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Appropriation (2020) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Appropriation (2021) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

Shop and Office Employees (Regulation of Employment and Remuneration)
(Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Bill— Second
Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

Minimum Wages (Indian Labour) (Amendment) Bill —Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Factories (Amendment) Bill —Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

(2)

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

5/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of parallel classes of Grade 5 and Grade 6 of the national schools situated in the Colombo, Ratnapura, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna and Gampaha districts from the years 2010 to 2018?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the cut-off marks of the Grade 5 scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to Grade 6 on the results of the said scholarship examination; and
 - (iii) the percentage of students admitted to Grade 6 on the results of the scholarship examination as a percentage of the total number of students admitted to Grade 6;of the above schools from the year 2010 to the year 2018?
- (c) Will he further inform this House separately of the number of students admitted to Grade 6 of the above schools from the year 2010 to the year 2018 from the primary sections not on the basis of the results of the scholarship examination?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

51/ 2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the first Covid-19 patient was reported in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of Covid-19 patients reported daily, since aforesaid date up to now;
 - (iii) of the number of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests performed daily, since aforesaid date; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to combat Covid-19?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

94/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) bio-weapons are still used clandestinely for various political and trade strategies even though use of bio-weapons is prohibited internationally; and

(3)

- (ii) there is a possibility of under developed countries including Sri Lanka becoming targets for trying out these bio-weapons?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has taken measures to prevent attacks with bio-weapons; and
- (ii) if so, what those measures are?

(c) If not, why?

4.

116/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district;
- (ii) of the names of those depots;
- (iii) separately, the number of buses in running condition in each of the said depots;
- (iv) separately, the number of vacancies in each of the said depots; and
- (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the bus fleets and the human resource of the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district?

(b) If not, why?

5.

121/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of investments, for which agreements have been entered into, of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, up to now;
- (ii) of the value of those investments; and
- (iii) of the number of investments, out of the number mentioned above, that has begun work at present?

(b) If not, why?

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6.

126/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the reconstruction work of the Nanjundankulam tank, which is one among the major tanks belonging to the Pudukuduirippu Divisional Secretariat Division of Mullaitivu district, was not carried out as a result of the heavy and continuous rains, in spite of the financial allocation of Rs. 40 million made by the former government after granting approval to the above reconstruction;
- (ii) a large number of paddy fields and lands get water from this tank and the rural people are dependent on this tank for their livelihoods; and
- (iii) although the required approval has been granted to the State Timber Corporation to remove the unnecessary trees that grow along the dam of the Nanjundankulam tank, it has not materialized owing to the dilapidated state of the road used for transportation?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, of the date on which financial allocations will be made for the reconstruction of the Nanjundankulam tank; and
- (ii) of the date on which the work related to the reconstruction of the above tank will be commenced after having repaired the access road?

(c) If not, why?

7.

151/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that the roof of the three story building of Sri Sanghabodhi Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 14 is in a dilapidated State and a part of the roof has collapsed; and
- (ii) that the safety of the students has been threatened owing to the said situation?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

(5)

8.

221/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of electronic items imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those electronic items were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those electronic items?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing electronic items into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

306/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Kasawatte Vidyalaya, a type 3 school, is situated in Katugastota Education Zone in Kandy district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students, studying;
 - (ii) the number of class rooms, in use; and
 - (iii) the total extent of land, in use;in that school at present?
- (c) Is he also aware that—
 - (i) a building which was used by the school was recommended inappropriate for use, by the National Building Research Organization; and
 - (ii) it has been informed to discontinue using that building?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct a new building to replace that aforesaid building?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

432/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mahapola Scholarships are awarded to the students who are selected to government universities from low income families?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of scholarship recipients that were awarded Mahapola Scholarships in the year 2020;
 - (ii) the minimum qualification required to get the aforesaid scholarship?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that there is a group of students that do not receive the Mahapola Scholarship though they are qualified to set the said scholarship; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to make out justice on the part of the aforesaid students?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

