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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Convention on the Suppression of Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Economic Development, under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1782/28 of October 31st, 2012, which was presented on 08.01.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Hanguranketha Madanwela Rajamaha Vihara Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, February 05, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1850/11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
- (ii) the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
- (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
- (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?

(2)

- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1894/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough construction of a green city and a green sports complex was started under the Makandura town development plan implemented by the Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha of Kurunegala District, its construction work has been stopped halfway at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for stopping the construction work; and
 - (ii) the institution or institutions which provided funds for the aforesaid construction; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether construction work of the green city and the green sports complex will be recommenced; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (d) If not, why?

2139/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which Mr. Prageeth Ekneligoda, Journalist went missing;
 - (ii) whether he is alive;
 - (iii) whether a statement to the effect that Mr. Prageeth Ekneligoda is alive, has been made by Mr. Mohan Pieris who appeared before the International Committee Against Torture on behalf of the government;
 - (iv) if such a statement has been made, whether the country or the area where he is living will be mentioned;and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to repatriate him, if he has gone abroad?

(3)

- (b) If the statement made by Mr. Mohan Pieris before the aforesaid Committee was false, will he also state the measures that will be taken regarding the serious disgrace caused to the country through the release of such false information by a person who has held a distinguished post in a superior institution of the country?
- (c) If not, why?

2210/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that the full ownership of the two perch plot of land provided for construction of houses under the Urban Housing Scheme for low-income families, would be given to the current residents of such lands?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of families that have got the full ownership of two perch land by now, under the aforesaid programme ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2531/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the hospitals attached to the Medical faculties in Sri Lanka with Professor Units for clinical training;
 - (ii) separately, the number of Professors, Medical Specialists, Doctors reading for post graduate studies (Senior Registrars and Registrars) and Senior Medical Officers attached to each Professor Unit as at 31st March 2012; and
 - (iii) separately, the operating theatres available for the relevant activities in each Professor Unit?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Professor Unit of the Anuradhapura General Hospital assigned for clinical training of the Rajarata University, was opened ;
 - (ii) the number of medical students who are undergoing training at that Professor Unit at present;
 - (iii) whether sufficient doctors, operating theatres, wards and equipment and staff required to maintain them are available at the above mentioned unit for the purpose of providing training to the undergraduates who are undergoing training there; and
 - (iv) if not, the time to be taken to fulfill those basic necessities ?
- (c) If not, why?

2548/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, at district level, of the number of complaints of rape, sexual harassment and child abuse received by the Sri Lanka Police from the year 2009 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed out of the number of complaints mentioned in a (i) above ?
- (b) If not, why?

2849/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called through a paper advertisement published on 19th December 2011 to lease out a two-storey building that belongs to the Nuwara Eliya Multipurpose Co-operative Society;
 - (ii) if so, the values of the bids that have been submitted; and
 - (iii) the facts that are taken into consideration and given priority when tenders are called according to the accepted tender procedure ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) bids with the values of Rs. 320,000/- and Rs. 355,000/- had been submitted to obtain the lease of the aforesaid building;
 - (ii) the aforesaid building has been given to a person who has not even submitted a tender application;
 - (iii) an irregularity has taken place when the aforesaid building was leased out; and
 - (iv) as a result of the aforesaid building being given in an irregular manner the applicants have been caused an injustice and the relevant Co-operative Society has incurred a loss?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the reason for not giving the building for the highest bid;
 - (ii) the amount of money charged by the Co-operative Society from the person who have been given the building at present;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation into the aforesaid irregularity and cause justice to the tenderers; and
 - (iv) if so, the period of time that will be taken for that ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1895/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) several years have elapsed since the closure of the Yaya Gamini Junior School that comes under the Kuliypitiya Educational Zone in Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) several buildings that belonged to this school are in the process of decay at present; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid school owns a land about seven acres in extent?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it is a national crime to leave the buildings and the land belonging to the Yaya Gamini Junior School to decay; and
 - (ii) the unemployment problem of the people of the area can be solved by opening up a factory, using the resources belonging to the aforesaid school?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether there would be a plan to use the resources of the aforesaid school as proposed above;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to use the resources for some other productive purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, what that purpose is?
- (d) If not, why?

1935/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the supplier or suppliers of inferior quality petrol and other petroleum products to Sri Lanka during the period of May–July, 2011;
 - (ii) as to how the Ministry is excluded from the scam of importing inferior petroleum products ;
 - (iii) number of consumers affected by using sub-standard petrol;
 - (iv) the names of the customers who made the complaints regarding the damages caused by the sub-standard petrol;
 - (v) the amount compensated to each affected consumer separately;
 - (vi) the number of filling stations of which machineries were affected by sub-standard petrol; and
 - (vii) as to how those filling stations are compensated?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the concerned parties, who exposed this racket of inferior quality petrol to the public would be given a handsome bonus?
- (c) If not, why?

2148/11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to the National Lotteries Board in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) of the approved cadre of the aforesaid institution;
 - (iii) of the shortage or the excess of the staff existing at the aforesaid institution;
 - (iv) of the reasons if recruitments have been made exceeding the approved cadre; and
 - (v) of the name and designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the recruitment of excess staff ?
- (b) If not, why?

2223/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “සැමට නිවසක් - හිතට සෙවණක්” programme of Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that an initial capital of Rs. 5 billion would be allocated by the forthcoming budget to construct 20 flats comprising of 40,000 housing units in Colombo and suburbs with a view to solving the housing problems of the slum dwellers in the Colombo city ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which Rs. 5 billion was allocated by the budget in accordance with the above pledge;
 - (ii) of the number of flats of which the construction work has been started by now using the above mentioned allocations;
 - (iii) the number of flats of which the construction work has been completed by now; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the flats of which the construction work has been completed by now?
- (c) If not, why?

1898/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough nearly 26 years have lapsed since the dam of the Kadawana tank in Thambalagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Trincomalee District was blown up by LTTE terrorists, the farmers are unable to start cultivation activities as it has not been renovated up to now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the problems that have cropped up in relation to the renovation of the aforesaid tank;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to solve those problems and renovate the tank expeditiously;
 - (iii) whether provisions for this purpose have been allocated by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the construction work will be commenced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2143/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the private sector people who gave the funds to the government to finance the Commonwealth Games in Hambantota ; and
 - (ii) the number and the names of the persons brought here to solicit their support to hold the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons went overseas to solicit their support to Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the names of them ; and
 - (iii) the total cost incurred?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of persons went to St. Kitts in November 2011 ;
- (ii) the names of the persons went ;
- (iii) the total cost for the return trip ;
- (iv) the cost of the charter flight mentioned ; and
- (v) as to how Sri Lanka lost the hosting of Commonwealth Games after being so confident of winning?

(d) If not, why?

2149/11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the amount of money paid by the National Lotteries Board to its employees as attendance and transport allowances in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;
- (ii) whether approval of the treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid payments;
- (iii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled;
- (iv) of the reasons, if the approval of the treasury has not been obtained; and
- (v) of the person or persons who granted approval for the aforesaid payment ?

(b) If not, why?

2224/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “සැමට නිවසක් - හිතට සෙවණක්” programme of Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
- (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
- (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
- (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, February 06, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1525/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the Colombo South Port is going to be completed; and
 - (ii) the number of phases to be finished to reach its completion?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the construction of breakwater of the Colombo South Port is going to be completed;
 - (ii) the construction cost of the breakwater; and
 - (iii) the bearer of the construction cost of breakwater?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when the construction of berths of the above harbour is going to be completed ;
 - (ii) whether the private sector companies have come forward to finance and construct those berths; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those companies along with the concessions granted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

1819/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that the drinking water project constructed at Divulapelessa Mahaweli Village in Mahiyangana Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla District has been abandoned due to lack of water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that was spent on this water scheme;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study was conducted on the availability of water before the commencement of the project; and
 - (iii) of the findings of that feasibility study?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) that the people of the area level allegations that a misuse of funds has occurred during the implementation of the water project in the Divulapelessa Mahaweli Village;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation into that matter;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid water project expeditiously;
- (iv) if so, date on which it will be done; and
- (v) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose ?

