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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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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. 1789/22 of December 19th, 2012, which was presented on 07.02.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Thursday, March 07, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1554/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,— (3)

(a) Will he state whether—

(i) the Chinese Cultural Centre constructed near Viharamahadevi park was a gift from the Chinese government to the Sri Lankan government received under the premiership of the Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe during 2002 –2004; and

(ii) it was a outright gift?

(b) Will he also state —

(i) the commencing date and the completion date of the construction of the Chinese Cultural Centre;

(ii) the total cost estimated for the above project and the final cost at the time of its completion; and

(iii) the cost incurred on the labour?

(2)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of local and foreign workers employed in the project separately;
- (ii) the designations given to the foreign workers of the aforesaid project by the company or country by whom they were brought to Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) the values of the EPF and ETF paid on behalf of the workers of the Chinese Cultural Centre construction project?

(d) If not why?

1826/11

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

(a) Will he state whether he will submit a report on the expenses borne by Sri Lanka Cricket with relevance to the 2011 World Cup cricket tournament?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the name of company to which the telecast rights of Sri Lanka Premier League cricket tournament have been awarded ; and
- (ii) the name of the person who serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the aforesaid institution?

(c) Will he also inform this House of the amounts of money spent separately for the construction of the Hambantota stadium and the other stadiums out of the colossal sum of money received by Sri Lanka at the 2011 World Cup cricket tournament?

(d) If not, why?

2036/11

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(4)

(a) Will he state separately—

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

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the positive or negative results gained by the game of cricket as an outcome of the aforesaid foreign trips made by the officers ;
- (ii) separately, of the amounts of money spent on travelling, accommodation and other expenses of each of the officers who went abroad ;
- (iii) whether tour itineraries relevant to the trips made by the aforesaid officers will be submitted ; and
- (iv) separately, of the monthly salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid officers?

(c) If not, why?

2220/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(4)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that the programme for making the residents of urban flats and other government housing schemes the freehold owners of their houses would be completed within three months ?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the date of commencement and the date of completion of the aforesaid programme;
- (ii) the number of families residing in urban flats that have got freehold ownership of their houses under the aforesaid programme; and
- (iii) the number of families residing in other government housing schemes that have got freehold ownership of their houses as mentioned above ?

(c) If not, why?

2550/12

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

(a) Will he state whether police investigations were conducted with regard to the death of a youth named Roshen Chanaka that was caused by a shooting which took place in Katunayake area on 30th May 2011 ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the report of Mahanama Thilakarathna one man-Commission, that was appointed to investigate into the death of the aforesaid youth, will be submitted;
- (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the family of the deceased youth;
- (iii) if so, the amount of money so paid; and
- (iv) whether arrangements have been made to compensate the persons who sustained injuries and the institutions of which properties were damaged in this incident ?

(c) If not, why ?

2906/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, in relation to each province, of the number of vacancies for principals existing at present in the schools which come under Provincial Councils; and
- (ii) of the action that has been taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?

(b) If not, why ?

2909/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a number of rural hospitals across the country have been closed down due to the absence of doctors; and
- (ii) post graduate doctors have been appointed to certain posts of the Ministry of Health at a time a shortage of doctors exists in hospitals?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for not recruiting a group of qualified officials for the other posts of the Ministry for which doctors have been appointed by now ; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint the group of doctors who are holding other posts in the Ministry to fill the existing vacancies of doctors in hospitals?

(c) If not, why ?

3010/12

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) commercial lands of the businessmen of Galle were acquired for the Galle-Colombo main road expansion project ; and
 - (ii) no compensation has been awarded up to now for lot No. 215 acquired under the said project as per the notice bearing No. 3/1/2002/08 and dated 13/10/2005 issued in terms of Section 10(1) (a) of Chapter 460 of the Land Acquisition Act, where the business premises of Mr. A.H.M. Mohideen residing at No. 79B, Jiffriya Road, Dangedara, Galle, was located?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to pay compensation to Mr. Mohideen immediately for the said land acquired after demolishing and removing the business premises?
- (c) If not, why ?

3163/12

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the property loans, which are granted to public servants by state banks at an interest rate of 4%, have been suspended by now ?
- (b) If so, will he state the date on which the granting of property loans to public servants will be recommenced?
- (c) If not, why ?

3164/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 70 market stalls on the Kumara Welgama Mawatha earlier known as Mathugama St. Mary's Road, which were built temporarily in 1991 and made permanent building with electricity supply subsequently as per the Pradeshiya Sabha approval dated 30.03.2005, have been suddenly demolished;
 - (ii) members of 70 families have been rendered helpless as a result;
 - (iii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has charged an advance of Rs. 100,000/- from each shop owner in order to provide new market stalls; and
 - (iv) the soil of a land belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha has been tested in order to build new market stalls but as they have not yet been built and handed over to the traders, they have resorted to various means of protest ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the persons who gave instructions to demolish the market stalls mentioned above;
- (ii) the action taken with regard to the advance charged for providing new market stalls;
- (iii) the reasons for not building new market stalls; and
- (iv) the date on which new market stalls will be provided for those traders who lost market stalls ?

(c) If not, why ?