454/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Land,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the current state affairs related to the fisheries village which was established by the present Prime Minister, during his tenure as the Minister of fisheries, in the Vijithapura Grama Niladari Division bearing division number 493, in the Ipalogama divisional secretariat division of Anuradhapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the preliminary steps have been taken with pertinence to the provision of deeds for the lands located in the said village;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps so taken; and
 - (iii) of the date on which deeds will be provided to the lands located in the aforesaid village?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

516/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. P. V. Wasantha Rani, who is a resident of 1st mile post, Madamewatta, Moneragala Road, Bibile, had served in the post of labourer at the Provincial Agricultural Institute of the Government Farm at Bibile owned by Uva Provincial Ministry of Agriculture from November 2017 to December 2019;
 - (ii) she had served continuously for 180 days during the aforesaid period;

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- (iii) she is entitled for permanent service as per the Public Administration Circular No. 29/2019; and
- (iv) however, her service has been suspended with effect from January 2020?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to reinstate Mrs. Wasantha Rani in service as she is in a desperate situation after losing her job?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

519/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local fishermen face number of difficulties not being able to operate large fishing trawlers except for usual trawlers, as the entrance to the Valachchenai Fisheries Harbour is not sufficiently wide and deep; and
 - (ii) it is required to widen the Harbour?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to widen aforesaid Harbour?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

726/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the government for the construction a new of the Laggala Divisional Hospital located in the Pallegama Divisional Secretary Division in Laggala in the Matale District;
 - (ii) the number of patients who can receive residential treatment in that hospital;
 - (iii) the number of doctors approved for the hospital;
 - (iv) the number of doctors serving in the hospital as of now;
 - (v) the nursing staff approved for the hospital;
 - (vi) the nursing staff serving in the hospital as of now; and
 - (vii) the types of clinics being conducted in the hospital at present;
- (c) If not, why?

15.

759/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the extent of officially demarcated forest land in Northern Province at present;
 - (ii) of the extent of forest land demarcated by year 1982; and
 - (iii) if there is a difference between the aforesaid extents of lands, the reasons for the difference are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the method followed to gazette a selected area as a forest reserve; and
 - (ii) of the number of gazettes issued from year 2009 to date with regard to forest protection with relevance for Northern Province?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, November 19, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

7/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number archeological sites that has been destroyed from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of those sites;
 - (iii) of the reasons for destroying the said archeological sites;
 - (iv) whether the persons who destroyed the relevant archeological sites have been identified;
 - (v) of the punishment meted out to them;
 - (vi) of the number of archeological sites which have been destroyed, but perpetrators responsible have not been identified; and
 - (vii) of the measures expected to be taken in future against the destruction of archeological sites that preserve the past glory of a country?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

52/ 2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan employees in abroad, by now;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries in which aforesaid employees are employed at; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees employed at each country?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the Sri Lankan foreign employees, distressed due to Covid-19 pandemic; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to bring them back to the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

99/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the forest cover of Sri Lanka including the Wilpattu National Park is being destroyed due to human activity;
 - (ii) the North Central Province has already been reduced to semi-arid condition;
 - (iii) this situation has affected the entire climate of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) some region of Sri Lanka is affected by natural disasters such as floods, drought, landslides etc. all the time due to this ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to develop national policies for environment conservation in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also admit that it is appropriate to conduct a study on climate change in Sri Lanka through a committee of experts?
- (d) If so, will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made to conduct that study?
- (e) If not, why?

4.

