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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2201/11

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

- (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?

2279/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of libraries situated throughout the country that are administered by the local government bodies;
- (ii) the number of employees who serve as Library Assistants in those libraries;
- (iii) the monthly salary or allowance paid to them;
- (iv) whether the Library Assistants are entitled to promotional prospects and pension rights which the public servants are entitled according to their experience and period of service; and
- (v) if they are not entitled to such promotions, the reasons for it ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the Library Assistants not being entitled to receive pensions which a majority of public servants are entitled to in accordance with their experience is a severe injustice and a violation of human rights; and
- (ii) the date on which this right will be granted to them ?

(c) If not, why?

2340/12

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

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

3068/12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Uva Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Uva Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

3286/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a dearth of officers within the Government Translator Service which belongs to the Combined Service;
 - (ii) external personnel not being attracted to this service due to lack of salaries and privileges that encourages them to join and remain in the service and even those who have joined the service leaving it on a constant basis are the reasons for this dearth of officers;
 - (iii) the entire Service has been downgraded by the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006 in terms of salary scales, in comparison to the other Services that had been allied to it earlier; and
 - (iv) this situation is totally in contradiction with the programme for a tri-lingual Sri Lanka ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any steps have been taken by now to reinstate the due recognition and service status that the said Translator Service has been deprived of;
- (ii) if so, what those steps are; and
- (iii) the date on which the above steps will be implemented ?

(c) If not, why ?

3335/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the attempts by Sri Lankans to leave the country illegally without obtaining visas have steadily increased from January 2012 to date;
- (ii) the number of illegal migrants nabbed during that period; and
- (iii) the legal action taken against them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether this process of illegal migration was in operation prior to the aforesaid period;
- (ii) if not, whether it had started recently; and
- (iii) of the reasons for not implementing measures to nab those illegal migrants before the aforesaid period ?

(c) If not, why ?

3404/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a person called Malarathnam Singarasa of Nawalkadu, Batticaloa has been imprisoned ;
- (ii) if so, the name of the prison where he is held; and
- (iii) whether he has been imprisoned as a prisoner or as a suspect ?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the date and location of his arrest and the person who arrested him; and
- (ii) the charge on which he was arrested and the law relevant ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a case has been filed against the person called Malarathnam Singarasa before a court of law;
- (ii) if so, the charges relevant, the date on which such case was filed, the case number and the court of law;
- (iii) the current situation of that case; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to release that person ?

(d) If not, why ?

2463/’12

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

(a) Will he inform this House for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on per year basis pertaining to the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” and “Nagenahira Udanaya”—

- (i) the cost incurred and the benefits accrued;
- (ii) the number of jobs that have been created; and
- (iii) the exact expenditure incurred and corroborate through cash flows as to the actual amount spent?

(b) Will he state the total aid and grants obtained on account of “Uthuru Wasanthaya and Nagenahira Udanaya” for years 2010, 2011 and 2012?

(c) If not, why?

2504/’12

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

(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 ?

2634/12

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

- (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 ?

3069/12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Sabaragamuwa. Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

2515/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are many physical and human resource deficiencies in Sampathnuwara Hospital in the Northern Province ;
 - (ii) of the physical and human resource deficiencies and the shortcomings that exist in the aforesaid hospital ;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortcomings ; and
 - (iv) if so, of the time required for that purpose?
- (b) If not, why ?

2719/12

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

- (a) Will he state for the years 2011 and 2012 separately—
 - (i) the number of cases investigated by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption;
 - (ii) the number of cases to which the indictments were served after the examinations;
 - (iii) the offence stated in the case, the fine and the punishment given pertaining to each case referred to in (a) (ii) on per case basis; and
 - (iv) the average length of the time period taken by the aforesaid Commission to complete a case received?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the matters to be implemented by the aforesaid Commission according to the COPE report issued under the Chairmanship of Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, MP ;
 - (ii) the actions implemented regarding the recommendations of the aforesaid report; and
 - (iii) the reason for not conforming to and not following up the recommendations given in the said COPE report?
- (c) If not, why?