1886/11

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

(a) Is he aware that although a period of more than two years have elapsed since the foundation stone was laid for the reconstruction of the Ambalangoda rest house in Galle District after its buildings had been demolished, the aforesaid construction work has not yet been commenced?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for stopping the reconstruction work of the aforesaid rest house halfway ;
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for the aforesaid construction ; and
- (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) as to how the Ruhunu Tourist Office got powers to demolish the aforesaid buildings which belong to the Ambalangoda Urban Council ;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid construction work will be recommenced ; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

2133/11

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the manner in which the amount of money spent to get the opportunity to host the Commonwealth Games - 2018 in Sri Lanka, was obtained ; and
- (ii) separately, the items on which the above expenses were made?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Sri Lanka has received any benefit as a result of the expenses made to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in our country ;
- (ii) if so, of the benefits gained ;
- (iii) of the number of members in the Committee which took action to get the opportunity to host the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka ; and
- (iv) separately, the name, designation and relevant qualifications of each of the aforesaid members?

(c) If not, why?

2191/'11

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the total liability of Ports Authority of Sri Lanka on per port basis;
- (ii) the instances where the Ports Authority has given guarantees, bank guarantees or undertaken liabilities for loans not taken by them; and
- (iii) whether the undertaking given to Sri Lanka Cricket is highlighted within the liabilities given in (a) (i) above?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the extent of lands in the country owned by the Ports Authority or vested in the Ports Authority;
- (ii) the lands in the Colombo District owned by the Ports Authority along with the extent separately;
- (iii) the activities that are being done on the allocated or erected lands of the Ports Authority; and
- (iv) the lands or lands with buildings that the Ports Authority expends money for maintenance?

(c) Will he also state the net profit of the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2011 to date ?

(d) If not, why?

2221/'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 “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that each estate worker family would be provided with a new house with basic facilities by the year 2015 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of—
 - (i) estate worker families that have received new houses as per the pledge mentioned above ; and
 - (ii) estate houses that are being constructed at present ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2910/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the bacterium produced by Bio Baur Lanka Company three years ago for the eradication of dengue, has shown better result than the B.T.I. bacterium imported from Cuba for the same purpose; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid bacterium has not been used for the eradication of dengue up to now, despite its better performance?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not taking steps to produce the afore mentioned bacterium which could be produced at a cost which is less than half the cost of B.T.I. bacterium ; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken in future to use that powerful bacterium which is a local product, for dengue eradication?
- (c) If not, why ?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, March 07, 2013)

3009/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the trustees for the Padiyatalawa Jumma Mosque located on the Ampara-Kandy main road, were appointed for the last time by the Wakf board ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those trustees ; and
 - (iii) the date on which the trusteeship entrusted to them lapses?
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- (b) Is he aware of the fact that the business establishments belonging to the aforesaid mosque have become properties of the persons who reside in them or manage them owing to non availability of lease agreements in terms of the provisions of the Wakf Act?
- (c) Will he also state whether arrangements will be made to—
 - (i) initiate a formal inquiry into the state of affairs mentioned in (b) above through the Department of Muslim Religions and Cultural Affairs without delay ; and
 - (ii) to give instructions to take necessary steps to preserve the properties belonging to the aforesaid mosque?
- (d) If not, why ?

Friday, March 08, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/11

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a large number of people have lost their employment and facing severe economic difficulties due to the closure of the white coir products factory in Rambukkana in Kegalle District for more than one year ;
 - (ii) the centre attached to this white coir products factory had also conducted a training course to attract the unemployed youth of the area for self employment opportunities in this industry ; and
 - (iii) the closure of this factory that has won even Presidential Awards for new innovations, is a national crime?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether that factory will be re-opened ; and
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2192/11

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

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

2222/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Samata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak ” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that Rs. 1.5 billion will be allocated for the construction of 30,000 houses targeting fishing towns and villages ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the year in which a sum of Rs. 1.5 billion was allocated from the budget as per the pledge mentioned above;
 - (ii) the number of houses of which construction work has been completed by now; and
 - (iii) the number of fisher families that have been settled in the aforesaid houses ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2410/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a truth in the statement made recently by the Indian Minister of Foreign Affairs to the effect that the President of Sri Lanka had stated that a solution going beyond the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution would be offered to the national problem of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the measures taken by the government by now with regard to the aforesaid national problem;
 - (iii) if so, the other proposals that are offered in addition to the Thirteenth Amendment;
 - (iv) whether the approval of all constituent parties of the government has been received for them;
 - (v) the date on which such proposals will be implemented; and
 - (vi) if the statement of the Indian Minister of Foreign Affairs referred to in (a)(i) above is false, the measures to be taken in that regard ?
- (b) If not, why?

2537/12

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the basis on which awarding the telecasting rights of international sports competitions to private channels in addition to the government television channels is done;
 - (ii) of the television channel that telecast Commonwealth Bank Championship Cricket Tournament which was held recently;
 - (iii) of the basis on which that channel was selected for that purpose; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to permit all the television channels to telecast international sports competitions?
- (b) If not, why?

2777/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of the assets which remained in the Farmers' Pension Fund as at 01.01.2012 ;
 - (ii) whether the policy adopted for calculating the farmers' pension will be presented to this House; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the inability to pay the farmers' pension on due dates as prescribed ?
- (b) If not, why?

2911/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large amount out of the BTI bacterium that was imported from Cuba has not been used upto now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of BTI bacterium that remains unused out of the amount that was imported from Cuba ; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not using that bacterium to control mosquitoes until dengue menace reaches epidemic proportions?
- (c) If not, why ?