(d) If not, why?

2068/11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the names of the government institutions which have invested in the share market of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of shares purchased by each of those institutions;
- (iii) the value of a share at the time of making the investment by each of those institution;
- (iv) the current value of each such share; and
- (v) the profit earned or loss incurred by each of the aforesaid institutions by investing in shares?

(b) If not, why?

2230/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of government schools that were closed down during the period from 2005 to 2010;
- (ii) whether he admits the fact that the main reason for the closure of schools is that they have not been provided with sufficient resources; and
- (iii) if not, of the reasons for the closure of the aforesaid schools ?

(b) If not, why?

2532/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the percentage of foreign students admitted to each of the universities in Sri Lanka has been increased up to 5 % for the academic year 2010-2011;
- (ii) if so, on the basis of the aforesaid percentage, the number of opportunities allocated for foreign students in each of the faculties for the above academic year separately;
- (iii) separately, the number of foreign students who have entered each of the aforesaid faculties by now;
- (iv) the existing number of vacancies for foreign students in each of the aforesaid faculties at present accordingly; and
- (v) the measures adopted to fill the aforesaid vacancies ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to award scholarships for the foreign students who have entered the universities for the academic year 2010-2011; and
- (ii) if so, the manner in which financial provisions are obtained for that purpose ?

(c) If not, why ?

2549/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether complaints have been received by the Sri Lanka Police, regarding incidents of a extortion in the fish market at Peliyagoda ;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken so far upon the investigations conducted on these complaints;
- (iii) of the number of persons taken into custody upon these complaints ; and
- (iv) whether a list of names of the persons so apprehended will be submitted to this House ?

(b) If not, why ?

2851/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(3)

- (a) Will he state whether —
 - (i) “elders identity cards” are issued under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000; and
 - (ii) it has been stated on the reverse of the aforesaid identity card that the holder of the identity card should be given priority in services such as health and banking, police and legal advice, postal, pension and office activities ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the legislation drafted and the regulations imposed by the government to accord the above priority;
 - (ii) whether such laws and regulations are submitted to the Parliament; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for same ?
- (c) Will he also state whether measures will be taken as soon as possible to issue a legally empowering circular and /or regulation for giving priority to senior citizens at least in meeting doctors, attending clinics and obtaining medicines at government hospitals ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1531/11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2006 to date separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of complaints made to the Foreign Employment Bureau by the persons gone overseas for employments; and
 - (ii) the revenue collected by the government through the insurance coverage provided to the persons gone for overseas employments?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the companies that are eligible to provide insurance policies to the workers going for overseas employments; and
 - (ii) whether aforesaid companies are selected through a proper tender process?
- (c) If not, why?

1821/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough foundation stones were laid on several occasions to construct a permanent bridge instead of the suspension bridge at Dodamwela, Haloluwa which connects the Kandy town with Harispattuwa in the Kandy District, it has not been built upto now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct a new bridge at the above location for the convenience of the people ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose ;
 - (iii) the amount of money thus allocated ; and
 - (iv) the date on which the construction activities of the bridge will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2069/11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of foreign companies which have invested money in the Colombo Stock Exchange from year 2009 up to now and the amount of money invested by each company ;
 - (ii) the names of the companies that have withdrawn their investments by now ;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid investments were withdrawn ;
 - (iv) whether any reasons have been given for withdrawing aforesaid investments ; and
 - (v) if so, what those reasons are?
- (b) If not, why?

2256/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of unemployment in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the steps taken to minimize unemployment in that Province; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to take those steps with time frames and targets ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1544/11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why the permission was granted to import super luxury Limousine vehicles to Sri Lanka in 2010 and 2011;
 - (ii) the number of Limousines imported up to date;
 - (iii) the value of a Limousine vehicle imported;
 - (iv) the duty and other taxes paid for the clearance of a Limousine vehicle;
 - (v) the names of the persons by whom the said vehicles were cleared and the dates of the clearance of the same; and
 - (vi) whether aforesaid vehicle is categorised as luxury vehicles?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the import duty applicable on trishaws and other vehicles having engine capacity less than 1000CC and between 1000CC to 2000CC;
 - (ii) the duties applicable for other luxury vehicles at the importation; and
 - (iii) whether the duties applicable on the vehicles as per part b (ii) should have been applied on the super luxury Limousines vehicles too?
- (c) If not, why?

1822/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Family Health Service Centre building at Yahalmulla, Walasmulla, Mulgirigala in the Hambantota District, which serves a large number of people, is in danger of collapsing at present?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building forthwith ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose ;
 - (iii) the amount so allocated ; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid renovation activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2121/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether vehicles have been obtained for the Road Development Authority on rent basis during the period from the year 2005 to 2011 ;
- (ii) if so, the vehicles obtained ;
- (iii) the purposes for which the aforesaid vehicles are used ;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the institutions that provided the aforesaid vehicles on rent and the names and addresses of the members of the Boards of Directors of them ;
- (v) the years in which the aforesaid vehicles were obtained ; and
- (vi) if the aforesaid vehicles have been released by now, the years in which they were released?

(b) If not, why?

2257/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the percentage of unemployment in Eastern Province;
- (ii) the steps taken to minimize unemployment in the aforesaid Province;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to take those steps with time frames and targets ?

(b) If not, why ?

Thursday, February 07, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1747/'11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government accepts the casino as a normal course of business;
- (ii) if not, as to why the activities pertaining to casinos are legalised and taxed; and
- (iii) the benefits received to the country through casinos?

(b) If not, why?

1893/11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) people living in the adjoining villages of Kekanadura are faced with a number of problems as water has started to leak from number of places in the bund of the Ellakanda tank in Kekanadura in Matara District ;
- (ii) farmers complain that this situation has arisen as a result of the irregularities committed by the relevant officers at the rehabilitation of the tank ; and
- (iii) although the residents of the area have informed the relevant officers about the aforesaid situation, action has not been taken to remedy it?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a formal inquiry has been conducted in relation to the irregularities that have taken place at the rehabilitation of Kekanadura Ellakanda tank ;
- (ii) whether arrangements will be made to rehabilitate the tank again to stop the leakages ; and
- (iii) if so, the time taken for it?

(c) If not, why?

2270/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a killing of a foreigner occurred in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around Christmas day of 2011;
- (ii) if so, the name and the country of the person killed;
- (iii) the reasons for the aforesaid killing;
- (iv) whether suspects of the aforesaid killing have been identified; and
- (v) the positions held by them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the action taken with regard to the aforesaid killing by now; and
- (ii) of the repercussions that Sri Lanka has had to face internationally as a result of the aforesaid killing ?

(c) If not, why?

2331/12

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

(a) Will he state the number of teachers required for the teaching of Buddhism in the schools administered by the Central Government and the Provincial Councils?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a Cabinet Paper was presented on 28th October 2010 under No. CP/10/2376/436/052 with regard to the recruitment of those who have passed the Buddhist Dharmacharya Examination to Teacher Service to teach the subject of Buddhism;
- (ii) the number of those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to recruit those who have passed the Dharmacharya Examination in compliance with the procedure for the recruitment of government teachers to teach the subject of Buddhism; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time within which action will be taken to carry out such recruitments ?

(c) If not, why?

2524/12

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the date on which each of the national ceremonies organized in relation to admitting students to grade one, distributing text books, distributing uniforms, awarding certificates to students who have got through grade 5 scholarship examination and commencement of Sapiri Schools Project were held during the year 2011;
- (ii) the venue of each of those ceremonies; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of money spent for holding all the national ceremonies mentioned in (a) above; and
- (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained ?

(c) If not, why?

2546/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
- (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
- (iii) if so, of the names of the persons or institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
- (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
- (v) of the bids submitted by the persons or institutions that were selected?