2790/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the ship named 'Lanka Mahapola' was commissioned for the use of the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Limited; and
 - (ii) whether the above mentioned ship has been given to some other organization on the basis of lease or rent ?
- (b) If the ship has been given on the basis, of lease or rent, will he state separately—
 - (i) the name of the organization to which it has been given;
 - (ii) the date on which it was given;
 - (iii) the shipping experience of the company that has obtained it on the basis of lease or rent;
 - (iv) the financial assets of the company;
 - (v) the amount of money received monthly as the payment for giving the aforesaid ship on the basis of rent or lease; and
 - (vi) the total amount of money that has been obtained from the relevant company and the amount outstanding ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3070/12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Northwestern Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Northwestern Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 10, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1850/11

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
 - (ii) the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
 - (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
 - (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?
- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1895/11

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

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

2214/12

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 Janasevana Programme of “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that blocks of flats would be constructed to be given to middle-class people at concessionary prices ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the construction blocks of flats to be given to middle class people at concessionary prices was commenced;
 - (ii) the number of such blocks of flats of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the names of the areas in which those blocks of flats have been constructed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2270/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a killing of a foreigner occurred in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around Christmas day of 2011;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the country of the person killed;
 - (iii) whether suspects of the aforesaid killing have been identified; and
 - (iv) the positions held by them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the action taken with regard to the aforesaid killing by now; and
 - (ii) of the repercussions that Sri Lanka has had to face internationally as a result of the aforesaid killing ?
- (c) If not, why?

2537/12

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(5)

- (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?

3061/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that construction activities of buildings in a number of schools in Horana, Matugama and Kalutara Educational zones in the Kalutara District have been stalled owing to non availability of funds ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with partly completed buildings in the above educational zones ;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the funds allocated by the government for the construction of those school buildings;
 - (iii) the amount of money further required to complete the construction work of the partly completed buildings in those schools; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds and complete those school buildings ?
- (c) If not, why?

3065/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of members that should be appointed to the Elections Commission as per the Constitution;
 - (ii) the responsibilities of those members;
 - (iii) the person in authority who has been assigned with the responsibility of appointing those members by the Constitution;
 - (iv) whether members of the Elections Commission have been appointed by now; and
 - (v) if not, the reason for the negligence of this statutory responsibility ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2441/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the development projects planned in the first stage of the Nilwala Scheme have been completed by now;
 - (ii) if not, of the development activities that have not been completed under the first stage of the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iii) whether funds have been allocated to complete the aforesaid activities by now;
 - (iv) of the amount of money so allocated; and
 - (v) the date on which the aforesaid development activities will be commenced ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2576/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the projects which are implemented at present under the 'Gama Neguma' programme;
 - (ii) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions covered under the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money spent on the aforesaid projects in millions;
 - (iv) of the criteria which is used to evaluate the success of the aforesaid programme ?
- (b) If not, why?

2858/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a media institution dedicated for telecasting sports and related activities for the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the name of such institution; and
 - (iii) whether there have been TV stations such as Sirasa, Swarnavahini, Derana, ITN , Rupavahini etc., applied for sports telecasting rights?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when was the Carlton Sports Network (CSN) was incorporated;
 - (ii) names of the CEO as at 01.06.2012 and the current CEO ;
 - (iii) whether CSN has got government contracts; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of such contracts?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the advertisements obtained by CSN from the government institutions ;
- (ii) the value for advertising in CSN by state owned institution per month from its inception to date; and
- (iii) the 10 biggest government institutions that do advertising in CSN?

(d) If not, why?

2871/'12

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

(a) Will she inform this House in regard to the machinery fixed at the Norochcholai coal power plant—

- (i) the country from which they were imported;
- (ii) the companies which manufactured them;
- (iii) the years of manufacture;
- (iv) the warranty period attached to them; and
- (v) whether warranty papers pertaining to such machinery will be submitted ?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the reason why the Norochcholai power plant went defunct recently;
- (ii) the maximum amount of mega watt of electricity expected to be generated by this power plant; and
- (iii) the date on which such maximum power will be added to the national grid ?

(c) If not, why ?

3164/12

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

(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 ?