3099/12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kidney patients identified in the North Central Province by the year 2012;
 - (ii) separately, on annual basis the number of patients that died of kidney disease in the North Central Province during the period from the year 2000 to 2012;
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government to save people from the aforesaid disease;
 - (iv) whether there is any connection between the kidney disease and the use of agro chemicals and chemical fertilizers; and
 - (v) whether there is a connection between the kidney disease and the water consumed by the people of the aforesaid area ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3142/12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) action is being pursued to demolish buildings constructed with approved plans in freehold lands for widening of roads carried out under the town development plan launched in the Badalkumbura town in the Monaragala District ; and
 - (ii) such activities have been executed forcibly, deploying the officials of the Urban Development Authority and the Army without giving notice in advance?
- (b) Will he state whether compensation will be paid for the buildings demolished and lands acquired in violation of laws for widening of the roads?
- (c) If not, why ?

3167/12

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough the commencement of renovation activities of the A grade roads, namely Kankesanturai Road, Palali Road, Point Pedro Road, Kandy Road and Main Street which are located in Jaffna District and coming under the Road Development Authority have been commenced after 19th May 2009, renovation work of at least one of those roads has not been completed up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the company which obtained the contract for the aforesaid road renovation work is a local company or a foreign company ;
 - (ii) whether it is moneys obtained under foreign loans or public funds that are utilized for the aforesaid renovation activities ; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for the inability to complete the aforesaid renovation eventhough 3 years have lapsed since the commencement of that work?
- (c) If not, why?

1947/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that the building and the machinery of the Textile Centre located in Kapuduwa in the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District are decaying at present ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to resume operations of this training centre by utilizing the resources at its disposal; and
- (ii) if not, whether arrangements will be made to utilize this place for a Vocational Training Centre or some other purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2195/11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Lanka Puthra Development Bank for the last 5 years per year basis;
 - (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the return on equity and the return on assets;
 - (iii) the total number of staff and the cost per employee;
 - (iv) the above information as a comparison with a private sector banking institution;
 - (v) the non-recurrent cost;
 - (vi) the amount paid to the government as levies and duties; and
 - (vii) the profit or the loss?

(b) If not, why?

2325/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the teachers engaged in volunteer service have been employed under the Ministry of Education as teacher assistants?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the volunteer teachers were recruited as teacher assistants;
 - (ii) of the number of teacher assistants employed at present;
 - (iii) of the number of teacher assistants absorbed into Grade 3-II of the Teacher Service;
 - (iv) the monthly salary paid to a teacher of the aforesaid Service; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to change the designation of the teacher assistants ?

(c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken —

- (i) to confirm all those who were recruited as teacher assistants in service under the recruitment procedure pertaining to the Teacher Service and place them on the relevant salary step; and
- (ii) to confirm them in service with effect from the date on which they were recruited as teacher assistants ?

(d) If not, why?

2493/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately for each year, the number of officers promoted from Police Constable grade to the grade of Inspector of Police from the year 2007 up to now;
- (ii) the number of police officers who have acquired qualifications by now to be promoted to the aforesaid post;
- (iii) the number of officers who have been recommended by now to be promoted out of them;
- (iv) the date on which they will be promoted on the aforesaid recommendations;
- (v) the number of officers with qualifications to be promoted but not recommended for that; and
- (vi) the reasons for not granting them promotions ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to promote those police officers in compliance with the ruling dated 19.01.2012 relevant to cases bearing numbers 145,147,151 and 152 which were filed at the Supreme Court as a result of not promoting the police officers who have fulfilled the required qualifications; and
- (ii) whether he admits that failure to do so would amount to contempt of court ?

(c) If not, why?

2968/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Railways has lost earnings it should have received as a result of several railway carriages being handed over to the private companies by the Department?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the income received by the Department of Railways by handing over the railway carriages to the private companies ; and
 - (ii) whether the privatization of the railway service is being contemplated by handing over carriages to private companies?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to have the railway carriages handed over to the private sector returned to the Department of Railways and safeguard the railway service without allowing it to be privatized?
- (d) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.13/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which leads to higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

P.14/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

P.15/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Punishments for Government Officials,— That this Parliament resolves that, high ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Extension of retirement age,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government Officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Quality Assurance Council” be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a position named “Special Prosecutor”,— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named “Special Prosecutor” that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions, Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.20/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees’ Provident Fund and Employees’ Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

P.21/'10

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

P.22/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that a Conflict Resolution Centre which can go into problems in Sri Lanka, in the region, and the world as a whole, be created, utilizing the strengths in all religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam that since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace.

P.23/'10

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

P.24/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Policy Formulation Board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.25/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

P.26/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

P.27/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.28/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.29/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.30/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Refund of Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.31/10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authority.

P.32/'10

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.33/'10

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

P.44/'10

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

P.45/'10

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

P.46/'10

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

P.47/'10

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

P.48/'10

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

P.49/'10

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

P.57/10

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

P.59/10

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

P.60/10

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

P.62/10

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

P.63/10

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

P.64/10

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

P.69/10

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

P.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.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.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, March 19, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1968/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) even though survey activities were done and estimates were made to construct a bridge over the Kirindiganga adjacent to the Malwaththawela school lane in the Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat Division in Moneragala District connecting a number of villages the bridge has not been constructed so far; and
 - (ii) the people in a number of villages face immense hardships owing to the non availability of a bridge at that place?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to construct the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

2200/'11

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - (ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;
 - (iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and
 - (iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;
 - (ii) if so, names and the values of those assets; and
 - (iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?
- (c) If not, why?