(b) If not, why?

2831/12

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether there are any policies being implemented by the government to assist the widows in Sri Lanka to become economically stable;
- (ii) if so, the policies being implemented as such;
- (iii) whether there is any action being taken in order to assist those women in re-integrate with the society; and
- (iv) if so, the plan to be implemented in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

1756/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons in the three Armed Forces who have been assigned non military activities;
 - (ii) the nature of non military works they are supposed to do;
 - (iii) whether they are paid additionally, for performing non military works; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid as per (iii) above?
- (b) Will he also state whether any person in the three Armed Forces has resigned due to the inability in performing the non military work entrusted to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1899/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) G/Ramadola Kanishta Vidyalaya at Imbulpitiya, which came under the Elpitiya Zonal Education Office in Galle District, was closed several years ago and as a result its buildings and other resources are getting destroyed at present ; and
 - (ii) the land on which the aforesaid school has been built is currently at the risk of being encroached by neighbours?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to stop the encroachment of the school land ;
 - (ii) whether a plan has been made to use the land and the buildings of G/Ramadola Kanishta Vidyalaya for some other productive activity ;
 - (iii) if so, what that plan is ; and
 - (iv) whether allocation have been made for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2271/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if a murder of a foreigner had taken place in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around the Christmas day in 2011, the name of the other foreigner who was in the company of the person so murdered;
 - (ii) of his or her country;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid person is a female, whether she has been raped or harassed; and
 - (iv) whether he or she is alive at present ?
- (b) Will he state the remedial steps that will be taken with respect to the disgrace brought to Sri Lanka as a result of the aforesaid incident ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2333/12

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

- (a) Will he take action to—
 - (i) rectify the pension anomaly of public officers who had retired prior to 01.01.2006, corresponding to the salary conversions granted to public servants in the years 2004 and 2006; and
 - (ii) add the amounts increased to the consolidated salary instead of granting allowances in rectifying those pension anomalies, considering the recommendations mentioned in the reports of the committees appointed on various occasions to study the rectification of salary anomalies ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an adequate allowance has been added to the pension of the public servants who retired in the years 2004 and 2006, through the 2012 budget;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to introduce through an Act of Parliament a national policy of providing a corresponding increase to all the pensioners whenever a salary conversion is granted to public servants; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that ?
- (c) If not, why?

1757/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Ex-Army Officers who are doing business with the Army;
 - (ii) whether it is permissible;
 - (iii) the names of 20 companies trading mostly with Army along with the names of the directors of those companies ;
 - (iv) the trade values of each company for year 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately ;
 - (v) whether aforesaid companies are going through the tender procedures when obtaining business opportunities from the Army; and
 - (vi) If not, as to why it is so?
- (b) If not, why?

1938/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 780 teachers who had served for many years voluntarily in the rural schools of the Uva Province have been recruited as teacher assistants in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) a monthly allowance of only Rs. 3000/= is paid to a teacher assistant, since recruitment up to now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the present monthly allowance paid to the teacher assistants and to absorb them to the teachers service; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

2273/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination was held in 2011;
 - (ii) the date on which the results of the aforesaid examination were issued;
 - (iii) whether the results of the aforesaid examination were issued again after invalidating the results that had been issued; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for doing so?

- (b) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the persons who are responsible for the confusion created in issuing the results of the Advanced Level Examination held in 2011;
 - (ii) the courses of action to be taken or have been taken against them;
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken regarding the parties who became inconvenienced as a result of being disappointed by the revision of the exam results; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to prevent the creation of confusing situations regarding examination results in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2335/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge to formulate a national policy for the Nurses Service was made under the ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future’ manifesto ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the formulation of the aforesaid national policy has been completed by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Friday, February 08, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1944/11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is an arrangement to shift the MR/Deiyandara Primary School administered by the Mulatiyana Zonal Education Office in Matara District, to some other area;
 - (ii) if so, of the place where the school will be relocated;
 - (iii) whether plans have been made for that purpose;
 - (iv) whether necessary allocations have been made; and
 - (v) if so, of the date on which the construction activities of the new school will commence?
- (b) If not, why?

2183/11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Land Titling Division of the Ministry of Lands and Land Development has discovered many inadequacies in the present Registration of Titles Act; and
 - (ii) the Bar Association of Sri Lanka has also made recommendations to amend the aforesaid Act?
- (b) Will he state separately, the identified inadequacies and the proposed amendments in relation to the Title Registration Act as per (a) (i) and (ii) above?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the actions being taken to make those amendments by Parliament?
- (d) Will he admit that —
 - (i) in spite of many inadequacies, the Ministry of Lands and Land Development is vigorously implementing the Registration of Titles Act, No. 21 of 1998; and
 - (ii) the relevant Ministry is endeavouring to incorporate 105 new Sections to the aforesaid Act without changing the identified inadequacies?
- (e) If not, why?

2277/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) approximately, the number of families with differently abled and elderly persons in Sri Lanka without any income;
 - (ii) whether a sum of Rs. 3000/= is granted as per the pledge given in the Mahinda Chintana –2005 manifesto that “each family with differently abled person and not having any income will be provided with a monthly grant of Rs 3000/=”;
 - (iii) if so, the number of families receiving this benefit; and
 - (iv) separately, the money spent annually from the year 2005 up to now, for providing the aforesaid grant ?

- (b) Will he also state the reasons, if the pledge referred to in the above (a) (ii) is not being implemented at present ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2336/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge has been made under “Mahinda Chinthana- A vision for the future” manifesto to appoint a task force comprised of independent intellectuals to make recommendations to fully control non-communicable diseases like cancer and to present an action plan in that respect and also to complete the relevant task within six months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of intellectuals included in that task force; and
 - (ii) the recommendations made by it?
- (c) If not, why ?

2536/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, and in relation to each University, the number of students who have obtained Mahapola Scholarship grants;
 - (ii) the total sum of money spent to grant Mahapola Scholarships to university students; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money allocated to each University for the payment of Mahapola Scholarship grants ;in the year 2011 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the last time the Mahapola Scholarship grant for the university students was increased;
 - (ii) of the amount by which it was increased at that time;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to increase the current Mahapola Scholarship grant; and
 - (iv) if so, when ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2830/12

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the process to select suppliers of surgical gloves used in hospitals ;
 - (ii) the names and designations of persons making decisions on purchase of surgical gloves;
 - (iii) the standard clauses in supply contract in relation to the date of delivery, period of delivery, and failure to supply the product within the agreed time; and
 - (iv) the amount allocated and spent on the purchase of surgical gloves for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a fraud regarding the purchase of surgical gloves has been revealed in a preliminary investigation; and
 - (ii) this fraud has been referred to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for further investigation?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the nature of the aforesaid fraud;
 - (ii) the financial loss due to the fraud; and
 - (iii) the results of the investigation, if it was done as (b) (ii) ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2883/12

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) of the number of students who study in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
 - (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
 - (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
 - (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
 - (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades;
- in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
- (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House ?

(c) If not, why ?

1949/11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Nakkala weekly fair which comes under the Badalkumbura Pradeshiyasabha in Monaragala District was opened about one year ago ;
- (ii) at present, traders are unable to come there and carry out their business activities due to the influences of various persons; and
- (iii) the weekly fair has been deserted as a result?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to prevent this situation and allow the traders to carry out their business activities freely by solving the problems related to their security; and
- (ii) if so, the period of time required for it ?

(c) If not, why ?

2278/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to commence the proposed Kalu Ganga Scheme;
- (ii) the reasons for the commencement of the aforesaid scheme;
- (iii) the total area of land submerged by the aforesaid scheme;
- (iv) the extent of the agriculturally important lands in the aforesaid area and the types of crops cultivated there;
- (v) the villages that will be submerged;
- (vi) the number of families and the population that will be displaced due to the aforesaid scheme; and
- (vii) the public sector institutions, private institutions, temples and other important places that have to be removed under this ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he will submit environmental feasibility report obtained with regard to the aforesaid project;
- (ii) the action to be taken regarding the people who will be displaced due to the implementation of the aforesaid scheme and the assets they will lose; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to stop this scheme or shift it to a location where minimum damage will be caused as land of high economic value will be lost and a large number of people will be displaced ?

