, correspond and speak in all 3 languages viz. Sinhala, Tamil and English.

P.134/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing the Members of Parliament with a Decentralized Budget Allocation,— That this Parliament resolves that the 225 Members of Parliament be made entitled to a Decentralized Budget Allocation on a yearly basis which is totaling 1% of GDP that must be utilized 50% on capital expenditure and the balance on any basis the Member of Parliament desires on behalf of his voters based on guidelines of the Government.

P.138/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting courses conducted by the universities into job-oriented courses,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be drawn up for the co-ordination of public sector and private sector institutions with all universities with a view to providing employment opportunities for those graduated whereafter converting those degree courses conducted exclusively for scholarly education by all government and private sector universities of the island into job-oriented, professional degree courses.

P.139/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

P.140/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Regularizing the development and promotion of the coconut industry and coconut resources,— Since coconut occupied an important place in the commercial products, this Parliament resolves that meaningful steps be taken to regularize development and to promote coconut industry and coconut resources, which would grow as a significant contributor to the Gross Domestic Product of the country while sustaining the resources and its environment.

P.141/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Increasing the plantation of Kithul to boost the Kithul industry,— Since the Kithul contributes immensely for the rural industries, this Parliament resolves that proper action must be taken to increase the number of new plantations in keeping with our ambitious plan of increasing the stock of Kithul for vegetation so as to give a boost to the rural industry and the rural folk.

P.142/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Ensuring a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an action be taken to ensure a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka for a sustainable national development and the well being of its people and the economy by the year 2020.

P.143/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Initiating action to develop cashew cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an action must be initiated to develop cashew cultivation in order to help processing, marketing and plantation of cashew and allied products and thereby help Sri Lanka to become a leading producer and exporter of quality and value added cashew products

P.144/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Development of traditional industries,— That this Parliament resolves that the traditional industries which have been dwindling in the Ampara District such as handloom, pottery, palmyra and reed products i.e. boxes, plates and mats, coir products and cane products be developed and thereby the livelihood opportunities of the people be created in order to have their income increased.

P.146/'11

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Establishment of a proper control system for the arms trade,— That this Parliament resolves that a local system of legislation relevant to international treaties and conventions be established to alleviate malpractices, as the flowing in of weapons to countries like Sri Lanka as a consequence of the operation of arms trade internationally without any control and the irregular circulation of arms within such countries has resulted in posing serious obstacles to the freedom of the society and posing a threat and exerting pressure on a democratically elected government as well as causing the spread of malpractices like drugs and prostitution, and because of creation of a disciplined, law abiding and ethical society alleviating the aforesaid situation is one intention of Mahinda Chinthana Vision and also because of minimizing social conflict through the implementation of arms trade treaties and ensuring social welfare is the expectation of the present day world.

P.147/'11

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Undertaking extensive studies to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm,— That this Parliament resolves that an extensive study be undertaken to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) in our country since such an experiment undertaken in Kattankudy in the Batticaloa District is found to be successful, so that the people of our country will be afforded the opportunity of enjoying this luscious fruit grown in our own soil.

P.151/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating broadcasting of radio,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate broadcasting of radio.

P.152/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating telecasting of TV programs,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate telecasting of TV programs.

P.153/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing Public Accounts Committees in Municipalities,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to establish Public Accounts Committees in every Municipality by 1st January 2013.

P.154/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting the Bill of Rights,— That this Parliament resolves that a bill taking on the Bill of Rights that is a cornerstone of Democracy in South Africa that affirms the democratic values of Human Dignity, Equality and Freedom be enacted in Sri Lanka ensuring the rights of all people of the country that must be respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled by the State subject to limitations specified in the Bill.

P.155/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Special Allowances to the Members of Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves that no Minister, Deputy Minister or Member of Parliament should be paid any Special Allowance at all unless it is approved by the Public Service Commission and the Salaries and Cadre Commission and brought before the Parliament.

P.158/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Development of Ports in Sri Lanka,— Since Sri Lanka has been known as a geographically well located centre and shipping is a very important service industry from ancient times and since India is very ambitiously developing and promoting ports, this Parliament resolves that we team up with India and Indian Business and develop ports for the benefit of two countries.

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.159/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a methodology to increase production to suit future national and international demand,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology to increase production, through inter-relations among all sectors affiliated to relevant products, while making maximum use of modern technology, be formulated, after making a projection of industrial and agricultural productions that suit the demand from the national and international community.

P.160/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people, and pass it on to the future generation, and to prevent the abuse of genetic resources and biological heritage, and steps be taken to formulate a joint programme in that respect, bringing together all relevant sectors including the World Intellectual Property Organization, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka and the Bio-diversity Unit of the Ministry of Environment.

P.161/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Bio-diversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

P.162/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Obtaining patents for genetic resources in medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a special programme be prepared, jointly by all responsible institutions including the Bio-diversity Unit, National Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, to prevent foreign countries from identifying active chemicals and genetic resources contained in valuable medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka and obtaining patents for them fraudulently, by obtaining patents for the relevant active chemicals and genetic resources for Sri Lanka, and to use those properties for producing and upgrading pharmaceuticals.

P.163/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.