2328/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that Police Security Assistants who perform the same type of duties performed by the Police Officers have been confirmed in the service of Sri Lanka Police Department and made entitled to pensions ?
- (b) Will he state whether —
 - (i) the confirmation of the service of the Police Security Assistants was done in conformity to the recruitment procedure of the Police Department ;
 - (ii) they will be provided with a proper uniform and the permission for reporting duties in the note book during duty hours be granted to them;
 - (iii) salary increments, zonal allowances, transport allowances, difficult area service allowance and bata which the Police officers are entitled to have been paid to them from the date of confirmation of service; and
 - (iv) steps will be taken to grant them those privileges, if they have not been paid ?
- (c) If not, why?

2494/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a group including Mrs. Nanda Malini, a songstress, were subjected to special checking by the security personnel of the State of Kuwait on their arrival in that country on 01.02.2012;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for subjecting them to such checking;
 - (iii) whether any suspicious matter has been discovered in her possession or in the possession of her troop or whether any clue has been found regarding the possession of such matters during that checking;
 - (iv) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has carried out an investigation regarding the aforesaid incident;
 - (v) whether inquiries have been made at diplomatic level in that regard;
 - (vi) if this checking has been done on false information, whether the party that furnished such false information has been identified; and
 - (vii) if so, whether their details will be submitted ?

- (b) Will he state the measures taken by the government regarding the embarrassment caused to Mrs. Nanda Malini ?
- (c) If not, why?

2551/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a fisherman named Anthony Fernando was killed in a shooting that took place in Chilaw area on 15th February 2012 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether police investigations were carried out with regard to the aforesaid shooting;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the family of the aforesaid fisherman who was killed; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount that has been paid ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2969/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 200 schools of this country were closed down during the past 7 months ;
 - (ii) there are another 1590 schools facing imminent closure ; and
 - (iii) although the government had stated that schools with modern facilities categorization scheme, not a single such school can be seen?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the schools that were categorized by the government ;
 - (ii) the number of schools that have been renovated under the aforementioned categorization ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money is allocated for each school under the categorization?
- (c) Will he also state whether action will be taken to prevent the closure of government schools, which ensure the maximum enjoyment of equal rights of free education for children and to modernize them and make them available to posterity?
- (d) If not, why ?

2987/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the Standards Institution of Sri Lanka to ensure the continuation of the standard of an item of which the standard has been certified; and
 - (ii) the circulars, regulations and orders pertaining to them if any ?
- (b) Is he aware that a complaint has been made to the Standards Institution of Sri Lanka by Jagath Chandra Perera and Buddhi Jayawickrama Perera of Bandaragama on 23.09.2011 demanding an inquiry pertaining to the decline of the standard of a certain type of SLS certified Asbestos roofing sheet available in the market ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for not conducting an inquiry pertaining to the above complaint;
 - (ii) of the date on which the SLS accreditation was awarded to the aforesaid roofing sheet; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken to certify the continuous maintenance of the standard of the aforesaid roofing sheets ?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the scientific research carried out by the roofing sheet manufacturing company mentioned in the above complaint in the year 2011 to ascertain whether their products maintain SLS standards;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid researches were carried out; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant reports will be submitted ?
- (e) If not, why?

3101/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, and in relation to each Divisional Secretariat Division the number of Civil Security Officers serving in the District of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid officers have been assigned with other duties in addition to the duties in the security service;
 - (iii) if so, what those duties are;
 - (iv) whether overtime payments and other allowances are paid for engaging in additional duties; and
 - (v) if so, the value of the aforesaid allowances received by an officer?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Civil Security Officers have been assigned with additional duties such as engaging in cultivation and brick industry and working in farms where goats and pigs are reared; and
- (ii) whether an order has been given making it compulsory for each officer deployed in bricks industry to make 2000 bricks every month?

(c) If not, why?

3143/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children ;
- (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world ;
- (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue each year ; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now ; and
- (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?

(c) If not, why ?

3168/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that no progress has been made so far in response to the request made to upgrade the Nallur, Manipai (Southwest Walikamam) and Chunnakam (Walikamam South) Pradeshiya Sabhas in Jaffna District, to Urban Councils through a formal applications channeled through the relevant department many months ago?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary steps will be taken to upgrade the aforementioned Local Government Institutions to Urban Councils as per the above request?
- (c) If not, why?

1970/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Rotumba Central Dispensary situated in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat area in Matara District has been closed down at present ;
 - (ii) the buildings of the aforesaid dispensary which has been closed down are getting destroyed ; and
 - (iii) the people in the area are faced with a great inconvenience due to the closure of the aforesaid dispensary?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the buildings of the aforesaid dispensary ;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose by now ;
 - (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to appoint a doctor to the Rotumba Central Dispensary and provide relief to the people in the area ; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2201/'11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses built in Kalutara District by the Ministry in the year 2011;
 - (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid constructions of houses?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
- (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
- (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?

(c) If not, why?

2330/12

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Civil Security Department has been established as per Cabinet decision No.16/1395/206/052 dated 02.08.2006, to assist the Sri Lanka Police Service;
- (ii) Civil Security Officers have acted with total commitment when a war situation prevailed, at ceremonies of national importance and in various disaster situations; and
- (iii) it has been stated that the officers who had completed 180 days of uninterrupted service by 31.10.2009 would be confirmed speedily as per the Circular issued by the Civil Security Department on 15.12.2009 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number employed in the Civil Security Service at present;
- (ii) the daily wages paid to each category of officers currently serving in various fields of that service;
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to confirm the employees of the aforesaid Department who are serving for daily wages, place them on a permanent salary scale and grant them all the privileges that public officers are entitled to; and
- (iv) the time frame required for that?

(c) If not, why?