3406/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is an ancient tank in the Humbuluwa-East Grama Niladhari Division that belongs to the Alawwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Kurunegala District;
- (ii) a part of the tank has been reclaimed by now; and
- (iii) a large number of farmers will be benefitted by developing this tank ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the person who owns this land in which the aforesaid tank is located; and
- (ii) whether the relevant documents will be submitted if there are owners ?

(c) If not, why ?

3435/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that around 50 Sri Lankan housemaids are imprisoned and being employed in prostitution in Saudi Arabia according to the information revealed by Ms. Anvar Shiyana of Slave Island, who worked as a housemaid in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and has come back to the country ?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of —

- (i) the steps that have been taken to look into it; and
- (ii) the measures that have been taken to get them released and bring them back to Sri Lanka ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) what action was taken against the foreign employment agents who have worked to strand the above group of housemaids and against others those associated with it; and
- (ii) whether a practical course of action will be adopted immediately in order to ensure the security of the families of these women and to enhance their welfare and economy ?

(d) If not, why?

3441/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that an additional US\$ 153M has been borrowed from China for the Hambantota port around January 2013 ?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the terms and conditions (interest rate, tenor, other fees) under which this loan was obtained;
 - (ii) the bank from which this loan was obtained and if any brokers, local or foreign were used;
 - (iii) the total loan amount thus far obtained for Hambantota harbour from all sources with terms and conditions of each; and
 - (iv) if any loan conditions in (iii) above have been changed at anytime after signing the original agreement ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, July 11, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1938/11

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

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

2143/11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the private sector people who gave the funds to the government to finance the Commonwealth Games in Hambantota ; and
 - (ii) the number and the names of the persons brought here to solicit their support to hold the aforesaid Games in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of persons went overseas to solicit their support to Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) the names of them ; and
- (iii) the total cost incurred?

(c) Will he also state—

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

(d) If not, why?

2215/12

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 Janasevana programme of the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that 25 houses would be built in each village every year ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of houses in which the construction work has been completed and the beneficiaries have been settled as per the above mentioned pledge;
- (ii) of the names of the villages where names of the villages where the aforesaid houses have been built; and
- (iii) of the amount of money spent on the construction of one house ?

(c) If not, why ?

2271/'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) if a murder of a foreigner had taken place in a holiday resort in Tangalle area on or around the Christmas day in 2011, the name of the other foreigner who was in the company of the person so murdered;
 - (ii) of his or her country;
 - (iii) if the aforesaid person is a female, whether she has been raped or harassed; and
 - (iv) whether he or she is alive at present ?
- (b) Will he state the remedial steps that will be taken with respect to the disgrace brought to Sri Lanka as a result of the aforesaid incident ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2997/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the total number of juvenile delinquency cases and child abuse cases which have been brought before the courts of law from the year 2009 to 2012; and
 - (ii) separately out of those cases, the number of cases which are still being heard and the number of cases which have been concluded by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of individuals who were convicted and punished in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases heard from 2009 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the maximum punishment meted out to those who are convicted in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3019/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the full name;
- (ii) the date of appointment;
- (iii) the period of service by now;
- (iv) the educational and professional qualifications; and
- (v) the salary, allowances and other privileges ;

of the Director General of National Institute of Language Education and Training established at Agalawatta under the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration ?

(b) Is he aware that the Director General of National Institute of Language Education and Training is a person who has obtained educational qualifications and the current post by submitting forged identity cards and birth certificates ?

(c) If so, will he state the action that will be taken against him ?

(d) If not, why ?

3059/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) no steps have been taken to grant appointments in the public service to graduate trainee bhikkus;
- (ii) a Cabinet decision has been made to confine bhikku appointments to semi government Pirivenas, cancelling the appointments of around 580 bhikkus who had been assigned to Divisional Secretariats ; and
- (iii) there is a possibility of huge crisis occurring in the Buddha Sasana due to this state of affairs ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to how many graduate trainee bhikkus are currently remain unemployed;
- (ii) whether the Cabinet decision to confine graduate bhikku appointments to semi government Pirivenas be revoked; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to give appointments in the public service to graduate bhikkus ?

(c) If not, why ?