117/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the address of each officer and salary, allowances and other privileges paid monthly to each officer served/ serving in Sri Lanka Cricket from the year 2015 up to now?
- (b) Will he admit that they have failed to uplift the game of cricket in Sri Lanka during their period in relation to the salaries and other benefits received by them during the said period?
- (c) Will he also inform this House as to what measures will be taken by the Ministry to further develop cricket in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

122/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of coconut trees that were removed when developing the infrastructure facilities of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) the parties to whom the aforesaid coconut trees were given when they were removed;
 - (iii) the methodology followed for it;
 - (iv) the price given for one coconut tree; and
 - (v) the institution whose custody the money earned through it is kept?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

152/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the sewerage system of Bloomendal Vidyalaya situated in the Srimavo Bandaranayake Mawatha, Colombo 14 with approximately 400 students, has not been repaired and consequently the gully covers have been replaced with wooden covers; and
 - (ii) the students of the said school do not have access to proper toilet facilities?

(11)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education, in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

222/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of medicine imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those medicine was imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which those medicine was imported?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing medicine into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

307/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of officers that belongs to Sri Lanka Principals' Service in Tamil medium schools in Kandy district; and
 - (ii) their names along with the names of the schools in which they serve at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House in regard to Kandy district—
 - (i) the number of officers, who have obtained a grade in Principals' Service, but have not received an appointment of Principal relevant to the grade; and
 - (ii) the number of officers that have received appointments as Principals in Tamil medium schools without qualifications in the Principals' Service?
- (c) Will he also state this House of the details of the teachers that have received the appointments mentioned in (b) (ii) above, along with the names of the schools in which they are serving at present?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

434/2020

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

- (a) Whether she admits that the dengue disease has shown an increase on various occasions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of lives lost in year 2019 due to dengue disease;
 - (ii) whether a programme will be carried out at national and divisional level to eradicate dengue disease;
 - (iii) whether she admits that a group of labourers had been recruited for the divisional dengue eradication programme; and
 - (iv) if so, whether there is a plan to obtain their service continuously?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

455/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the residents of Grama Niladari Divisions bearing numbers 225, 226 and 227 respective of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura district have been faced with a situation where they are induced to migrate to other places, leaving their lands behind, owing to the threat created by the elephants;
 - (ii) a solution has not hitherto been given to this situation by the authorities, in spite of the requests made by the residents of the said divisions regarding the need for constructing an electric fence for elephants?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps to be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

527/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) of number of vacancies existing in the non-academic staffs at each of the national schools situated within the Anuradhapura District, according to designations separately; and
 - (ii) what steps the Ministry will take to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

546/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that people living in the electorates of Baddegama, Ambalanthota, Benthara-Elpitiya, Karadeniya and Balapitiya are facing a severe shortage of drinking water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether allocations will be made from the upcoming budget for the second phase of Baddegama Water supply scheme as a solution for the aforesaid matter;
 - (ii) if so, the amount is; and
 - (iii) the date of which, a solution will be provided for the shortage of drinking water experienced by aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

591/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Pothuvil sub education zone is the only sub education zone in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not assigning administrative responsibilities to the two officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service who serve in that zonal office;
 - (ii) whether disregarding officers in this manner can be accepted though the powers have been delegated to the said sub education zone formally; and
 - (iii) since teachers of the Pothuvil Division have to visit the Akkaraipattu zonal office even for a minor issue due to this situation, the measures to be taken to address this problem?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to establish a separate education zone for the Pothuvil area by integrating all schools in Pothuvil; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be established?
- (d) Is he aware that the Muslim schools have been separately integrated with the Akkaraipattu zone, Tamil Schools with Thirukkivil zone and Sinhala schools with the Ampara zone, though the objective of the government is to unite different ethnic groups?
- (e) If not, why?

14.