2495/12

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a quarry is run by splitting the rock on the mountain known as Hadurukkanda or a mountain close to that which belong to Kurunegala and Mawathagama Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (ii) whether the approval of the Central Environment Authority has been granted for that;
- (iii) if so, whether the documents relevant to the aforesaid approval will be submitted;
- (iv) as to who run that quarry;
- (v) if the quarry belongs to an institution, it's name address and names and addresses of the members of the board of directors;
- (vi) separately, of the names and addresses of the owners of the land in which the aforesaid rock is located and the extents of land belonging to each person; and
- (vii) of the reasons for splitting and removing that rock ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are tanks which are fed by the mountain in which the aforesaid rock is located; and
- (ii) of the steps to be taken to prevent the damage caused to the sources of water of the tanks fed by the mountain, animal life and natural environment owing to splitting rocks that surround the aforesaid range of mountains ?

(c) If not, why ?

2970/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) many foreign doctors serve in private hospitals in this country ; and
- (ii) majority of these doctors are not properly qualified?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of foreign doctors who serve at private hospitals in this country ;
- (ii) out of them, of the number of doctors who are not properly qualified ;
- (iii) whether a programme will be implemented for checking the qualifications of foreign doctors when the foreign doctors serving in this country are registered ; and
- (iv) whether he will take action to avoid the risk to the lives of helpless patients, by cancelling the registration of those doctors from foreign countries who are already registered but do not possess the necessary qualifications?

(c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1971/11

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the building which houses the Divisional Education Office of Pasgoda, coming under the Deniyaya Education Zone in Matara District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) as the aforesaid building is situated within the premises of the M/Urubokka National School it self, it has become a serious threat to the lives of the students and the employees of that school?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether action will be taken to renovate this building expeditiously; and
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2202/'11

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

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

2428/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme to recruit unemployed graduates to the public service has been implemented in the year 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the procedure adopted in recruiting graduates to the public service under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid procedure is implemented in a manner that is fair to every unemployed graduate ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2496/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the institutions that supplied mattresses to the government hospitals during the period from 2009 to 2012 ;
 - (ii) whether the accepted tender procedure has been followed in selecting the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) if so, the names and addresses of institutions that submitted tenders;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the owner and the members of the board of directors of the institution which supplied mattresses to the Chilaw District Hospital in the year 2011 or during the early part of the year 2012;

- (v) the number of mattresses supplied by the aforesaid institution and their value;
 - (vi) the date on which the hospital received the aforesaid stock of mattresses; and
 - (vii) the name/s and post/s of the officer or the officers who sanctioned the purchase of the aforesaid mattresses ?
- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to the above stock of mattresses—
- (i) whether he will submit the standards certificate;
 - (ii) the minimum period they can be used ;
 - (iii) whether they are being used at present;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for same; and
 - (v) if the supplying institution has supplied mattresses to other hospitals as well, separately the number of mattresses supplied to each such hospital ?
- (c) If not, why?

2973/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that Consultant Cardiologists attached to the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital have left the hospital, owing to the non availability of essential medical appliances and medicines required to perform cardiac surgeries and the non functioning of the operating theatre constructed in the cardiac unit in the year 2008, up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the operating theatre constructed in the cardiac unit of the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital will be opened ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to obtain a report relating to the non availability of medical appliances and medicines required for performing cardiac surgeries at the aforesaid hospital ; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to save the lives of the innocent patients by making a survey of the shortcomings in all hospitals where cardiac surgeries are performed and making the required medicines and appliances available to them?
- (c) If not, why ?

3169/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money spent for the Northern and the Eastern Provinces from the year 2010 up to 2012 by the North-East Local Government Service Improvement Project (NELSIP)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that certain proposals prepared and submitted by each of the Local Government Institutions under the aforesaid project have been changed by the co-chairmen of the district co-ordinating committees ; and
 - (ii) if so, what the proposals that have been changed are?
- (c) If not, why?

1973/11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the residents are confronted with a host of problems as a result of not being able to obtain pure drinking water since electricity has not been supplied to the plant of the Mulatiyana Community Water Treatment Centre located in the Mulatiyana Pradeshiya Sabha area in Matara District; and
 - (ii) even though the relevant authorities have pledged to provide funds for this purpose, the financial provisions have not yet been provided?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide funds required for the immediate supply of electricity for the water treatment plant; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2203/11

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) all the government owned companies established during the last 10 years which are not audited by the Auditor General's Department;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid companies are monitored by the Public Enterprise Department; and
 - (iii) if not, by whom in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the above companies are audited ?

- (b) Will he also state for the last 10 years pertaining to the companies mentioned in (a) (i) —
- (i) the number of entities that have been charged a levy, or paid dividends to the government;
 - (ii) the number of entities that have been paid by the government without receiving any finance back;
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by the government to each entity separately ;
 - (iv) whether those entities are netting an overall profit or loss for each year;
 - (v) the number of employees in each entity; and
 - (vi) the total capital employed to each entity by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

2430/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to grant a cost of living allowance or a fuel subsidy to the fishing community engaged in the fisheries industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the procedure that will be followed to implement it;
 - (iii) of the amount of the financial assistance expected to be provided to each fisherman ;
 - (iv) of the criteria that have been used to calculate the above mentioned amount ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2497/12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, the amount of money allocated annually by the government from the year 2005 to 2012 for popularizing bakery products using rice flour including bread and buns ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the machinery purchased for the aforesaid production ;
 - (ii) separately, the value of each machinery;
 - (iii) the individuals or institutions to whom they have been handed over; and
 - (iv) the present status of such machinery ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current progress regards the rice flour based bakery products;
 - (ii) whether necessary arrangements have been made by now to cause the full use of rice flour based bakery products instead of wheat flour based bakery products in the country ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2974/12

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that there was a problem with regard to the provision of food for three days in the Ambalangoda District Hospital in August 2012; and
 - (ii) this problem cropped up as a result of the tender relating to the supply of food being granted in an improper manner?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the cancellation of the tender awarded on 1st July 2012 for the supply of food of the Ambalangoda District Hospital ;
 - (ii) the procedure followed in granting the food supply tender ; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to look into the above mentioned problem that cropped up in the Ambalangoda District Hospital in order to avoid recurrence of a situation of that type?
- (c) If not, why ?