3066/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Central Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the Central Provincial Council by now; and
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- (b) Will he inform this House—
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which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the imposition of statutes with regard to the subjects and the functions that have been specifically vested in the Provincial Councils by the Constitution is minimum; and
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that ?
- (d) If not why?

3442/13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the government has begun to borrow from local commercial banks for road construction projects ?
- (b) Will he state all amounts borrowed from all local commercial banks separately identified with tenor, interest rates and other conditions?
- (c) If not, why ?

3513/13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Thibbatumulla Kanishta Vidyalaya in the Ukuwela Divisional Secretary Division in the Matale District has remained closed for several years;
 - (ii) neither the provincial government nor the central government has hitherto paid any attention as regards the school premises or the buildings; and
 - (iii) as a result, some people are encroaching upon the school land ?
- (b) Will he state separately the extent of land, the number of buildings and other physical resources belonging to the said school which was started in 1975 ?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Thibbatumulla Kanishta Vidyalaya was closed;
 - (ii) the number of students and the number of teachers served at the time of its closure; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the closure ?
- (d) Will he also state whether action will be taken to develop and re-open this school which remained closed or to utilize the school premises and buildings for some other gainful purpose ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3536/13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the particulars of monies which were given to the Governor of the Northern Province having taken from the local governments run by the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) within the same province;
 - (ii) on whose direction these monies were taken from the Local Bodies; and
 - (iii) as to why the said monies were taken ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2593/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to formulate a rice-paddy price formula regarding the purchasing of paddy and selling of rice so as to ensure justice for both the paddy farmer and the rice consumer;
 - (ii) if so, what that price formula is;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid price formula will be implemented ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2705/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) allegations have been levelled by the Buddhist monks holding the principal posts of 'Pirivenas' to the effect that there is no systematic procedure for the recruitment of teachers for Pirivenas;
 - (ii) a systematic procedure has not been implemented to ensure participation of the Pirivena teachers in training programmes ; and
 - (iii) as a result, those who are receiving education from the Pirivenas are losing their opportunity to obtain new knowledge ?
- (b) If so, will he state whether a suitable methodology to remedy this situation will be prepared ?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) knowledge of English and computer is necessary to connect bhikku education with the modern world;
 - (ii) Pirivenas do not have sufficient facilities for this purpose at present; and
 - (iii) under the aforesaid conditions, the knowledge of the clergy and lay students does not develop to suit the modern world ?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken expeditiously to provide computer laboratory facilities and facilities to study English in order to enhance the knowledge of lay and bhikku pirivena students ?
- (e) If not, why ?

2872/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the renovation activities of the Maligawatta flats commenced in 2012 have been completed or are being completed;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iii) the components that came under that renovation ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the renovation activities of the Maligawatta flats have been effected in compliance with the accepted tender procedures;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the bidders who submitted tenders;
 - (iii) the institution to which the tender was awarded; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that institution ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether those housing units have been handed back to their owners after renovation followed by a ceremony;
 - (ii) if not, whether arrangements have been made to ceremonially open them;
 - (iii) if such a ceremony was held, the amount of money spent on it; and
 - (iv) if the organizational activities of that ceremony had been assigned to some other institution, the name of it, the name and address of the owner of that institution ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2885/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the changes made under the Head 240 of Department of National Budget to various other Heads;
 - (ii) the total value of the reallocation made through the Head 240 during the year 2012; and
 - (iii) the main 15 Heads to which such reallocations were made indicating the original ministry vote and the difference?

- (b) Will he also state as to why it was not possible to be planned out at the time the Budget was being presented since inappropriate financial allocations may lead to an erosion of financial management in the Finance Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 12, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2582/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladari Divisions in the Eastern Province;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of Divisions where there are vacancies for Grama Niladaris out of the Grama Niladari Divisions in each of the districts in the aforesaid province;
 - (iii) of the date on which action will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) of the procedure to be adopted to fill the Grama Niladari Vacancies; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies properly by following the above mentioned procedure ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2708/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. S.P. Liyanage, a retired principal resided at “Jayasetha”, Karagoda, Yakkalamulla in Galle had been mysteriously killed in her compound between 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on 09th January 2012; and
 - (ii) the suspects of the aforesaid murder have not been taken into custody up to now ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to get the suspects arrested by deploying experienced and capable officers and to conduct a proper investigation into this death; and
- (ii) if so, when ?