(c) If not, why ?

2319/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the religions that are venerated in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the names of the 3 oldest shrines for each religion, i.e. Buddhism, Hinduism, Catholicism and Islam in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) as to when each of them were built and the places where they are situated?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money put into for the restoration of the aforesaid shrines by the government; and
- (ii) the action taken by the government to preserve and develop the same?

(c) If not, why?

2338/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it has been proposed by the “Mahinda Chinthana – A Vision for the future” manifesto, that two specialist hospitals, which have been confined only to Colombo, be established in each province ?
- (b) Will he state whether the work related to the establishment of the aforesaid hospitals has been commenced by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1963/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Gangathilake Purna Vihara which is nearly 200 years old and located at Udapeekwella, Uggalbewula in the Matara Pradeshiya Sabha area is a place of worship which has been designated for conservation by the Department of Archeology;
 - (ii) all its buildings and frescoes have been left to decay;
 - (iii) the land on which the temple is located is also faced with the threat of landslides; and
 - (iv) as a result, a threat has been posed to the lives of people travelling along the Matara-Wellawaya road which runs at the foot of the temple?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to conserve the frescoes and the land of the Gangathilaka Vihara, Udapeekwella, Uggalbewula;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
 - (iv) if money has been allocated, the date on which the rehabilitation activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2279/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of libraries situated throughout the country that are administered by the local government bodies;
 - (ii) the number of employees who serve as Library Assistants in those libraries;
 - (iii) the monthly salary or allowance paid to them;
 - (iv) whether the Library Assistants are entitled to promotional prospects and pension rights which the public servants are entitled according to their experience and period of service; and
 - (v) if they are not entitled to such promotions, the reasons for it ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the Library Assistants not being entitled to receive pensions which a majority of public servants are entitled to in accordance with their experience is a severe injustice and a violation of human rights; and
 - (ii) the date on which this right will be granted to them ?
- (c) If not, why?

2340/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana” - A Vision for future” manifesto that a separate unit for the prevention of women's diseases, would be started in the Ministry of Health?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the aforesaid unit is operative at present?
- (c) If not, why?

2463/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on per year basis pertaining to the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” and “Nagenahira Udanaya”-
 - (i) the cost incurred and the benefits accrued;
 - (ii) the number of jobs that have been created; and
 - (iii) the exact expenditure incurred and corroborate through cash flows as to the actual amount spent?
- (b) Will he state the total aid and grants obtained on account of “Uthuru Wasanthaya and Nagenahira Udanaya” for years 2010, 2011 and 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.21/103

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

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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.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.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.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.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.

P.164/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Transforming the Securities and Exchange Commission into an independent institution,— That this Parliament resolves that the Securities and Exchange Commission be made an independent institution, which would remove all impediments, especially related to political interference and political patronage.

P.165/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing “Advance Voting” to replace Postal Voting,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended to replace Postal Voting with “Advance Voting”, which will help to ameliorate many shortcomings in the present election system.

P.166/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Amending the Constitution to introduce an open Electoral Register,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended so that the Electoral Register will be an open register, rather than a static list which is maintained at present.

P.170/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extension of the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels,— That this Parliament resolves that the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme, functioning under the Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services to lodge complaints against injustices caused by various parties by neglecting elderly citizens, be extended at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels.

P.171/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P.172/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1652/'11

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the non-academic staff who have been serving at schools in Moneragala and Badulla Districts for several years, have not been confirmed in service up to now;
- (ii) these personnel who have been recruited in the years 2005 and 2008, have been serving up to now for meagre daily wages; and
- (iii) they are facing economic difficulties as a result ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not confirming this group of non-academic workers in service despite the interviews have been held for confirming them;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to overcome those problems and absorb them into the permanent cadre; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

2185/11

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

- (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?

2280/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which training centres were established to bring about the professional development of government school teachers;
 - (ii) of the number of above mentioned training centres established throughout the country;
 - (iii) the number of managers appointed to these training centres from the year of commencement;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid managers have been absorbed into the Educators' Service; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for it ?

(b) Will he state separately on an annual basis—

- (i) the amounts of allocations made for providing professional training to teachers through the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now; and
- (ii) the number of teachers who have been provided with professional training by the aforesaid training centres from the year of commencement up to now?

(c) If not, why?

2342/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana” -A vision for the future” manifesto that all types of milk, medicines, vitamins and food items required to relieve the children suffering from malnutrition or under nutrition from that state would be distributed through Janasabha ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether that programme is being implemented at present; and
- (ii) if so, the names of Janasabha offices which implement that programme ?

(c) If not, why?

2381/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state separately on per grade basis, the number of approved cadre positions in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Foreign Service who have entered into the Service after having succeeded at the competitive examinations;
- (ii) the number of government officers who have been recruited for the embassies external to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service; and
- (iii) the number of other officers who are not in permanent Public Service, serving in the Sri Lankan embassies;

by now ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the names, designations and the years of recruitment of the officers enquired about in (b) (ii) and (iii) above; and
- (ii) of the procedure adopted when recruiting officers for the embassy service, external to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service ?

(d) If not, why ?

2870/12

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for terminating the aptitude test implemented by the University of Visual and Performing Arts as an entrance requirement;
- (ii) whether any discussions were held with the university officials before taking the decision to terminate the aforesaid aptitude test ;
- (iii) if not, the reason for not having such a discussion ; and
- (iv) if so, the stance taken by the university officials in respect to terminating the aptitude test as an entrance requirement ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Ministry or the University Grants Commission received petitions from applicants that the aptitude test is corrupt on the basis that lecturers are partial to applicants whom they are in good terms with ;
- (ii) if so, as to why there has been no investigation or inquiry in this regard; and
- (iii) whether the Ministry had attempted to improve the transparency of the aforesaid test?

(c) If not, why?

2917/12

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there is no procedural law on contempt of court in effect in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) it has been recommended by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in the “Tony Fernando” case that a procedural law on contempt of court should be imposed in Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) a draft of the procedural law on contempt of court has been passed by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka and submitted to the Ministry of Justice ?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that a procedural law in relation to contempt of court should be imposed in Sri Lanka soon; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the relevant Bill will be moved in Parliament ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1953/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tea factory of Thalgampola, Gonamulla, Wewegoda in Akmeemana of Galle District has been closed for about five years now;
 - (ii) therefore, the tea small holders of the said area have to face several difficulties, in selling their leaf tea; and
 - (iii) property, valued over ten million rupees, is going waste inside the aforesaid factory?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the closure of that tea factory;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to restart production, as it is a national crime to leave such a tea factory to destruction; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

2282/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, in relation to each year during the period from the year 2009-2011—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on conducting the Perahera of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on Kandy Perahera out of the funds of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic;
 - (iii) the amount of money received as donations from the government institutions for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iv) the names of the government institutions which donated money and the amount of money donated by each of those institutions;
 - (v) the amount of money received from the institutions of the private sector; and
 - (vi) the names of the private sector institutions that donated money and the amount of money donated by each of those institutions ?
- (b) If not, why?

2343/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a proposal has been made under the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future' manifesto that a file containing bio data of each child born in Sri Lanka should be maintained at the Jana Sabha Secretariat relevant to the permanent residence of that child ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid proposal is being implemented at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the implementation of the aforesaid proposal was commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2464/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the thrust industries that have been focused by the Government;
 - (ii) the investments done on the aforesaid sectors on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the additional jobs created in those sectors per year?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the taxes, incentives etc offered to the industries mentioned above then and now; and
 - (ii) the total revenue obtained from the taxes imposed on the above mentioned industries for the years 2009,2010,2011 and 2012 on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1955/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a three-storey house located at Wilegoda, Ambalangoda donated to Ga/Prajapathi Gothami Balika Vidyalaya by a private owner three years ago has been left to decay without being put to any use;
 - (ii) the above house which is in a dilapidated state has posed a threat to the lives of students studying in the school; and
 - (iii) the principal has repeatedly requested the authorities to demolish the aforesaid building and construct an auditorium in that place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated to take action as per the above request of the principal;
- (ii) if so, the date on which construction activities will be started?

