



[Sixth Parliament — Third Session]

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**ORDER PAPER
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FOR**

Wednesday, March 04, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0053/'08

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) the Public Service Mutual Provident Association (PSMPA) is a century old statutory financial institution incorporated under PSMPA Ordinance No.5 of 1891;
- (ii) it is managed by a Committee consisting of President to the Committee, two nominated members appointed by the Secretary to the Treasury and 11 elected Committee members; and
- (iii) a building for its office had been purchased at Rs. 48 million?

(b) Will he state whether Rs. 7 million was kept as a retainer money till the vendor would obtain for the PSMPA “absolute ownership of the purchased property” within one month from the Commission of National Housing according to the agreement No.2921 entered into between the purchaser (PSMPA) and vendor?

(c) Is he aware that,—

- (i) the “absolute ownership of the property” has not yet been obtained for the PSMPA though over 3 ½ years had elapsed, as pointed out by Auditor-General in his report on PSMPA Accounts for 2006; and
- (ii) Rs. 5 million out of the retainer money has been paid out for reasons unknown?

(d) Will he take necessary action to hold a public inquiry in this regard?

(e) If not, why?

0118/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the international rankings obtained for the Universities of Colombo, Sri Jayewardenepura, Peradeniya, Moratuwa and Jaffna in the decades beginning from 1960 to 2000 and from 2000 to-date, separately?

(2)

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether they have got foreign lecturers on a reciprocal basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the date that the last lecturer came and the Universities they came to within last 02 years?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the cost per student and per faculty in each University for the last 05 years per year basis;
 - (ii) number of students who have hostel facilities;
 - (iii) whether it is provided free or have the students got to pay;
 - (iv) the selection criteria to provide hostel facilities;
 - (v) the alternate arrangement made for students who do not have hostel facilities; and
 - (vi) the long term strategy been adopted to provide accommodations with all students?
- (d) Will he inform for the last 05 years per University and per year basis—
 - (i) the number of foreign students admitted to Universities in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) their country and the revenue we earned?
- (e) If not, why?

0124/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the total public debt outstanding as Local and Foreign debt separately—
 - (i) at the end of each year from 1948 to 1994; and
 - (ii) at the end of each year from 1995 to 2007 and in 2008 to-date?
- (b) Will he inform this House the total debt amortization (Capital+Interest) per year basis as per period mentioned in (i) and (ii) above?
- (c) Will he state the total debt of the following institutions and countries as at year 1948 to 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to-date along with the average interest cost for the loans given—
 - (i) World Bank
 - (ii) IMF (International Monetary Fund)
 - (iii) ADB (Asian Development Bank)
 - (iv) JBIC (Japan Bank for International Cooperation)
 - (v) USA (United State of America)

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- (vi) Japan
- (vii) EU Countries
- (viii) India and
- (ix) China?
- (d) Will he also state the per capita debt compared against per capita earnings for the last 05 years on year basis?
- (e) If not, why?

0606/'08

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (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

5.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—(3)

- (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?

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(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;
- (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?

0987/'08

6.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the appointments given by the Public Services Commission of the North Western Province in the year 2007/2008;
- (ii) of the basis on which those appointments have been given;
- (iii) whether appointments have been given in the North Western Province by contravening the recruitment procedure of the Government; and
- (iv) if such appointments have been given, the methodology that was adopted in giving them?

(b) Will he state the number of officers serving in the North Western Province on voluntary basis in relation to each institution?

(c) If not, why?

0775/'08

7.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that some fishermen perished as a result of the cyclonic condition that occurred in the Southern and Western coastal 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

8.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(3)

- (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?
- (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

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(3)

- (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

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- (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?

0885/'08

10.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the 'Dialog' communication tower built at Nampamnuwa, Piliyandala is located at a densely populated area; and
 - (ii) the domestic electric circuits, electronic appliances and telephones in the houses located close to this tower have been severely damaged by lightening on or near 29.06.2008?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that petitions signed by the villagers regarding this incident have been referred to the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, the Dialog Company and other responsible institutions?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the factors considered when granting approval for the construction of this telecommunication tower;
 - (ii) of the institutions from which approval has to be obtained for this; and
 - (iii) whether approval has been granted by those institutions for the construction of the said tower?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to pay compensation for the damage that has been caused to the electrical appliances in those houses?
- (e) If not, why?