(c) If not, why ?

2806/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the “Gem and Jewellery” exhibition in the year 2010 was held;
- (ii) the total cost incurred for that exhibition;
- (iii) the objective of holding it;
- (iv) the names of the institutions or persons who conducted the exhibition; and
- (v) the manner in which expenses were borne for the exhibition ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the profit earned or loss incurred by holding the aforesaid exhibition;
- (ii) whether a financial fraud has occurred in this exhibition; and
- (iii) if so, of the steps taken in this regard by now ?

(c) If not, why ?

2886/12

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

(a) Will he state whether —

- (i) the Sri Lankan Government in recent past had embarrassing moments due to apparently negative international media campaigns pursued against the country;
- (ii) the ‘Channel 4’ in UK was doing such campaigns in 2010, 2011 and 2012 (February-March);
- (iii) any action has been taken against ‘Channel 4’ in UK in that regard as mentioned by the Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe in 2010; and
- (iv) the LLRC has referred to the telecasting of ‘Channel 4’ regarding Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the corrective actions taken by the Sri Lankan Government regarding the aforesaid negative media campaign of 'Channel 4' ;
- (ii) if not, the reasons for not doing so;
- (iii) of the person or organisation that keeps tab of anti- Sri Lankan media campaigns worldwide;
- (iv) whether there has been any other campaign of that nature against Sri Lanka; and
- (v) the corrective measures taken regarding the consideration of 'Channel 4' telecasting by the LLRC?

(c) If not, why?

2998/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately, on annual basis for the years 2009-2012—

- (i) the number of incidents of abuses and juvenile delinquency taken place as per each district;
- (ii) the number of incidents according to their nature; and
- (iii) the number of girls and boys who have become victims of the relevant incidents?

(b) Will he inform this House of the number of children whose mother or father has been migrated out of the children who have become victims of such incidents?

(c) If not, why?

3046/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that it has not been possible to collect rates amounting to nearly 150 crores due to Colombo Municipal Council from public departments, corporations and statutory boards ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the rates due to Colombo Municipal Council from each public department, corporation and statutory board;
- (ii) the reasons for the Municipal Treasury to take no action up to now to collect the said rates; and
- (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to collect those rates from the relevant institutions ?

(c) If not, why ?

3067/12

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the North Central Provincial Council was established and commenced its functions;
 - (ii) the number of statutes adopted by the North Central Provincial Council by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the title, number and the date of adoption of each of the aforesaid statutes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List I of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Provincial Councils List); and
 - (ii) of the statutes relevant to the subjects in the List III of the 9th Schedule of the Constitution (Concurrent List);

which have been adopted by the aforesaid Provincial Council?

- (c) If not, why?

3514/13

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Minor Export Crop Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a land in the village of Thibbatumulla in the Ukuwela Divisional Secretary's Division in the Matale District that belongs to the Department of Minor Export Crops ?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent;
 - (ii) the extent that is cultivated;
 - (iii) the extent in which no cultivation has been done;
 - (iv) the profit earned or loss incurred out of the minor export crops that have been cultivated;
 - (v) the profit or loss made out of other resources;
 - (vi) the number of employees employed; and
 - (vii) the total annual profit or loss;
- of the above land that belongs to the Department of Minor Export Crops ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether this land that belongs to the Department of Minor Export Crops has been acquired by some persons; and
- (ii) if it has been so acquired on what basis has it been done ?

(d) If not, why ?

3537/'13

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the license fee for a private bus route license from Colombo to Jaffna; and
- (ii) the license fee for route license from Colombo to Hambantota ?

(b) Will he also state whether the authorities are charging Rs. 11 Lakhs of annual fee for a private bus route license only from Colombo to Jaffna whereas only Rs. 3000/- is charged for a route license in other districts ?

(c) If not, why?

