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Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0603/'08

1.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an institution by the name of 'Agricultural Products Marketing Authority' has been established;
- (ii) if so, the districts in which it is operative;
- (iii) the names of the products that are purchased by this Authority;
- (iv) the amount of money that had been allocated for each type of product purchased; and
- (v) the amount of money that has been spent for the above mentioned purpose?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the amount of paddy that has been purchased by the relevant Authority during each year;
- (ii) the amount of each variety of paddy that has been purchased and the price at which the each variety was purchased;
- (iii) the purposes for which they were purchased;
- (iv) the purpose for which the paddy purchased in the aforesaid manner was used;
- (v) whether that paddy was sold to private buyers; and
- (vi) if so, the names of the buyers, their addresses, amount of paddy purchased, varieties of paddy, price per kilo of paddy and the date of selling?

(c) If not, why?

0606/'08

2.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that funds were allocated for the Ministry of Special Projects through the supplementary estimate No.01 of 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the spending of the sum of Rs. 37,500,000/- which was allocated for recurrent expenditure, was commenced;
 - (ii) the amount spent as at 31st December 2007;
 - (iii) whether purchases have been made using recurrent expenditure;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the items that have been purchased and the prices at which they were purchased;
 - (v) separately, the amounts allocated for each project out of the provisions of capital expenditure of Rs. 10,800,000/-;
 - (vi) the amount spent out of the aforesaid sum of money; and
 - (vii) separately, the amount allocated and the amount spent for each project?
- (c) If not, why?

0652/'08

3.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House of a detailed report of the Government lands and private lands in Madahapola, Medakande and the mountainous area of Paragahaela in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District and the legal position with regard to the ownership of the lands of the farmers residing in the Madahapola, Medakanda and Paragahaela Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that a certain person is making arrangements to evict residents from a land extent of 50 acres in Madahapola and Medakanda Grama Niladhari Divisions, claiming that those lands belong to him?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether, a private land of the aforesaid type is situated in that particular Grama Niladhari Division;
 - (ii) if such a land is situated there, the extent and the nature of that land;

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- (iii) the pedigree of the said land from its first owner to the present owner; and
 - (iv) whether alternative lands will be provided to the residents of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions if a certain private land owner is planning to evict them?
- (d) If not, why?

0704/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the National Savings Bank (NSB) has borrowed US dollars 50 million from the ICICI bank India and lent this money to the Government?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the full details of the terms agreed on borrowing and in return on lending;
 - (ii) whether the Board of Directors of NSB had previously engaged in similar transactions; and
 - (iii) if so, names of them?
- (c) Will he also state whether the Board of Directors of the NSB—
 - (i) is empowered by its governing statute to engage in such transactions;
 - (ii) is considered the prudence of strategy and the potential risks in engaging in such foreign currency transactions;
 - (iii) was directed by the Government or the Ministry of Finance and Planning or Secretary to the Treasury to follow the above course of action and the rationale for such directions;
 - (iv) has obtained clearance from the Central Bank;
 - (v) and the above authorities have engaged in an act of abuse of power punishable in terms of the Penal Code; and
 - (vi) had carried out a comprehensive risk review taking cognizance of its responsibilities and accountability?
- (d) If not, why?

0705/'08

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Journalists that have been killed from 01st January 2006 to-date;

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- (ii) whether the investigations were commenced in this regard;
 - (iii) whether any of the killers have been identified or clues been received;
 - (iv) if so, their names or the legal action being taken to-date;
 - (v) the number of Journalists that have been attacked and abducted; and
 - (vi) whether the investigations were commenced and any of them being charged before Courts?
- (b) Is he aware that Rupavahini Corporation was attacked by some external people on 27th December 2007?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) the names of the above external people and the name of the politician that was involved;
 - (ii) the action been taken on such people who entered the Rupavahini Corporation and attached the employees;
 - (iii) whether the investigations have been commenced;
 - (iv) if so, the number of people having been charged before the Courts; and
 - (v) the loss caused to the Rupavahini Corporation owing to the incident?
- (d) If not, why?

0718/08

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the members of the President's Fund;
 - (ii) the date it was constituted; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Fund immediately prior to the term of present members?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the expenditure incurred through the President's Fund along with the names of each item of expenditure for the last five years;
 - (ii) all the costs over Rs. 100,000/- for the last 05 years on yearly basis;
 - (iii) the revenue source for the President's Fund; and

- (iv) the revenue earned for the last five years to-date on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the last date that the accounts were audited along with the audit reports?
- (d) Will he also state —
 - (i) the amount paid to the politicians over the last 05 years to-date on yearly basis along with the reason for each item;
 - (ii) the number of requests from politicians that have been rejected from the last year to-date; and
 - (iii) their names and the reason?
- (e) If not, why?