(c) If not, why?

2344/’12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether policies required to act upon the proposal outlined in the “Mahinda Chintana— A vision for the future” manifesto that the Central Environmental Authority and the Ministry of Health should work in collaboration to prevent people becoming ill as a result of polluted environmental conditions, have been formulated; and
- (ii) if so, what those policies are?

(b) If not, why?

2373/’12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the present Chairman of Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) his educational and professional qualifications;
- (iii) the salary paid to him ;
- (iv) the other allowances paid to him if he is paid such allowances; and
- (v) the amount of each such allowance ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of directors in Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the educational and professional qualifications of each of those directors; and
- (iii) separately, the amounts of the allowances paid to them ?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether there is a Deputy Chairman or a Working Director in Sri Lankan Air Lines;
- (ii) if so, his educational and professional qualifications; and
- (iii) the salary wages and the other allowances to which he is entitled ?

(d) If not, why ?

2466/'12

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

- (a) Will he state for the period from 2006 to 2012 separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for giving subsidy for the paddy cultivation ;
 - (ii) the total paddy harvest of Yala and Maha seasons;
 - (iii) the average yield per acre in each district; and
 - (iv) the comparison of the paddy yield in Yala and Maha seasons with the same of the year 2005?
- (b) Will he also state whether the subsidies given to the farmers who have helped to increase the production and the yield of paddy in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1957/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) all the buildings belonging to Mawarala Police Station situated at Hakmana in Matara District are in a severely dilapidated condition ; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid situation poses a threat to the lives of the officers who work there?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to construct new buildings for the Mawarala Police Station and provide necessary facilities to the officers who work there and the people of the area who receive the services rendered by that Police Station ;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the construction work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2356/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of ten months salary advance loan applications received by the Ministry in each year during the period from the year 2008 to 2011; and
 - (ii) the number of loan applications on which the salary advance loans were paid in each of the above mentioned years out of the aforesaid number of applications ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the reasons for delaying the payment of the aforesaid loans which are applied in order to meet the urgent financial requirements; and
 - (ii) the date on which the payments relevant to the salary advance loan applications received up to the year 2011 for which payments have not been made up to now will be completed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2384/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an Investigation Officer has been appointed for investigating the frauds and malpractices that have taken place in the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which he was appointed;
 - (iii) the person in authority who made the aforesaid appointment ;
 - (iv) the salary and allowances paid to the aforesaid officer monthly and the other facilities which that officer is entitled to;
 - (v) the frauds and malpractices investigated by the aforesaid officer from the date of appointment up to now;
 - (vi) the action taken in relation to those frauds and malpractices; and
 - (vii) the date on which his period of service will end?
- (b) If not, why?

2467/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wild Life,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) to whom the fertiliser is being given on a subsidy basis ;
 - (ii) the amount of fertilizer given on subsidy basis per farmer ; and
 - (iii) the process to be followed by a farmer to apply for the subsidised fertilizer?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the actual amount spent on giving fertilizer subsidy in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on district basis;
 - (ii) the cash flow to support the actual payment of such subsidy; and
 - (iii) the amount proposed to be allocated for fertilizer subsidy in the budget of the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

2919/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 750/- for the parents of the Police Officers who were in service from 14.02.1977 to 19.05.2009 during which period the war persisted in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of mothers and fathers who would be given the monthly allowance under the aforesaid programme ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will supply the funds necessary for paying the aforesaid allowance; and
 - (ii) if not, of the methodology that adopted to source the aforesaid funds ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether paying an allowance of Rs. 750/- for the parents of the Police Officers is sufficient ; and
- (ii) if so, the rationale behind the assumption that it is sufficient ?

(d) If not, why ?

2959/12

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

(a) Is he aware that the practice question papers which had been given to the students of Anuradhapura Education Zone who sat the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination in the year 2012 had contained a large number of errors ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons as to why the authorities had not taken steps to correct the errors in the aforesaid question papers before they were given to the students;
- (ii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the damage which was caused to the students who were about to sit the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination by giving practice question papers which contained errors; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to attach officers who perform duties in a responsible manner to the relevant positions so that problems of the aforesaid nature would not arise again ?

(c) If not, why ?

2994/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of vacancies that exist in public service at present ;
- (ii) that number of vacancies in relation to designations, separately ;
- (iii) the total number of graduates recruited as Development Assistants recently and attached to the Divisional Secretariats at present ; and
- (iv) the number of graduates recruited in that manner, in relation to the provinces, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

3004/12

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the stamps of what revenue denomination are the most popular for postal purposes, in order of popularity;
 - (ii) whether the stamp of Rs.5/= is usually of the size 2 cm x 2.5 cm;
 - (iii) the dimensions of the Rs. 5/= stamp printed to commemorate 25 years of the Institute of Ship Brokers;
 - (iv) the dimensions of the two stamps of Rs 10/= on which the suspension bridge at Peradeniya and the ancient stone bridge at Mahakandarawa have been printed;
 - (v) the total cost per stamp of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above, inclusive of paper, printing, transport, storage and distribution etc.; and
 - (vi) the comparison of the costs of each of the stamps referred to in (iii) and (iv) above with a Rs. 5/= stamp of the usual size 2cm x 2.5 cm?
- (b) If not, why?

3098/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total number of tanks that have been selected to be de-silted in the district of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) separately, the number of the aforesaid tanks as per the Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (iii) the amount allocated for each of the aforesaid tanks ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the assistance of the Irrigation and Agrarian Service Officers has been sought for the above project;
 - (ii) if not, whether the assistance of other people is sought for that;
 - (iii) if so, who those persons are;
 - (iv) the institutions to which they belong;
 - (v) separately, the number of de-silted acres of each tank mentioned above;
 - (vi) whether it is possible to collect adequate water in the aforesaid tanks for cultivating both the seasons after de-silting ?
 - (vii) if not, what are the reasons for it ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tanks are de-silted annually;
- (ii) if not, of the time duration in which it is done; and
- (iii) whether the tanks that have not been de-silted this time will be de-silted in the next 'yala' season ?

(d) If not, why ?

3135/12

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of factories in which the production activities are carried out ;
- (ii) the number of factories that are being constructed ; and
- (iii) the number of factories that have been proposed to be constructed ;

at the Nalanda Industrial Park in the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division in Matale;

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the total extent of land set aside for the above mentioned industrial park ;
- (ii) the maximum and minimum limits of the extent of the land allotted to each factory within the industrial park ;
- (iii) separately, the extent of land allotted for each of the factories mentioned in (a) above;
- (iv) the basis for that allocation ;
- (v) the total extent of land that has been allotted for the project by now and the extent that remains unallotted ; and
- (vi) the names of the factory owners who have already started their factories in it?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a possibility prevails to allocate lands for private use out of the land area of the industrial park premises in Nalanda ; and
- (ii) if so, of the basis on which it is done?

(d) If not, why ?

3139/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Udakukkhepa Seema Malaka constructed in 1994 by the institution called Harispattuwa Development Foundation on a site of historical interest located in the middle of the Mahaweli River at Waratenna, Haloluwa and offered to the Maha Sangha, is the venue where Upasampada rites of upcountry Amarapura Nikaya are performed;
 - (ii) the ground work required to remove the said sacred site and construct a private power plant on that location is being done by now; and
 - (iii) a large number of lay persons and clergy across the country connected to Amarapura Nikaya who have been greatly disheartened about the destruction of the said sacred site of historical interest, are getting ready to stage a protest against such action ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to stop immediately the construction of the said private power plant that would cause the decline of upcountry Amarapura Nikaya; and
 - (ii) whether necessary arrangements will be made for the rites of the said Nikaya to be performed in historical and traditional Udakukkhepa Seema Malaka without interruption in future as well ?
- (c) If not, why?