2583/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Grama Niladari Divisions in the Northern Province;
- (ii) separately, of the number of Divisions where there are vacancies for Grama Niladaris out of the Grama Niladari Divisions in each of the districts in the aforesaid province;
- (iii) of the date on which action will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
- (iv) of the procedure to be adopted to fill the Grama Niladari vacancies; and
- (v) whether action will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies properly by following the above mentioned procedure ?

(b) If not, why ?

2709/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees who have been recruited to the Agalawatta National Institute of Language Education and Training from the year 2005 upto now;
 - (ii) separately, of the date on which each of the aforesaid employee was recruited and their education and other qualifications; and
 - (iii) the scheme of recruitment adopted to recruit them ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the employees in the aforesaid institution allege that unsuitable persons have been recruited to the aforesaid posts; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to remove unsuitable persons if appointments have been given to such persons as per the said allegations ?
- (c) If not, why?

2874/12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of registered Buddhist dhamma schools in the Island; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in those dhamma schools;
 - (iii) the programme initiated to enhance the dhamma education of the students of those dhamma schools from the year 2006 to date ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether physical resources such as desks and chairs are provided to those dhamma schools; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approximate number of teachers serving in those dhama schools at present;
 - (ii) of the salary or allowances paid to a dhamma school teacher by the government, monthly;
 - (iii) if no salary or allowance is paid the reasons for that; and
 - (iv) if no salary or allowance is paid to dhamma school teachers, the steps to be taken regarding their services in future ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2889/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the key officials of the Ministry;
 - (ii) of the work experiences of each official mentioned above ; and
 - (iii) of the areas covered by them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan employees working under the Ministry of External Affairs worldwide; and
 - (ii) as to how they report to the Ministry with the organisational reporting chart?
- (c) If not why?

3064/12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the commencement of Intensive Care Specialist Training has been delayed so far due to approval not been granted by the Secretary to the Ministry of Health despite the fact that the approval of the Minister of Health and the University Grants Commission has already been granted by now; and
 - (ii) under these circumstances, at intensive units, patients are compelled to obtain the service of doctors who do not possess the required qualification?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals with a dearth of intensive care specialists and the number of such specialists required;
 - (ii) the reasons for not granting the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of Health for the aforesaid training while the life of the patients who are undergoing treatment in hospitals are at a risk and a dearth of the aforesaid specialists exist at hospitals at present; and
 - (iii) whether speedy action will be taken to commence the above training by granting the aforesaid approval ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3515/13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the legal procedure that should be followed by the Local Authorities in spending the money received for solid waste management or recycling project; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken if an irregularity has been committed by spending money without following the aforesaid procedure ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Matale Municipal Council has received financial provisions for waste management under a project by the name of “SUNYA” ;
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which the money was granted under the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been granted under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) the dates on which the project was due to commence and complete ?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the waste management project fund has been used for the proposed task; and
 - (ii) the progress of the project up to now ?
- (d) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.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.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.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.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.

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.175/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.176/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.177/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.178/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.179/13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.180/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

P.181/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Establishment of Professional Training Institute of Judges,— Whereas the establishment of a high quality profession of Judges is a prime requirement for the administration of justice in the courts of Sri Lanka and whereas the existing “Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute” is by no means sufficient for the provision of training of “very high in quality” that is essential for this purpose, that this Parliament resolves that Professional Training Institute of Judges shall be established, in conformity with the standard of a university to train Judges.

P.182/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing secondary school education and university education in English medium free of charge,— That this Parliament resolves that the secondary education at every government school in Sri Lanka and university education at all state universities be provided in English medium and that such education be free education, fully funded by the government.

P.183/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Introducing summary procedure for compensation cases related to motor vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that the Code of Civil Procedure be amended so that a summary procedure would be introduced for compensation cases related to motor vehicles since heirs and dependents of persons deceased due to accidents related to motor vehicles and those who have been injured due to such accidents become extremely helpless by having to participate in a very difficult and prolonged litigation.

P.186/'13

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.188/'13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the National Game of Volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that a well planned programme should be initiated to uplift the national game of Volleyball, a splendid game, which calls for a higher degree of skill, agility, physical fitness, judgment and team work.