0738/'08

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of industries that have been started by now in the nineteen Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle district under the 'One industrial village for each Divisional Secretariat Division' programme of the 'Mahinda Chinthana';
 - (ii) the names of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions in order;
 - (iii) the relevant products of the industries that have been started;
 - (iv) separately, the names and addresses of the owners of those industries; and
 - (v) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Industrial Development under the 'Mahinda Chintana' programme for each of those industries?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount invested on each industry by the owners of the above mentioned industries;
 - (ii) whether there are foreign investors in addition to local investors; and
 - (iii) if so, the industries in which foreign investors have invested money?
- (c) Will he submit to this House in detail the names of medium scale industries which have been registered in the Ministry of Industrial Development by the year 2008 and are currently operative in the Galle District?
- (d) If not, why?

0742/'08

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of buses belonging to the Udugama Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) in the Gall District;
 - (ii) the number of roadworthy vehicles out of the aforesaid fleet of buses;
 - (iii) the number of buses that can be used for running after some minor repairs; and
 - (iv) the number of buses that can not be used for running?
- (b) Will he state the number of employees in the aforesaid bus depot from the depot superintendent down to the ordinary employee?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that the accommodation facilities needed to the drivers, conductors and the technical officers who takeover the night shifts are in a very unsatisfactory condition?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether enough pure drinking water, sufficient for the whole staff is available?
- (e) Will he admit the fact that the canteen facilities required for them are not available properly?
- (f) Will he inform this House of the timeframe within which the above mentioned shortcomings will be rectified for the benefit of the employees of this depot who have been providing an excellent service under minimum facilities for a very long period?
- (g) If not, why?

0744/'08

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the number of routes for which the route permits (time tables) of the G / Udugama Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) depot had been assigned by the year 2005?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of routes on which buses were operated according to the aforesaid old time tables by July 2008;
 - (ii) the number of routes on which buses are not operated according to the aforesaid old time tables by now;
 - (iii) the reasons for it;

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- (iv) whether the Colombo bound trips have been reduced;
 - (v) whether the buses that have been plying to Udugama - Mandalapura, Neluwa, Varukandeniya and Thavalama, Halvitigala Colony are plying as scheduled; and
 - (vi) whether the trips that have been scheduled by the Udugama Depot for providing transport facilities to the school children are maintained without any reduction?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the trips done by buses of the Udugama Bus Depot, which was a very efficient depot, will be revised to facilitate the school children and the people?
- (d) If not, why?

0775/'08

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that some fishermen perished as a result of the cyclonic condition that occurred in the Southern and Western costal areas, on the night of 22.07.2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of fishermen who died and the number of fishermen who disappeared as a result of the aforesaid cyclonic condition;
 - (ii) their names and addresses;
 - (iii) the number of fishing vessels that were destroyed;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the owners of those vessels;
 - (v) the relief that was provided to the families of those who disappeared and those who died; and
 - (vi) the relief that has been provided to repair the damaged fishing vessels and fishing gear?
- (c) If not, why?

0776/'08

11.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the name and the address of the owner of the hotel named 'Lighthouse' which has been constructed very close to the sea, at Devinuwara South Grama Niladhari Division in Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division?

(8)

- (b) Is he aware that the provisions of Coast Conservation Act have been violated in locating this hotel?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the department from which a permit should be obtained, if a certain construction is to be carried out on the sea beach;
 - (ii) whether a permit has been granted for the aforesaid construction accordingly; and
 - (iii) the name of the person who held the relevant Ministerial Portfolio at that time?
- (d) Will he admit that the aforesaid construction is illegal?
- (e) if it is illegal, will he state the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (f) If not, why?

0777/'08

12.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of reservoirs in our country where freshwater fisheries industry is carried out;
 - (ii) the number of fishermen and the number of families engaged in that fishing industry; and
 - (iii) the number of fishing vessels in use for freshwater fisheries industry?
- (b) Will he state the steps that have been taken by the Government to promote freshwater fisheries industry?
- (c) If not, why?

0906/'08

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates of Assessment Tax to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Urban Council of Kesbewa;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and

(9)

- (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Urban Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?
- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0919/'08

14.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in July 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/3)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7, and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 05.06.2008, the hours of sitting this day shall be 09.30 a.m. to 03.30 p.m. At 03.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *2.
Fauna and Flora Protection (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.
- *3.
Ranaviru Seva Authority (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.
- *4.
National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill— Second Reading.
- *5.
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *6.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,—That the “Sri Lanka Tea Board (Tea Factories Construction and Operation) Minimum Standards Regulations No.01 of 2008” made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Paragraph (g) of Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/17 of 10th January, 2008 which were presented on 09.04.2008, be approved.
- *8.
Animals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *9
Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
- *10.
Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.
- *11.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *12.
Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *13.
Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.
- *14.
Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*15.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*16.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*17.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*18.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]

*19.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*20.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly salaries payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal, with effect from 01.01.2006, shall subject to the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 dated 25.04.2006, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 70,000.00
	Rs. 1,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 65,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the salaries determined by this resolution, replace the salaries determined by the resolution moved in Parliament on September 09, 2004, relating to the salaries payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*21.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly personal allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be an amount equivalent to 25% of their respective salaries, with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the personal allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the personal allowances determined by resolution moved in Parliament on March 17th, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.3),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly rent allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal with effect from 01.08.2007, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 27,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the rent allowances determined by this resolution, replaces the rent allowances determined by Parliament on September 09, 2004, as payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.4),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Hon. Chief Justice shall be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 3,500/- as an entertainment allowance with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the entertainment allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the entertainment allowance determined earlier by the resolution moved in Parliament, relating to the entertainment allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*24.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*25.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

*26.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Sections 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

27.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

28.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

29.