1958/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that due to the current shortage of physical resources at Chilaw General Hospital situated in Puttlam District, the people of the area face severe difficulties in obtaining health services?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist at Chilaw General Hospital speedily and improve health facilities provided to the people of that area;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made for that purpose by now; and
 - (iii) if so, whether the necessary provisions have been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2362/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) concrete has been laid for about 1½ kilometres from the Ambagasara junction onwards in the Welipitiya Imbulgoda road in the Ulahitiyawa West Grama Niladhari Division in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division ;
- (ii) an estimate of about Rs. 1,287,312/- from the provincial specific provisions has been submitted for this purpose ;
- (iii) the aforesaid road has already sunk due to renovations not being carried out as per required standards ; and
- (iv) money has been paid to the contractor upon the influence of the responsible government officials disregarding the objections of the members of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Technical Officer?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to recover the illegally paid money from the officials responsible for this wastage of money after obtaining a situational quality inspection report on the renovation work of the aforesaid road ; and
- (ii) the period of time that will be taken for that?

(c) If not, why?

2386/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of complaints received by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission in relation to human rights violations during the period from July to December in the year 2011;
- (ii) out of those complaints, the number of complaints that have been investigated into;
- (iii) of the number of complaints that are yet to be investigated into; and
- (iv) of the reason for not conducting investigations into the complaints during the period of the year itself in which they are received ?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the names of the institutions against which complaints have been received in relation to human rights violations during the period mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) separately, the number of complaints received against each of the aforesaid institutions;
- (iii) the name of the institution against which the highest number of complaints have been received accordingly ?

(c) If not, why?

2468/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when providing of uniform materials to school children was started; and
- (ii) by whom that programme was started?

(b) Will he also state, in the year 2011 and 2012—

- (i) the number of students benefited by the programme;
- (ii) the amount of funds allocated to this program; and
- (iii) the actual amount spent on this programme?

(c) Will he inform this House whether materials given for school uniforms are locally produced or imported?

(d) If not, why?

Thursday, February 21, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1959/11

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the roof of the main hall of the Pilagoda Junior School, administered by the Galle Zonal Education Office in Galle District is about to collapse owing to the dilapidated condition of it ; and
- (ii) the aforesaid condition has posed a threat to the lives of the students of that school?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate that dilapidated building, expeditiously ;
 - (ii) whether the allocations have been made for that ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2364/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether a director required for the well-planned execution of administration and codes of conduct has been appointed;
 - (ii) whether specialist doctors such as general physicians, gynecologists and obstetricians, surgeons and anesthetists and medical health officers who assist them have been appointed in sufficient numbers;
 - (iii) if the aforementioned doctors have been appointed, their number;
 - (iv) whether matrons, nurses and adequate number of attendants and labourers have been appointed;
 - (v) if the appointments relevant to the above mentioned posts have been made, the number appointed under each category, separately;
- to serve in the Tissamaharama Hospital which has been upgraded as a base hospital ?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to how long it will take to address the shortcomings that still exist in the Tissamaharama Hospital despite being a base hospital ?
- (c) If not, why?

2411/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures which have been adopted or are to be adopted in relation to providing relief to the three wheeler taxi owners who have been inconvenienced by the fuel price hike effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy would be provided to them;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology followed in providing that subsidy; and
 - (iv) the period for which the aforesaid subsidy would be provided ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) if a fuel subsidy is not provided to three wheeler taxi owners, the reasons for that ;
- (ii) whether not providing relief to these persons who are engaged in self employment without being a burden to the country while providing a service to the society is not a great injustice ?

(c) If not, why?

2681/'12

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Commercial Company (CCC) Limited —

- (i) the reason for privatisation or transferring of the management to private sector despite the policies of the “Mahinda Chinthanaya”
- (ii) the new owners or managing partners and the agreement;
- (iii) as to when the management accounts were submitted; and
- (iv) if not, as to when it will be submitted ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the reasons for selling lands of CCC Ltd. to the foreigners;
- (ii) the selling price of the lands;
- (iii) whether the 100% tax on the aforesaid transaction has been paid;
- (iv) if so, date of payment; and
- (v) if not, the reasons for not paying ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tenders were called on the aforesaid land transaction;
- (ii) if so, the members of the Tender Advisory or Selection Committee; and
- (iii) if not, the basis on which it was done?

(d) If not, why?

2936/'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 date on which the report of the inquiry held under the order No.S-1/12/14(xiii) of January 2008 to inquire into the accountabilities of the government superintendents of audit in charge of the audit in relation to the non-exposure of the fraud to the value of Rs. 245,783,998.72 which occurred in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
- (ii) the recommendations of the above-mentioned report ;
- (iii) the names and of the Audit Examiners who were in charge of the audit of the said institution during the aforesaid period and their current positions ; and
- (iv) the disciplinary and legal action taken against the officers who were found guilty of and accountable for, according to the recommendations mentioned above?

(b) If not, why ?

2961/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) only a part of the Yatadola Water Supply Project, for which the foundation stone was laid in the year 2003, spending Rs. 1,700,000.00 under the Asian Development Bank Loan Fund, has been completed up to now; and
- (ii) under the aforesaid circumstances, it has not been possible to fulfil the drinking water requirements of the students of Yatadola Kanishta Vidyalaya completely ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for completing only a part of the Yatadola Water Supply Project; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to fulfill the drinking water requirement of the villagers in Yatadola and the Students of Yatadola Kanishta Vidyalaya completely ?

(c) If not, why ?

2996/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Management Assistants currently engaged in the Public Service; and
 - (ii) out of these, the number of those recruited in the years 2011 and 2012 separately, in relation to each institution ?
- (b) Is he aware that a problem has arisen with regard to the posts of Management Assistants due to the assigning of graduates for duties at various state institutions without having a proper plan ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Government to resolve this problem ?
- (d) If not, why ?

3006/12

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the objectives of the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report submitted to the Parliament under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No.3 of 2003 is to enable the public to evaluate the Government's fiscal performance against the fiscal strategy as set out in its Fiscal Strategy Statement; and
 - (ii) a statement of estimated and actual amounts for the first four months of the relevant year must be contained in the said report for expenditure, revenue, cash flow, and borrowing?
- (b) Will he state whether the Mid-Year Fiscal Position Report for the year 2012 dated 29 June 2012 contains—
 - (i) the estimated and actual expenditure ;
 - (ii) the estimated and actual revenue;
 - (iii) the estimated and actual cash flow: and
 - (iv) the estimated and actual borrowings;for the first four months of 2012?
- (c) If not, why?

3100/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of —
 - (i) government schools;
 - (ii) schools that have been closed down during the period from year 2005 to 2012;
 - (iii) teachers serving;
 - (iv) total teaching vacancies that exist in total;
 - (v) teaching vacancies that exist as per each subject;
 - (vi) acting principals;
 - (vii) teachers holding grades;
 - (viii) teachers serving on voluntary basis;in each district of the North Central Province ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether salaries are paid to the teachers serving on voluntary basis in the districts of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) if so, what that salary is;
 - (iii) whether officers of the Civil Security Force serve as teachers in the government schools of the above districts;
 - (iv) if so, what that number is ;
 - (v) whether they have been provided with a training under the Department of Education or any other institution; and
 - (vi) whether it is expected to attach them to the Teachers Service in future ?
- (c) If not, why?