P.189/'13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the traditional handloom lace industry known as Beeralu,— That this Parliament resolves that effective and meaningful measures be taken to develop the “Beeralu” (බීරළු) indoor industry so that the rural people involved in lace manufacturing be provided with advanced facilities enabling them to earn better income, and also popularize lace and lace products among tourists.

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2443/'12

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

- (a) Will he state the number of hectares of wetland in the Kirala Kaley area which came under the phase one of the Nilwala Ganga Scheme ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) rainwater is constantly pumped out from Kirala Kaley and surrounding areas in order to prevent the river Nilwala from overflowing;
 - (ii) as a result of the aforesaid situation, the water table in the aforesaid areas goes down and brackish water seeps into the soil; and
 - (iii) paddy fields surrounding Kirala Kaley have gone fallow and livelihoods of those farmers have been hindered due to the consequent environmental condition ?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there is a plan to provide water to Kirala Kaley area by building an anicut below the Kadduwa pump house in order to remedy the problematic situation mentioned in (b) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2584/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state separately, on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
- (ii) whether there is a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?

(c) If not, why ?

2875/12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the suppliers that supplied meat for the consumption of Sri Lanka Army from the year 2005 up to now;
- (ii) the procedure followed in the selection of meat suppliers for Sri Lanka Army;
- (iii) total amount of money that was paid for each variety of meat annually;
- (iv) the amount of money to be paid for that;
- (v) separately, the amount of money paid, for a kilo of the aforesaid varieties of meat annually; and
- (vi) separately, the annual requirement of the each variety of meat ?

(b) If not, why ?

2890/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Honorary Consulates representing Sri Lanka worldwide;
- (ii) the names of them along with the country they represent;
- (iii) the period they have been doing so; and
- (iv) the criteria used for their appointments?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any Honorary Consulates appointed by Sri Lanka has been removed since 1948 to date; and
- (ii) if so, the names of such consulates?

(c) If not, why?

2585/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
- (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
- (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?

(b) Will he admit that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?

(c) If not, why ?

2710/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) on 26.01.2012, 240 bags filled with tea from C.T.C. Tea Factory belonging to Kalubowitiyana Tea Factory Ltd. of Matara District, were loaded to the lorry bearing No. SP KL-5432, to be transported to Colombo;
- (ii) the Superintendent of the factory and the lorry driver have signed in the book recording the issue of tea to confirm the loading of the aforesaid number of bags of tea;
- (iii) only 200 bags of tea have been sold to the purchasing place out of the aforesaid 240 bags of tea; and
- (iv) the number of bags of tea recorded as 240 in the documents of the factory have been changed later as 200 ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry in relation to the aforesaid fraud committed at Kalubowitiyana C.T.C. Tea Factory; and
- (ii) if so, when ?

(c) If not, why?

2876/12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the salaries and the allowances paid to the soldiers who serve in the Department of Civil Security;
- (ii) of the recoveries made out of their salaries monthly;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid recoveries are deposited in a fund;
- (iv) if so, of the institution in which the aforesaid fund is maintaining its accounts;
- (v) of the reasons to make such recoveries; and
- (vi) of the recoveries that will be refunded to them ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the salaries of the civil security personnel have been paid on the date due;
- (ii) if not, the amount of arrears to be paid for them; and
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid arrears will be paid ?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the activities that are carried out by using the personnel of the civil security force at present;
- (ii) whether they have been assigned for cultivation works and other industries;
- (iii) of the facilities that have been provided for them to that effect;
- (iv) of the amount of money that they generate through the aforesaid activities, annually; and
- (v) of the affairs for which the aforesaid monies are made use of ?

(d) If not, why ?

2891/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Department of External Resources of the Ministry is responsible for receiving all the foreign loans and grants to the country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of monies received by the country through the aforesaid department during the last 3 years;
 - (iii) the amount of money pledged and received for the last 5 years on per country basis separately; and
 - (iv) the rate of utilisation of money received as per (ii) on per year basis?
 - (b) Will he also state pertaining to the total amount of money received from the foreign countries or multilateral agents for last 10 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the amounts that were not utilised; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not being able to utilise the said money?
 - (c) If not why?
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