1974/11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under the government programme of granting appointments to graduates, appointments as Financial Assistants, Development Assistants and Management Assistants at public institutions and government schools were granted in 2005 on supernumerary basis; and
 - (ii) no promotion procedure has been formulated for them up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is possible for those appointees serving in government schools to obtain teaching appointments to the same schools or other schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the procedure to be followed in that respect?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a promotion procedure will be formulated for the aforesaid appointees;
 - (ii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (d) If not, why?

2205/11

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the State Timber Corporation for the last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the profit or loss;
 - (iii) the total staff, cost and profit per employee; and
 - (iv) the deduction or levies paid to the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any money granted to the State Timber Corporation has been written off for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, the amount written off;
 - (iii) for what reason it was done; and
 - (iv) as to when it was occurred?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the State Timber Corporation could have efficiently used the money better than the way they were used for the last 5 years;
- (ii) if so, as to how it is done; and
- (iii) if not, as to why it is not so?

(d) If not, why?

2433/12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately the economic growth rate of Sri Lanka in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2011;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid economic growth rates were at a satisfactory level ?

(b) If not, why ?

2498/12

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

(a) Will he state separately in relation to each year—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the Paddy Marketing Board to purchase paddy from the farmers during the period from the year 2008 to the year 2011;
- (ii) the quantity of paddy used for production of rice, out of the aforesaid paddy stocks; and
- (iii) the value of the quantity of paddy that was destroyed inside the warehouses of the Paddy Marketing Board due to damage caused by pests or negligence ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the course of action taken regarding the stocks of paddy that were destroyed due to damage caused by pests or other causes after being purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board ?

(c) If not, why ?

Thursday, March 21, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1975/'11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the company which is entrusted with the oil exploration activities in the Mannar Basin in Sri Lanka and the name of the country to which that company belongs; and
 - (ii) of the conditions included in the agreement signed for the drilling of oil wells?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Sri Lankan government has not been able to supervise any activity connected to drilling of oil wells in Mannar Basin or to take any decision relevant to it; and
 - (ii) under the aforesaid situation, problems have arisen with regard to the transparency of the agreement relevant to the drilling of oil wells?
- (c) If not, why?

2206/'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 Cabinet Ministers at present and their names;
 - (ii) the total of budgetary allocations to the aforesaid Ministries for the year 2012;
 - (iii) the aforesaid allocation in terms of a percentage of the GDP;
 - (iv) the total number of people working in those Ministries ; and
 - (v) the total cost per Ministry per month?
- (b) Will he also state whether any of the aforesaid Ministries could be abolished or reduced ?
- (c) If not, why?

2437/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number;
 - (ii) the names and present places of employment; and
 - (iii) whether applications were called prior to making the appointments;
of the acting directors of education covering duties of the offices of directors of education in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service ?
- (b) Will he also state separately with relevance to those appointed as acting directors—
 - (i) the previous places of employment;
 - (ii) the classes and grades of Sri Lanka Teachers' Service or Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
 - (iii) the professional and academic qualifications; and
 - (iv) by whom the appointments were made?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) officers covering duties of the office of directors can not be appointed as per the circular of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service; and
 - (ii) only the Public Services Commission has the authority to make acting appointments for the posts in the aforesaid service ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of permanent vacancies available in the above service at present; and
 - (ii) whether suitable officers will be recruited to fill the aforesaid vacancies by calling for applications through Gazette Notification as per the service circular ?
- (e) If not, why ?

2499/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) if action has been taken as per the statement made by the former Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development Hon. P. Dayaratna in the Parliament on 7th October 2010 to the effect that production activities of the Hingurana Sugar Factory would commence in the year 2011, the amount of Sugar produced per day at present at the aforesaid factory; and
 - (ii) if sugar production has not been commenced, the reasons for same?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of employees (in the planting division and the factory) working at the Hingurana Sugar Factory ;
 - (ii) separately, the aforesaid number of employees as per each post; and
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to pay their salaries, allowances, provident fund etc. properly ?
- (c) If not, why?

2975/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that due to the irresponsible action of the educational authorities, a test paper which had been given in the year 2009 has been given again for the year 2012 second school term test of the Matara education zone ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the emergence of such problematic situations in the field of education; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken with regard to the officials who are responsible for such situations ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3170/'12

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a pledge has been given on many occasions that a sum of Rs. 50,000/= will be given to each person to be resettled, in instalments of Rs. 5,000/=, Rs. 20,000/= and Rs. 25,000/= ; and
 - (ii) details and signatures have been obtained from many persons to the effect that this allowance would be given ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether this Rs. 50,000/= allowance has been fully paid to all the resettled persons as per the pledge mentioned above; and
- (ii) if not, whether an uninterrupted program will be implemented to give the aforesaid amount of money to those people, who are undergoing difficulties ?

(c) If not, why ?