1960/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the agreements reached with the firms which have been providing security services to the State Universities of Sri Lanka have been cancelled pre-maturely and obtaining their services have been stopped ; and
 - (ii) providing the aforesaid security services has been assigned to some other private security firms?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the new firms which have been assigned with the task of providing security services to the universities ; and
- (ii) separately, the names of the owners of each of the aforesaid firms?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tenders were called when the aforesaid new firms were assigned with the task of providing security services ;
- (ii) if so, the names of the institutions which submitted tenders ;
- (iii) if tenders were not called the reasons for that ; and
- (iv) of the minimum qualifications that the security offices serving in the university security services should possess and the privileges to which they are entitled?

(d) If not, why?

2365/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the farmers were given the opportunity to contribute to the farmers pension scheme that was established under the Farmers Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987; and
- (ii) whether the farmers are enrolled to the aforesaid scheme even at present ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total amount of money that has been collected upto now as the contribution from the farmers who have obtained the membership of the aforesaid pension scheme;
- (ii) the number of farmers over the age of 60 years who have retired by now;
- (iii) the minimum monthly pension paid for a pensioner who receives a farmers pension;
- (iv) the total amount of money paid as pensions in the months of November and December in 2011;
- (v) if the farmers' pensions have not been paid monthly, the date on which it will be implemented in that manner ?

(c) If not, why?

2413/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been adopted or that are to be adopted to provide relief to the fisher community who have been inconvenienced as a result of the increase of the prices of fuel while was effected on or around 11.02.2012;
 - (ii) whether a fuel subsidy will be provided to the aforesaid fisher community;
 - (iii) if so, the methodology adopted to provide the aforesaid subsidy;
 - (iv) the period of time within which the provision of the aforesaid fuel subsidy will be implemented ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the relevant reasons if a fuel subsidy is not provided to the fisher community;
 - (ii) whether he admits that non-provision of fuel subsidies to the above mentioned fisher community who render a great service to the economy of the country at great risk to their lives, is a grave injustice ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2683/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the BCC Lanka Ltd was in operation lastly;
 - (ii) the accounts of the BCC Lanka Ltd to date; and
 - (iii) the current position of the entity?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to why 212 perches owned by the BCC Lanka Ltd. were sold;
 - (ii) to whom the said land was sold;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid transaction was done following a proper tender procedure; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for not following tender procedure?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the staff has been paid compensation;
- (ii) if so, the amount compensated to every person separately; and
- (iii) as to when they were compensated?

(d) If not, why?

3040/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that a giant Kumbuk (Terminal arjuna), or arjun tree felling racket is taking place in the area extending to 40 kilometres on either side of Deduru Oya ;
- (ii) the persons who conducted this racket had been arrested pursuant to a complaint lodged by the villagers of the Seerangoda area with the Anti-Corruption Unit of the Kurunegala Police Station on 01st June 2012;
- (iii) these racketeers were released between 6.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. having been arrested on that same day of 1st June 2012 at 3.00 p.m.; and
- (iv) the police officer who conducted the raid in connection with this have been transferred with immediate effect after two weeks from the raid?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of arjun trees (Kumbuk) felled from the area around Deduru Oya from Wariyapola-Ella to Wellawa-Ganewatte by now;
- (ii) the names of the racketeers who have been arrested for the destruction of those arjun trees; and
- (iii) the person who directed the release of the racketeers arrested, as stated in (a) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why ?

3094/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
- (i) the Colombo Crime Investigation Unit of the Department of Police has been asked to conduct a formal investigation to ascertain whether the Auditor known as Jayawardana has committed an act of fraud by not attempting to prevent a fraud that took place in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during 1996-2006 ;
 - (ii) the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has been asked to conduct an investigation to ascertain whether the aforesaid Auditor has obtained bribes ;
 - (iii) No-pay leave has been approved for that officer to migrate for employment ; and
 - (iv) he admits that it is illegal to approve leave to him without carrying out the recommendations of the preliminary inquiry conducted by a formal committee?
- (b) If not, why ?

Friday, February 22, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1941/11

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

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
- (i) the buildings that belong to the Regional Tea Extension Centre and the land in which tea has been cultivated in Alapaladeniya in the Deniyaya Electorate of Matara District are getting wild owing to being abandoned; and
 - (ii) its a serious crime to abandon this Centre without putting it to use ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons to abandon the Alapaladeniya regional Tea Extension Centre;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to reconstruct this Centre with a view to provide advice to the problems faced by the tea cultivators in relation to their cultivations; and
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

2187/11

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

- (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?

2368/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
 - (ii) if not, reasons for that;
 - (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
 - (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2415/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme named “Sri Lanka Development Service” will be implemented for providing job opportunities in the public sector;
- (ii) if so, the minimum qualifications of the applicants who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme;
- (iii) whether they will be given permanent and pensionable posts;
- (iv) the procedure that will be followed in relation to the aforesaid recruitment;
- (v) the basic salary and other allowances that will be paid to persons so recruited;
- (vi) the duties that will be assigned to them;
- (vii) the number of persons who will be recruited under the aforesaid programme; and
- (viii) reasons for making recruitments to the aforesaid service despite the fact that there are a large number of vacancies in the public sector that have not been filled?

(b) If not, why?

3041/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date, the land located in Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10, that belonged to the B.C.C. Company, was taken over by the Urban Development Authority ;
- (ii) the programme under which the said land was taken over;
- (iii) the extent of that land ; and
- (iv) the current value of that land?

- (b) Will he also state as to what the Urban Development Authority expects to construct on this land taken over by them ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3102/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of land in the Mahaweli areas in Anuradhapura District that was subject to crop damage due to the drought in the year 2012 ;
 - (ii) the number of owners of agricultural lands who were paid compensation, out of the owners of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid to them as compensation ;
 - (iv) the extent of paddy land that was provided with seed paddy and the quantity of seed paddy provided for the damaged paddy lands separately, as per each division ;
 - (v) the amount of money paid per acre as a relief for hiring tractor, in relation to crop damages ; and
 - (vi) the amount of money spent for that?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of farmer organizations in the Mahaweli H zone in Anuradhapura District ;
 - (ii) the number of farmer organizations that have been given one hundred thousand rupees each out of the aforesaid farmer organizations ; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide that money in future for the farmer organizations who have not received money in that manner ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money provided to repair the wells in Mahaweli areas during the year 2012 ; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated per well?
- (d) If not, why ?

1961/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people in the Agunakolapelessa area are greatly inconvenienced owing to the severe dearth of physical and human resources in the Agunakolapelessa district hospital; and
 - (ii) a number of buildings of this hospital has been abandoned due to lack of repair?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to provide the Agunakolapelessa district hospital with the required facilities soon;
 - (ii) whether required provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the reconstruction activities of the hospital will be started?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the shortage of employees prevailing at this hospital has been identified;
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of vacancies that exist in each division separately;
 - (iii) the date on which arrangements will be made to fill those vacancies?
- (d) If not, why?

2370/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a pledge was made in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto to re-implement the “Senaka Bibile drugs policy”; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the delay in implementing the aforesaid policy although a few years have lapsed since the above mentioned pledge was made?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of types of drugs produced locally as per the proposal mentioned in the “ Mahinda Chinthana Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that steps would be taken to produce locally, the types of drugs which are mostly used in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the aforesaid type of drugs; and
- (iii) of the amount of money spent annually for producing drugs locally ?

(c) If not, why ?

2417/’12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the measures that have been adopted or that are to be adopted to provide relief to the low income earning estate labourers who have been inconvenienced as a result of the increase of the prices of fuel which was effected on or around 11.02.2012;
- (ii) whether a fuel subsidy will be provided to the aforesaid estate labourers;
- (iii) if so, the methodology adopted to provide the aforesaid subsidy; and
- (iv) the period of time within which the provision of the aforesaid fuel subsidy will be implemented ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the relevant reasons if a fuel subsidy is not provided to the low income earning estate labourers; and
- (ii) whether he admits that non-provision of fuel subsidies to the above mentioned labourers whose economic status is very low, and for whom obtaining electricity is merely a dream, is a grave injustice ?

(c) If not, why?