711/2020

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Pre-schools functioning in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the number of Pre-schools that have been closed to date; and
 - (iii) of the measures the government expect to take to develop facilities of pre-schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a proper method in place to pay salaries or allowance to Pre-school teachers;
 - (ii) whether a programme is in place to absorb Pre-school teachers to Sri Lanka Teacher Service or to any other combined service at equal level;
 - (iii) whether a certain regulatory method is in place with regard to determining the recruitment and qualifications of Pre-school teachers; and
 - (iv) whether there is a mechanism in place to regulate fees charged from children studying in Pre-schools?
- (c) Will he further inform this House the new proposals expected to be implemented to streamline Pre-school education?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

727/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the appointment of Mr. Mohan Peiris, who was appointed by the President of the time as the Chief Justice on the date of 15th January 2013, was cancelled and nullified?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the person who cancelled and nullified Mr. Mohan Peiris's appointment as the Chief Justice?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 20, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

19/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) Sri Lanka Air Force had sent a Radar Receiver and an Antenna Scanner to China for repair in 2014 April; and
- (ii) aforesaid items have been misplaced?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the company that undertook this transporting of the aforesaid items;
- (ii) of the members of the Director Board of aforesaid company;
- (iii) whether aforesaid company still provides services to any state institution in Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) of the loss incurred by the misplacement of aforesaid items?

(c) If not, why

2.

65/ 2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of national schools in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) of the names of those schools?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the qualifications required to hold the post of principal in a national school;
- (ii) of the numbers and names of the schools with such qualified principals; and
- (iii) of the number and names of schools in which such principals serve without such qualifications ?

(c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to appoint duly qualified principals for each national school?

(d) If not, why?

3.

109/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House separately—
 - (i) of the number of railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets) that were imported during the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2019; and
 - (ii) what amounts of money were spent for this purpose?
- (b) Is he aware that some of the railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets) so imported are unsuitable for running in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If so, will he state separately—
 - (i) of the names and designations of the members of the tender committees and technical evaluation committees appointed pertaining to the process of importing the aforesaid railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets); and
 - (ii) what action was taken against them?
- (d) Will he also inform the House —
 - (i) on which date the fabrication of railway carriages will be commenced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) how much money the Government will be able to save from it?
- (e) If not, why?

4.

164/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of money which the Government has to pay back for Local and foreign debts in the years from 2020 to 2024, separately in respect of each year in repayment?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date and project in respect of each loan that has been obtained?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the course of action formulated by the Government to pay these loans?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

223/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of cement imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those cement was imported; and
 - (iii) the names of the companies which imported those cement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing cement into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

435/2020

Hon Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that a large number of road accidents take place every day?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the average number of persons who die in road accidents per day;
 - (ii) separately of the number of persons who died in road accidents in years 2018 and 2019; and
 - (iii) of the arrangement that is in place with Sri Lanka Police at present to minimize the number of road accidents?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Parliament Select Committee on Minimizing of Road Accidents had been appointed; and
 - (ii) whether the decisions and recommendations of that Select Committee have been taken into consideration?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

448/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Madrasa schools in operation at present in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the addresses of locations where these schools are situated?

- (b) Is he aware that there is an intense social dialogue in society about these Madrasa schools subsequent to the Easter Sunday attacks in the year 2019?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps to be taken by Ministry to regulate those Madrasa schools; and
 - (ii) the stand of the incumbent government with regard to these schools?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

456/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the ancient Yodha Ela (Giant Canal) which carries water from the Kalawewa reservoir to the Thisawewa reservoir, located in the district of Anuradhapura has gone into wilderness?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any programme is available to clean and restore this canal;
 - (ii) if so, what the said programme is; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said programme would be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

478/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of fisheries harbours commenced in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020;
 - (ii) the number of fisheries harbours that has been completed out of that; and
 - (iii) the number of fisheries harbours expected to be newly constructed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the current situation of Mawella anchorage, Rekawa anchorage, Hambanthota fisheries harbour and Gandara fisheries harbour situated in Hambanthota district?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

520/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that more local fishermen will be benefited, if they are facilitated to harbor boats, constructing Bay Mouth Gates in Punnaikuda, Kotteikallaru areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps to be taken to construct Bay Mouth Gates in aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