Adam's Peak Kalpawaruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

30.

Sri Lanka Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

Young Men's Buddhist Association, Kolonnawa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

32.

Free Nursery and Welfare Complex (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

33.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

34.

Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

[1] Motion made and Question proposed "That the Bill be now read a Second time."

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0868/'08

1.

Hon. Chandrasena Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House the seniority list pertaining to the posts of Chief Post Master, Control Assistant, Post Office Investigation Inspector and Post Office Accounts Inspector of category 'B' of Grade III of Group 'A' of the combined postal service for the period from 01.01.2001 to 31.12.2006?
- (b) Will he inform this House the backdating post, the date on which the vacancy occurred, the way in which it occurred, and the name of the officer who should be appointed with relevance to the filling of vacancies that existed in the post of Chief Post Master and Control Assistant during the period from 01.01.2001 to 31.12.2006?
- (c) Is he aware that although they have been promoted to the post of Chief Post Master of category 'B' of Grade III of Group 'A' with effect from 17.06.2002, formal appointment letters have not been issued to them by the Secretary to the Public Service Commission?
- (d) Will he direct the relevant authorities to issue the formal appointment letters to them immediately as some of them have already been sent on retirement after reaching sixty years of age?
- (e) If not, why?

0955/'08

2.

Hon. Chandrasena Wijesinghe,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the interviews for promoting employees to 'Class A III b' of the Unified Postal Officers Service were conducted at the Postal Headquarters on 12.10.2005 and 13.10.2005?
- (b) Will he state the names and official addresses of Chief Post Masters, Administrative Assistants, Post Office Investigations Inspectors and Post Office Accounts Inspectors of 'Class A III b' who attended that interview?
- (c) Will he submit to this House, separately in respect of each officer, the marks obtained by each of them at the interview for seniority, service record, and skills/ personality displayed at the interview?
- (d) If not, why?

0902/'08

3.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools functioning at present in the Elpitiya education zone in the Galle district;
 - (ii) the names of them as per each division of education;
 - (iii) separately, the number of teachers required for each of the above mentioned schools; and
 - (iv) separately, the number of teachers currently serving at each of the above mentioned schools?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of schools that have been closed down in the above education zone as per each divisions of education;
 - (ii) the years in which the said schools were closed down; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the closure of the relevant schools?
- (c) Will he state whether necessary courses of action will be taken to provide the necessary physical resources, human resources and other facilities for the schools which have been scheduled to be closed down for whatever reason in order to prevent them form the risk of being closed down and to prevent the closure of other schools?
- (d) If not, why?

0903/'08

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools functioning at present in the Ambalangoda education zone in the Galle district;
 - (ii) the names of them as per each division of education;
 - (iii) separately, the number of teachers required for each of the above mentioned schools; and
 - (iv) separately, the number of teachers currently serving at each of the above mentioned schools?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of schools that have been closed down in the above education zone as per each divisions of education;
 - (ii) the years in which the said schools were closed down; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the closure of the relevant schools?
- (c) Will he state whether necessary courses of action will be taken to provide the necessary physical resources, human resources and other facilities for the schools which have been scheduled to be closed down for whatever reason in order to prevent them form the risk of being closed down and to prevent the closure of other schools?
- (d) If not, why?

0907/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Urban Council of Maharagama;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and
 - (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Urban Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?
- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0908/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Urban Council of Avissawella;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and
 - (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Urban Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?

- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0909/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Municipal Council of Sri Jayewardenepura;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and
 - (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Municipal Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?
- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0910/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Municipal Council of Moratuwa;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and
 - (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Municipal Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?
- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0911/'08

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Urban Council of Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and
 - (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Urban Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?
- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0912/'08

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the percentages of rates to be charged for the year 2008, as approved by the Municipal Council of Colombo;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those rates were determined; and
 - (iii) whether the valuation officers of the said Municipal Council have visited the entire area and obtained a correct valuation?
- (b) Will he admit that this value of rates is an exorbitant amount?
- (c) If so, will he state the steps that will be taken to rectify it?
- (d) If not, why?

0920/'08

11.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in August 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/9)?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0921/'08

12.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in September 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/15)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0922/'08

13.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in October 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/20)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
 - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0923/'08

14.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in November 2006 (Hansard copy No.166/15)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;

- (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
 - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0924/'08

15.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in December 2006 (Hansard copy No.167/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
 - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
 - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
 - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
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- (d) If not, why?
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