1976/'11

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

(a) Is he aware that the Nebada Kendakaduwa Rural Hospital situated in Kalutara District, has faced with the risk of being closed down as a result of the shortages of physical and human resources that exist at that hospital?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to remedy the existing shortcomings expeditiously and provide a better health service to the people of the area ;
- (ii) whether plans have been made for that ;
- (iii) if so, whether provisions have been allocated for that ; and
- (iv) of the amount of money so allocated?

(c) If not, why?

2208/'11

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Development Lotteries Board for the last 5 years on per year basis—

- (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
- (ii) the profit or loss;
- (iii) the total staff, cost and profit per employee; and
- (iv) the deduction or levies paid to the government?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether any money of the Development Lotteries Board has been written off for the last 5 years;
- (ii) if so, the amount written off;
- (iii) for what reason it was done; and
- (iv) as to when it was occurred?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Development Lotteries Board could have efficiently used the money better than the way they were used for last 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, as to how it is done; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why it is not so?
- (d) If not, why?

2438/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of expectant mothers admitted per month to the teaching hospital at Mahamodara in Galle, which is a main maternity hospital in the Southern Province;
 - (ii) whether the labour rooms in the aforesaid hospital are sterilized;
 - (iii) the number of infant deaths that occurred in the premature baby unit of the aforesaid hospital during the period from January to March in 2012; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the aforesaid infant deaths?
- (b) Will he assure that the lives of the babies that receive treatment at the premature baby unit of the Mahamodara hospital are safe and the staff of the aforesaid unit perform their duties with responsibility ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to uplift the condition of the aforesaid hospital in order to avoid unfortunate incidents like the deaths of infants, which occur due to the shortcomings of the hospital; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2500/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that proposals /applications had been called in March 2011 to hand over the Kanthale sugar factory to private sector investors under the long term lease system in order to be restructured;

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Kanthale sugar factory has been handed over to a private sector investor by now;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which the transfer took place, the institution, company or investor that it was transferred to;
- (iii) of the price at which the transfer was done; and
- (iv) of the conditions pertaining to the transfer of that factory ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to start the sugar production in the aforesaid factory by now;
- (ii) the expected daily production capacity; and
- (iii) the reasons if production has not yet been started ?

(d) If not, why ?

1977/11

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a plan to close down the Upcountry Service (Kandurata Sevaya) Broadcasting Channel located on the Pushpadana Mawatha in Kandy ;
- (ii) whether there is a plan to give its buildings to the hostel of a nearby girls' school after its closure?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that the closure of the above Broadcasting Channel by the government as per (a) (i) above, is a breach of the promise given by the government that it will not close down state institutions?

(c) If not, why?

2241/'12

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

- (a) Will he state for the years 2010 and 2011 separately—
 - (i) the total cost incurred for renting buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development;
 - (ii) the rate per square foot and the period of lease or rent of each building separately;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on renting or leasing of vehicles from entities not belonged to the Ministry;
 - (iv) the total number of vehicles rented or leased;
 - (v) the other services outsourced by the Ministry ;
 - (vi) the cost incurred for the aforesaid services outsourced;
 - (vii) the total staff strength of the Ministry; and
 - (viii) the number of persons contracted on outsourced basis?
- (b) If not, why?

2504/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2516/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of containers of imported pesticides that were temporarily or permanently prohibited from release by the Customs from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) separately of the reasons that led to such a prohibition on each of the occasions such prohibition was made;
 - (iii) of the companies that have imported the containers of pesticides which were prohibited from release;
 - (iv) whether the Customs have recently released 14 containers of imported pesticides without a proper inspection; and
 - (v) if so of the person in authority who granted approval for the release of the aforesaid containers ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2977/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there has not been any response up to now, with regard to the financial frauds that have been committed by the management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, even though the relevant officials have made submissions with documentary proof to the authorities concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a report will be submitted, inclusive of the correct statistics of the amount of money that has been defrauded by the management of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation by now, and the number of times that frauds have been so committed;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking action so far against officials involved in financial frauds, by the relevant authorities ; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken against the corrupt officials of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation without allowing them to embezzle public money?
- (c) If not, why ?

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2243/12

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

- (a) Will he state for the year 2012—
- (i) the total cost incurred for renting buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
 - (ii) the rate per square foot and the period of lease or rent of each building separately;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on renting or leasing of vehicles from entities not belonged to the Ministry;
 - (iv) the total number of vehicles rented or leased;
 - (v) the other services outsourced by the Ministry ;
 - (vi) the cost incurred for the aforesaid outsourced services ;
 - (vii) the total staff strength of the Ministry; and
 - (viii) the number of persons contracted on outsourced basis?
- (b) If not, why?

2266/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. K.K. Edwin of Kotawila, Kamburugamuwa—
- (i) has served as a permanent trained driver of Ceylon Transport Board (CTB) from 1965 to 1986;
 - (ii) has been reemployed as a driver on contract basis even after his retirement, from 1986 to 1994; and
 - (iii) has not been paid the provident fund benefits, gratuity or any other payment that he is entitled to according to his period of service up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the value of the provident fund benefits, gratuity and other payments to be paid to Mr. Edwin by Ceylon Transport Board; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay the aforesaid amount to Mr. Edwin, who is physically weak, and to pay an interest for the amount withheld by CTB for a period of over twenty years?
- (c) If not, why?