529/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) what their names are;
 - (iii) of the number of divisions out of those in which permanent grama niladharis serve; and
 - (iv) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that do not have permanent grama niladharis?
- (b) Will he also inform the House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies of those Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

542/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Central Colleges founded by (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara; and
 - (ii) of the method followed to enroll students for Grade 6 classes of Central Colleges?
- (b) Is he aware that a Central College founded by (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara is situated in Kuliypitiya electorate?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of students enrolled for Grade 6 classes of the College mentioned in (b) from year 2015 to 2018;
 - (ii) separately, the marks gained by each aforesaid student at the Grade 5 scholarship examination are; and
 - (iii) the number of students who have been enrolled to aforesaid school even after gaining marks below the cut-off marks of the scholarship examination?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

557/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of foreign tourists visit Sri Lanka to engage in the sport of spear fishing; and
 - (ii) laws are in place that make it impossible for this sport, which is an Olympic Sport to be practiced in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements would be made to amend the above mentioned laws to enable the foreign tourists who visit Sri Lanka to Engage in that sport, again?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

653/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that deforestation has been caused in a number of forest Reserves including the Ellala Forest Reserve in Hambantota, Ratmale Forest Reserve in Horowpathana and Adiyahinna Forest Reserve in Mahadivulwewa?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the reasons for not taking steps against the persons who caused such deforestation;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been destroyed in those forest reserves in hectares; and
 - (iii) the reasons for spreading deforestation as a wave in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

728/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the construction work of the Heenganga drinking water scheme in the Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matale District was commenced;
- (ii) the name of the contractual contractor of that scheme;
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for that scheme;
- (iv) the date on which the construction work of that scheme is scheduled to be completed as per the agreement; and
- (v) whether the work of this scheme has been completed on the due date?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, January 08, 2021

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 1/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic.

2.

P. 2/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable mechanism be formulated by the government to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

3.

P. 3/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource be implemented by the government for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

4.

P. 4/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Transportation of vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme should be implemented by the government to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla district and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country by train with a low cost and minimum waste.

5.

P. 5/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme be formulated by the government to control the floods that constantly affect Ratnapura district during periods of inclement weather.

6.

P. 6/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact that there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

7.

P. 7/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared by the government to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura district due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura district, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

8.

P. 8/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

9.

P. 9/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education must be made compulsory to all the children (up to grade 11) according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

10.

P. 10/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Teaching in Sinhala medium in every Tamil medium school in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section be established in every Tamil medium school in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

11.

P. 11/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

12.

P. 12/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established by the government, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

13.

P. 13/2020

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.

14.

P. 14/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing 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.

15.

P. 15/2020

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.

16.

P. 16/2020

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.

17.

P. 17/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of 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.

18.

P. 18/2020

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.

19.

P. 19/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

20.

P. 20/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Manufacturing railway carriages locally,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made to manufacture railway carriages locally whereas the Department of Railways is replete with immense physical and human resources to avoid massive amount of money flow in to foreign countries when railway carriages required by the country are imported.

21.

P. 21/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularizing the Postal Service of Sri Lanka within the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken by the Government to regularize the Postal Service within the Plantation Sector for the benefit of the people who have been engaged in the Plantation Sector for nearly one hundred and fifty years as they are faced with numerous difficulties owing to the non-regularization of the Postal Service for them at present even though the Postal Service is widespread in Sri Lanka.

22.

P. 22/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improving the process of forest cultivation in the Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should initiate necessary measures to stop cultivating the pine trees completely and launch the natural afforestation system as an alternative whereas most of the water catchment areas in Sri Lanka are located in the central hills, especially in the Kandy and Matale districts have severely been affected by pine cultivation.

23.