0897/'08

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the list of names of the Senior Presiding Officers who were deployed for duty at the Eastern Provincial Council Election, along with their places of work and designations, in relation to Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts separately;

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- (ii) the list of names of the Senior Presiding Officers deployed for duty at North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Elections, along with their places of work and designations, in relation to each district; and
 - (iii) the list of names, addresses and places of work of all officers including Chief Counting Officer who were on duty at the Eastern, North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council elections on the basis of Polling booths and Hall numbers?
- (b) Will he state separately, the names, designations and places of work of the officers who had been attached to the Computer section that functioned during the period of the Eastern, North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Elections?
- (c) If not, why?

0906/'08

12.

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

- (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
 - (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?

1082/'08

13.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money received by the National Child Protection Authority of Sri Lanka as foreign aid in the year 2005;
 - (ii) the name of the country from which the above mentioned money was received and the name of the fund from which it was received; and

(8)

- (iii) as to how the aforesaid funds were spent during that year?
- (b) Will she submit to this House separately, the amounts of money that were refunded during the above mentioned year due to the failure in accomplishing the relevant tasks?
- (c) If not, why?

1083/'08

14.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent by the Development Lotteries Board to purchase a land and a building at Union Place; and
 - (ii) the year in which it was done?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the period of time for which the building which housed the then office was used with the payment of a rent after purchasing the above mentioned land and the building;
 - (ii) the monthly rent paid for the aforesaid building;
 - (iii) the loss thus incurred by the Board as a result of it; and
 - (iv) the measures that were taken against the officers who are responsible for these financial losses?
- (c) If not, why?

1084/'08

15.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the value of the expired plasmapheresis kits used by the Blood Banks including the National Blood Centre; and
 - (ii) the value of the expired plasmapheresis kits detected from the stores?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken so far against the officers of the relevant Ministry who have acted in a neglectful or fraudulent manner violating the law as well as the medical ethics;

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- (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted against officers who have tampered with stock documents of the Central Blood Bank at the National Hospital and prepared forged stock documents with regard to the same process; and
 - (iii) the names of the officers who have been involved in the aforesaid tampering of documents?
- (c) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That the proceedings on Item 1 of Public Business appearing on the Order Paper be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Standing Order 23.

2.

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 04.30 p.m. At 04.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Leave to introduce Bill,— That leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:—

“Bill to incorporate the Deshamanya Ravindra Wanigasekara Foundation”

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Public Security Ordinance,— That the Proclamation made by the President under Section 2 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40), as amended by Act, No. 8 of 1959, Law No. 6 of 1978, and Act, No. 28 of 1988, bringing into operation the provisions of Part II of the aforesaid Ordinance throughout Sri Lanka with effect from 02nd March, 2009, be approved.

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Orders under Environment Conservation Levy Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3(1) of the Environment Conservation Levy Act, No.26 of 2008 read with the Section 2(1) of that Act, relating to Environment Conservation Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1559/10 of 22nd July, 2008, which were presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/12 of 30th December, 2008, which was presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989, relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/14 of 31st December, 2008, which was presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Orders under Finance Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002 as amended by the Finance (Amendment) Act, No.48 of 2006, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/15 of 31st December, 2008, which were presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Value Added Tax Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002 as amended by Act, No.15 of 2008, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1582/35 of 01st January, 2009, which was presented on 17.02.2009, be approved.

*7.

The Minister of Land and Land Development,—Regulations under the Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Land and Land Development under Section 63 (2) (f) of the Land Acquisition Act, No. 9 of 1950, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1585/7 of 20th January, 2009, which was presented on 19.02.2009, be approved.

*8.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Bill — Second Reading.

*9.

Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*11.

Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.

*12.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*13.

Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].

*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.

Overseas Muslim Educational Trust of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

31.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

32.

Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (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,—(2)

- (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,—(2)

- (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?

0907/'08

3.

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

- (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

4.

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

- (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

5.

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

- (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

6.

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

- (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

7.

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

- (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?

8.

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

- (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?
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