2505/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical resources and human resources in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya situated in Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources that exist in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to remedy the aforesaid shortages; and
 - (iii) if so, of the time taken for that ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2634/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of matches included in the test cricket match series held in Sri Lanka in the months of March and April in the year 2012 ;
 - (ii) of the stadiums in which the aforesaid matches were played ;
 - (iii) of the number of seats available in the spectators' stands in each of the aforesaid stadiums;
 - (iv) of the amounts charged for the seats in the spectators' stands in the aforesaid stadiums;
 - (v) of the price of one ticket for watching this match series;
 - (vi) of the period of time for which the aforesaid ticket was valid;
 - (vii) whether a minimum amount of Rs. 5000 has been charged for one seat at the spectators' stands in the aforesaid stadiums; and
 - (viii) if so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why ?

2978/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) although 10 years have lapsed since the establishment of Civil Aviation Authority , that institution does not have a permanent building up to now; and
 - (ii) responsible officers of the aforesaid Authority have spent public funds in irregular and careless manner ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money paid as rent for the building in which the Civil Aviation Authority has been housed for the past 10 years;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to construct a permanent building for the aforesaid Authority which is paying a large amount of money as rent; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken against the officer who handled the funds of the aforesaid institution in a careless manner ?

(c) If not, why ?

3171/12

Hon. E. Saravanapavan,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether action will be taken in line with the statement made by him to the effect that stern action will be taken in the event of any violation of the language policy ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether steps will be taken to ensure that copies of all the documents pertaining to promotions in the Sri Lanka Principles' Service which are currently forwarded only in Sinhala language to the Principles of Tamil medium schools, will be sent to the relevant schools in Tamil language ; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to direct the relevant institutions to respond in Tamil language itself instead of responding only Sinhala language when replying letters of request received from the beneficiaries of Employees' Provident Fund in Tamil Language ?

(c) If not, why ?

2245/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the world heritage sites in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the amount of money spent to upkeep and maintain such spectacular sites;
- (iii) the number of persons paid visits to the local world heritage sites for the last 3 years on per year basis; and
- (iv) the revenue collected from those sites for the last 3 years?

(b) Will he state the number of persons directly and indirectly working in the aforesaid sites for the years 2010 and 2011 separately?

(c) If not, why?

2439/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in Matara District lie fallow ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop ;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated ?
- (c) If not, why?

2506/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are several shortages of physical and human resources in Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya, situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the existing shortages of the physical and human resources in Kiriibbanweawa Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to meet the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the time that will be taken in that regard ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2635/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of new route permits that have been issued by the Central Province Road Passenger Transport Authority in year 2011;
 - (ii) the routes for which those permits have been issued;
 - (iii) whether the above mentioned route permits have been issued in accordance with the Passenger Transport Service Authority Act No. 1 of 2000;

- (iv) the names of the members of the board of directors who granted approval for the above mentioned permits;
 - (v) whether he will submit the documents containing the signatures of the persons who granted the above mentioned approval; and
 - (vi) whether an accepted tender procedure has been followed in granting those permits ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the routes coming under the Central Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of buses approved for each of the routes coming under the Central Province, in the year 2011; and
 - (iii) the number of vacancies for buses that existed in the aforesaid year in each of the routes mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2979/12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the government has decided —
- (i) not to give permanent appointments in the Public Service to a group of about 2000 who followed the Higher National Diploma in Engineering; and
 - (ii) not to give Programme Officer appointments to Diploma holders who have passed the Examination in Oriental Languages ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of individuals expecting jobs after completing the Higher National Diploma in Engineering and the Examination in Oriental Languages, at present;
 - (ii) the reasons for deciding not to give permanent appointments in the Public Sector to Diploma holders of Higher National Diploma in Engineering; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to give government appointments to holders of Higher National Diploma in Engineering and Programme Officer positions to those who have passed the Examination in Oriental Languages ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2314/12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(2)

- (a) Will he state as at todate —
 - (i) the total value of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) owned by the workers of the country ;
 - (ii) the entities in which the EPF is invested ;
 - (iii) the number of members in the EPF;
 - (iv) number of non-responsive EPF members;
 - (v) as to why the money from the non responsive EPF members is not collected; and
 - (vi) the value of the uncollected members' money ?
- (b) If not, why?

2446/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) plots of lands of some land owners have shrunk to less than six perches due to the acquisition of lands for widening the road from Nupe to Matara / Godagama along the Colombo-Matara expressway;
 - (ii) the Matara Urban Council does not grant permission for construction activities in such lands; and
 - (iii) irrespective of this, the aforesaid Urban Council has granted permission to construct buildings from the point where boundaries have been demarcated by the Road Development Authority disregarding the minimum limit of six perches in the lands that remained following the widening of Dharmapala Mawatha from the Matara Bo-Tree to Nupe ?
- (b) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to people of one area due to the implementation of the methods as stated above in the same Urban Council area?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to grant permission for constructions in the small plots of lands on either side of the Nupe-Godagama Road under the same relaxed conditions referred to (a) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2507/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a lot of physical and human resource deficiencies exist in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the physical and human resource deficiencies that prevalent in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, of the time required for that?
- (c) If not, why ?

2636/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of new employees recruited to the Passenger Transport Services Authority of the Central Province in the Year 2011;
 - (ii) separately, the posts, dates of recruitment and educational qualifications of these employees;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid recruitment has been carried out by conducting interviews as per the accepted procedures;
 - (iv) if so, the details of other candidates who faced the said interviews;
 - (v) if the accepted procedures have not been followed in carrying out the above recruitment, the reasons for same;
 - (vi) whether cabinet approval has been granted for such new recruitment; and
 - (vii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be submitted ?
- (b) If not, why ?
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