P. 23/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Providing drinking water supply to the Estate community of the upcountry,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken for the inclusion of plantation areas in the Government programme for the provision of potable water, having paid attention to the need for the implementation of drinking water supply programme carried out in other areas since the people of the plantation sector in the upcountry fulfill their drinking water requirement from natural water springs, rivers, canals and wells as a result of the poor implementation of plans for the supply of drinking water, whereas these people have to face various health problems owing to a situation where they are unable to find water suitable for drinking due to increasing population and environment pollution caused by excessive use of agrochemicals, and whereas a scarcity of water has occurred due to the diversion of water in plantation areas to other parts of the country.

24.

P. 24/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Recognition of the Upcountry Trade Union Heroes' Day,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to commemorate Upcountry Trade Union Heroes' Day annually on the 10th of January in consideration of the long standing request of the upcountry people of Indian origin living in Sri Lanka that trade union heroes who sacrificed their lives in the struggles be commemorated on a common day as the upcountry estate workers who make a massive contribution towards the economic growth of Sri Lanka have won their rights through democratic struggles.

25.

P. 25/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Acquisition of estate roads to the Government,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to acquire the estate roads to be under the Local Government and Provincial Council roads as the ownership, management and administration of estates that have a significant place in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka are subjected to changes at different times whereas the dwellings of the plantation workers are located in the middle of the estates far away from the main road and whereas the estate roads used by these people are in highly dilapidated condition with no development.

26.

P. 26/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Establishing all public institutions in Government owned buildings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to establish all public institutions in Government owned buildings only whereas a massive amount is unnecessarily spent as a result of establishing the public institutions maintained using tax monies of the public in private buildings whereas a huge amount can be saved by establishing such institutions in Government owned buildings.

27.

P. 27/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

28.

P. 28/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

29.

P. 29/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

30.

P. 30/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

31.

P. 31/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the problems faced by Betel Cultivators,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to mitigate the problems faced by betel farmers since a considerable number of families in the North Western Province who are engaged in betel cultivation have faced a number of problems at present.

32.

P. 32/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Cultivating the barren paddy fields in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that since food security is of utmost importance to the development of a country, an appropriate accelerated programme be implemented by the government to cultivate barren paddy fields in the North Western Province.

33.

P. 33/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the human - elephant conflict in Kurunegala District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare a proper programme to provide a sustainable solution to the elephant – human conflict in many villages in Kurunegala district.

34.

P. 34/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reconstruction of Small Tanks in Kurunegala District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps necessary to reconstruct all the tanks in the North-Western Province expeditiously whereas a large number of people in the North-Western Province are engaged in agriculture-based occupations, and whereas water is an essential factor for the uplifting of the farming community concerned.

35.

P. 35/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—Protection of Archaeological Places in Kurunegala District,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government do formulate an expeditious programme to protect the Archaeological Places for posterity whereas there exist many places of archaeological Places within Kurunegala District.

36.

P. 36/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Preventing the Harm Caused to Farmers due to Loss of Lands they had been Cultivating for Many Years Because of Expansion of Forest Limits,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take suitable steps to accord justice to the farming community rendered helpless by having to face loss of farming lands that they had been cultivating for a long time when the forest limits were expanded based on Circular 5/2001 issued by the Ministry of Forest Resources and Environment on 10.08.2001 as it has caused injustice to the farming community concerned and as relevant officers have not acted with responsibility.

37.

P. 37/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Providing Teacher Training to Civil Defence Officers who had been Engaged in Teaching Activities at Government Schools for over 15 Years and Absorbing them to the Teachers' Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps to absorb the Civil Defense Officers in the North-Central Province to the Teachers Service since teaching of schoolchildren in threatened villages has been done by a group of Civil Defence Officers till present as a severe shortage of teachers prevailed in threatened villages at the height of terrorist attacks and since such officers of the Northern and Eastern Provinces have been absorbed into the Teachers' Service.

38.

P. 38/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

39.

P. 39/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

40.