2899/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of fish canning factories in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) as to when they were started;
 - (iii) the amounts of canned fish imported to the country 5 years before the commencement of factories;
 - (iv) the amounts of canned fish imported since the commencement of the fish canning factories to date on per year basis;
 - (v) the values of the aforesaid imports in SLR;
 - (vi) the extent of foreign exchange saved owing to the commencement of the local canning factories; and
 - (vii) as to how such savings are taking place?
- (b) If not, why?

3103/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of plots of land occupied by people in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) separately, the number of free hold plots of land, leased plots of land and illegally occupied plots of land out of the above plots of land ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken to grant freehold deeds to the above mentioned recipients of leased lands; and
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to expedite such activities ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether an eviction of unauthorized occupants in the Anuradhapura Municipal Council area will be carried out;
 - (ii) if not, whether their residence in those places will be legalized;
 - (iii) whether assessment or any other tax is levied from those unauthorized occupants; and
 - (iv) whether their ownership is verified in providing electricity and other amenities ?
- (d) If not, why?

1962/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a fraud of Rs. 6400 million has taken place in the Department of Motor Traffic as per the report released by the Auditor General's Department in the year 2010;
 - (ii) this fraud has been committed by inserting the number of the vehicles already registered for the vehicles made with imported body parts of vehicles;
 - (iii) the government is losing a large income as a result?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry into the aforesaid fraud and mete out severe punishment to culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

2371/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka in which thalassaemia has spread;
 - (ii) separately, the number of thalassaemia patients and the number of deaths from thalassaemia reported in each year during the period from the year 2005 to year 2011;
 - (iii) the total number of thalassaemia patients found in the districts in which thalassaemia has spread at present;
 - (iv) the name of the district in which the highest number of thalassaemia patients are found and from which the highest number of deaths from thalassaemia have been reported;
 - (v) the number of deaths caused by thalassaemia in the aforesaid district; and
 - (vi) the number of thalassaemia patients found in the aforesaid district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a permanent cure for thalassaemia;
 - (ii) if so, whether that treatment is provided in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the type of vaccine given to thalassaemia patients;
 - (iv) the name of the country from which the aforesaid vaccine is imported;
 - (v) the amount of money spent annually on importing the aforesaid vaccine ?
- (c) If not, why?

2488/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Buddhist Temples that are situated in the Districts where the development activities were launched ;
- (ii) of the number of Buddhist Temples that were renovated ;
- (iii) separately, of the amount of money given to each of the above mentioned temples and the total amount of money given to all the temples ;
- (iv) of the number of temples that were not renovated ; and
- (v) of the reasons for not renovating the aforesaid temples ;

under the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition that was held in Oyamaduwa area of Anuradhapura, in year 2012?

(b) If not, why ?

2900/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Iran oil embargo was imposed on the world; and
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka is also abided by the said embargo; and
- (iii) the annual consumption of Iranian oil and the import of Iranian crude oil in metric tones for the last three years on per year basis and until the date of embargo in this year ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to how Sri Lanka substitutes the Iranian oil imports;
- (ii) that the country from where the oil was imported and substituted after the aforesaid embargo; and
- (iii) the additional increased premium that had to be paid for the limited oil imports from Iran, after the sanctions imposed by Europeans on Iran ?

(c) If not why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, February 22, 2013)

1632/'11

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (7)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number taken into custody and remanded under Vagrance Ordinance of 1841, from the year 2001 to date on yearly basis, separately;
 - (ii) of those remanded, the number still remain in jail or retained in other places;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the meaning of the term 'incorrigible rogues' occurs in the Vagrance Ordinance; and
 - (ii) the intention with which that term is used?
- (c) Is he aware that the recommendations had been made before Human Rights Commission in 2004 regarding the changes to the Vagrance Ordinance and the manner in which it is used?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the steps will be taken to expedite implementation of the recommendations referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, the other measures that will be taken to ensure adjustments to practices under that Ordinance?
- (e) If not, why?

2303/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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 1990 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 ?

2416/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the names of the institutions to which contracts have been awarded by the Road Development Authority to construct and develop the roads throughout the island, from the year 2006 up to now; and
 - (ii) the roads that have been assigned on contract to each of these institutions for the aforesaid purpose ?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been estimated for each of the aforesaid roads and the amount of money that has been spent at the completion of the task;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid for the work of each road after awarding the contract;
 - (iii) the outstanding amount that has to be paid by now for the construction of each of the aforesaid roads; and
 - (iv) the total amount outstanding that is to be paid to the contractors who built the aforesaid roads ?
- (c) Will he also state the reasons for not paying the total amount of money, if the total amount of money has not been paid for the contracts that have been completed by now ?
- (d) If not, why?

2572/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the women's representation recorded in each Provincial Council from the date of commencement of the Provincial Council system up to now;
 - (ii) the number of woman councillors in all operative Provincial Councils as a percentage of the total number of Provincial Councillors;
 - (iii) whether the existent women's representation in the Provincial Councils is at a satisfactory level ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2864/12

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Local Government Commissioner (W.P) through his letter No. LGD/09/01/10 dated 29.02.2012 has made an inquiry from the Municipal Commissioner regarding the progress of the implementation of a recommendation directed to the Colombo Municipal Council by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka with regard to a complaint made by a retired assistant fitter of the Colombo Municipal Council Mr. A.H.M. Mahroof;
- (ii) further reminders in this regard have been sent through letters dated 14.05.2012 and 31.05.2012 ; and
- (iii) the officials of the Colombo Municipal Council who are acting in violation of P.A. Circular No. 17/2005, have so far not taken any measures to implement the above recommendation ?

(b) Will he state whether disciplinary action will be initiated against the officials responsible for the delay in granting recommended relief to Mr. Mahroof ?

(c) If not, why ?

2905/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
- (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (a) (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
- (iii) the average cost per Minister in the years 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
- (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burden on the country?

(c) If not, why?

3008/12

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

(a) Will he state the dates on which the relevant legal lease agreements were signed as per the relevant gazette orders of the Mosques and Charitable Trusts Act by those who use on rent basis or otherwise, the houses and stalls belonging to the Masjid Muhiyiddeen Thaikka Mosque (Wakf property), located at Rate No.113, H.K. Edmond Mawatha, Milidduwa, Galle, registered under No. R/1566/G/51 of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs ?

(b) Will he also state whether action will be initiated to evict the occupants and users of the said wakf property since they seek to convert the said property into personal possessions by not paying lease money including installments in arrears as per current valuation subject to the provisions of the relevant gazette order ?

(c) If not, why ?

2573/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of woman representatives who represented the local government bodies i.e. the Municipal Councils, the Urban Councils and the Pradeshiya Sabhas from their inception up to now;
- (ii) of the number of woman local government representatives as a percentage of the total number of local government representatives; and
- (iii) whether there exists a satisfactory representation of women in the local government authorities which are the people's representation sector closest to the public ?

(b) If not, why ?

2866/12

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mrs. S.H.M. Fathima residing at Siyambalagaskotuwa, Kahatagahamada of Kurunegala District has been serving at Giri/Dalupothagama Kanishta Vidyalaya as a volunteer teacher with effect from 01.02.2002; and
 - (ii) eventhough Mrs. Fathima who was entitled to get an appointment as a teacher assistant accordingly, was summoned under Ref. No.11 by the letter bearing No. NW/SCM/B13/3/4 and dated 17.08.2009 of the Secretary to the Chief Minister and the Minister of Education of the North Western Province to award the aforesaid letter of appointment, the aforesaid teacher assistant appointment has not been granted up to now ?
- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to grant the teacher assistant appointment that Mrs. Fathima is entitled to, to be effective from August 2009 ?
- (c) If not, why?

2579/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of houses that have been destroyed by the war in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) separately of the number of houses so destroyed in each district;
 - (iii) the measures to be taken to reconstruct those houses;
 - (iv) the value of the relief granted by the government to construct each such house; and
 - (v) the period of time that will be taken to complete the reconstruction work of all the houses that have been destroyed in the Northern Province ?
- (b) If not, why?