P. 40/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Preventing damages caused to cultivations by wild animals and paying compensation for damaged crops in order to enhance productivity of local agricultural production,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to prepare a national programme to implement a National Agricultural Production Protection Policy that is implemented jointly by all relevant ministries in order to prevent the damages caused by wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, porcupines and elephants to permanent crops such as nutmeg, cloves, pepper, coconut and various fruits and to seasonal crops such as potatoes, onions, vegetables and paddy that are cultivated by farmers engaged in the agricultural sector as small-scale farmers and as home gardening, and also to implement an agro-insurance scheme to pay full compensation to farmers for the damages caused to cultivations by wild animals.

41.

P. 41/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Providing the physical resources necessary for developing Dhamma school education,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a programme with the contribution of the private sector and the donors as well to provide students' desks, benches, teachers' tables, teachers' chairs, black boards and white boards that have become essential for the majority of the Dhamma schools, to provide book racks necessary for small Dhamma libraries and also to provide children who attend Dhamma schools with necessary clothes for half sarees and the national costume as most children tend to avoid going to Dhamma school to receive Dhamma school education because of the difficulties they face due to the lack of physical resources in Dhamma schools despite that Dhamma school education lays the foundation for building a virtuous society.

42.

P. 42/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishing a national development bank and building an economic leadership in order to promote small and medium scale entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to create a Local Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Revival Task Force integrating all the public institutes that contribute to the entrepreneurship sector at present in order to establish a bank that offers long-term financial loan facilities on easy conditions and low interest rates to small and medium scale entrepreneurs, agricultural producers and service providing entrepreneurs who are engaged in innovative production and value addition businesses targeting the local and the global markets thereby protecting the small and medium scale entrepreneurs from the debt traps, namely microfinance loans, financial company loans, and leases that are offered in Sri Lanka at very high interest rates and to build an Entrepreneurial Economic Leadership that assists the economic development of the country, generation of employment opportunities, and to achieve the maximum productivity of the resources of the country.

43.

P. 43/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Standardization of early childhood development programmes,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to establish an early childhood development policy by formulating necessary policies laws to regulate the registration and proper standards of early childhood development centres, pre-schools and day care centres, to make NVQ certificate a mandatory requirement for the entrepreneurs and the staff of such centres, to legalize the recommendations on the space and infrastructure facilities of those places, to establish a contributory social security system to start such centres in each Grama Niladhari division and to provide loans at a concessionary rate, as these centres are of utmost importance to create an intelligent citizen in future.

44.

P. 44/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of a Co-operative societies system to face the challenges faced in the third decade of the 21st Century,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate action to reform the co-operative movement completely by strengthening the powers of the co-operative shareholders who are the real owners of the co-operative movement, which was established as per the recommendations made by the co-operative restructuring commission appointed a half a century ago, to face the challenges in the third decade of the 21st century based on the principles of co-operative movement i.e self-help, mutual aid and thriftiness, with a view to win the new challenges in this century by developing the agricultural sector to complete with large scale trade networks and as successful alternative to the capital problem and market problem.

45.

P. 45/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Ensuring women's rights and progression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take action to formulate policies and laws to impose punishment through trial for discrimination against women and to make violence against women, women abuse and rape of under aged girls or women a Non-Bailable offence, to expand the powers of the women and child section in the police, to establish a proper judicial system speedily solve maintenance and divorce cases, to allocate a set of seats in buses for women to impose laws to write off the loans obtained from micro finance companies that exploit people to ensure low cost energy for household water supply and cooking needs, to provide banking facilities to obtain low interest loans, to make loans to ensure that the widow get the husband salary, to provide a dependency allowance to unemployed widows, to pay equal salary to equal work and to develop a proper sales network to sell women's products since ensuring women's physical, mental, social security and progression is one of the most important development needs is the country.

46.

P. 46/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Enhance the development of Gem and Jewellery field,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to formulate appropriate policies and laws to develop the interrelationship required to improve the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry by formulating a national policy including national priorities since the lack of inter relationship between the parties involved in the process starting from identifying the lands with gem deposits to the sale of gems in the market has become an obstacle to the progression and the development of the gem and jewellery industry, though many structures have their involvement, to provide tax relief and facilities to encourage value added gems or gem products, to introduce an insurance coverage to cover the lives of the miners and the damages caused to the environment, to legalize mining licences as a pre-condition, to expand the opportunities for the persons in the gem industry to re-invest their money, to remove the restrictions imposed upon foreigners who come to buy gems, to diversify the use of gems in handicrafts and cottage industry, to use new technology in every field in the process up to the sale.

47.

P. 47/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of an innovative industrial zone related to export agricultural crops including an Economic Centre for Minor Export Crops,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary measures be taken by the Government to set up innovative Industrial zones with a value addition to the minor export crops, including economic centres based on the districts with a substantial production of minor export crops, with a view to victoriously accessing the global market while rebuilding the glorious “Ceylon Spice” brand which was inherited by the Sri Lanka minor export crops in the past; to formulate a tax policy related to the enhancement of the export agricultural crops industry, having revised the tax policy currently applied to these exports; to grant loans to the cultivators of minor export crops as an encouragement, enabling them to pay back after selling the harvest and to establish a methodology for providing crop insurances to cultivators.

48.

P. 48/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Declaration of upcountry dance, traditional arts, wood carving, sculptures and architecture as world heritages and their conservation,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to declare traditional upcountry dance and arts, art, wood carving, sculptures and architecture which depict historical arrogance and identity of Sri Lanka, as world heritages considering the fact that they are intrinsic, unique and rare forms of culture and arts inherent to our country, to ensure the conservation and development of the aforesaid heritages, to ensure the socio-economic development of the artisans who practice and protect the said forms of arts and to establish a statutory Foundation or a Board to guarantee the protection, promotion and proper control of the upcountry heritages.

49.

P. 49/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Promotion of Sri Lankan Foreign Service Affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be launched by the Government to establish an institution to train labourer in line with the foreign labour demand in view of promoting the sector, to enable the migrant citizens to exercise their franchise to establish a social protection system similar to a contributory pension scheme, to set up an insurance scheme to compensate the migrant workers during unavoidable misfortunes, accidents and disasters, to grant higher interests for their savings by the banks, to provide loans with subsidized interest rates enabling them to construct their houses to prioritize the children of migrant parents when granting government employment, to establish a proper methodology to solve the issues and injustices caused by Sri Lankan embassies and local and foreign employment agencies and to set up a pre and post emigration trust, having deducted contributions from labourer registration charges and the payments settled by the agencies at the departure of workers for domestic assistance services, considering the fact that the migrant labour force make a contribution of 8% to the gross national income of Sri Lanka.

50.

P. 50/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena, — Granting the Ownership (whether with Licence or without) to the Occupants of the Lands in Permanent Houses for over 40 Years,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to release the lands to settlers who possess houses along Padaviya–Kebithigollewa Road, houses in the town or at the Base Hospital premises, or houses and paddy lands with freehold or survey plan in Pothana Thulana No. 564 in Mihinthale due to suspension of all development activities while they had been living there for over 40 years, having constructed permanent houses, when those areas were later declared wild life conservation areas or the public were so informed, despite their having Jayabhoomi deeds or other forms of grants to them whereas a grave injustice has been caused.

51.

P. 51/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,—Installing Reverse Osmosis Water Filters for all the Villages in the North-Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should adopt a course of action to expedite the process of installing reverse osmosis water filters in all Villages in the North-Central Province at present which has been identified as an area where there are many persons suffering from the Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Aetiology, and as its outcome, a decrease can be observed in the number of new cases whereas water filters are being installed.

52.

P. 52/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Development of Main Access Roads leading to all Villages as Permanent Roads,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a special project to develop all such access roads expeditiously whereas many villages in difficult areas have only one access road for each village, and whereas they have not been developed in many years.
