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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0553/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of Crude Oil imported from Iran for the last 15 years to-date;
 - (ii) the price we have bought from Iran along with the world market price as of that date;
 - (iii) whether we have paid for the purchase or bought on credit; and
 - (iv) if on credit the period and the interest rates?
- (b) Will he state the total outstanding payments up to-date for Petroleum purchase from Iran?
- (c) If not, why?

0554/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total local and foreign debt of the country from 1948 to-date separately, on yearly basis;
 - (ii) expenses on above as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and
 - (iii) the total debts as a percentage of total Government revenue?
- (b) If not, why?

0555/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the amount of money been allocated and really spent for development and maintenance of roads, for the last 05 years per year basis?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the 10 important roads that have been maintained and the amount of money spent, separately;
 - (ii) the names of the new Highways and Expressways that are going to be constructed;
 - (iii) the estimated cost along with the date that construction starts and the date expected to be completed;
 - (iv) names of the tenderers and their bid prices; and
 - (v) the funding source and the total cost with interest rate for the loan?
- (c) If not, why?

1104/'08

4.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether there had been a circuit bungalow belonging to National Housing Development Authority on the 7th floor of the Liberty Plaza building in Colpetty; and
 - (ii) of the name of the company to which the aforesaid circuit bungalow was sold and the amount of money for which it was sold?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether a valuation was obtained from the Government Valuer with relevance to the aforesaid sale;
 - (ii) if not, the person from whom the valuation for the sale was obtained; and
 - (iii) whether such a valuation is legal?

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- (c) Will she state whether legal action will be taken with regard to the aforesaid transaction?
- (d) If not, why?

1105/'08

5.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will she submit to this House—
 - (i) whether a land belonging to the National Housing Development Authority was situated on the Kirimandala Mawatha;
 - (ii) the extent of that land;
 - (iii) the name of the institution to which the relevant land was sold and the amount of money for which it was sold; and
 - (iv) whether a valuation was obtained from the Government Valuers for the above mentioned sale?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) whether a Cabinet approval has been obtained for the sale of the aforesaid land; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken against the relevant authorities if this land has been sold without obtaining Cabinet approval and the relevant valuation done by the Government?
- (c) If not, why?

1106/'08

6.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Building Material Corporation entered into an agreement for the supply of building materials, with a non-governmental organization named, Lawrence Friendship Organization in 2005;
 - (ii) whether the building materials have been supplied to the relevant non governmental organization, in keeping with the above mentioned agreement; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid corporation was not able to supply materials as agreed, the course of action that was followed with regard to it?

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- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that had to be paid back to the non-governmental organization due to the failure to fulfill the conditions of the aforesaid agreement; and
 - (ii) the location of the land that was sold to find money for it?
- (c) Will he state, the steps that have been taken against the officers who are responsible for causing such financial losses?
- (d) If not, why?

1114/'08

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) loans with the value of Rs. 12,500/- each at the time of granting them were given to build houses in the lands situated at the Diddiliya division, 73A, Ambalangoda which were given under the Regional Gam Udawa programme in the year 1992; and
 - (ii) these housing loans were written off as 'overdue housing loans' at a later stage?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the reason for subjecting the persons who have not paid these housing loans to a ban on access to their houses and property on orders given by a court of law; and
 - (ii) whether any relief will be provided to these innocent people by writing off these housing loans as 'overdue housing loans'?
- (c) If not, why?

1115/'08

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a person by the name of P.N. Wilson residing at No.29, Isadeen Colony, Dekinda, Nawalapitiya, served as an Assistant Field Officer in Catabula Barkale estate that belongs to Kahawatta Plantation Company; and
 - (ii) he has been interdicted with effect from 02.04.1998?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the decision given at the inquiry conducted on 25.06.1999 following a complaint made by Mr. Wilson to the Senior Labour Officer in Nawalapitiya;
 - (ii) the reason for the dismissal of the complaint without conducting proper investigations regarding the repeated complaints made with regard to the aforesaid matter; and
 - (iii) whether Mr. Wilson who was subjected to a severe injustice will be reinstated with his arrears of salary?
- (c) If not, why?

1116/'08

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the names and the qualifications of the persons who hold the posts of the Secretary to the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, the Commissioner of Ayurveda and the Deputy Commissioner of Ayurveda;
 - (ii) if they have obtained special qualifications with relevance to their respective posts what those qualifications are;
 - (iii) whether they have an understanding of the Ayurvedic System of Medicine or the administrative requirements of the system; and
 - (iv) if they do not possess such an understanding, the reason for appointing them to the aforesaid posts?
- (b) Will he admit that there are persons who possess higher educational qualifications when compared to the aforesaid officials and have obtained post graduate degrees (with relevance to the subject and the administration) in the Ayurvedic Service?
- (c) If not, why?

1120/'08

10.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated for the conservation of the places with an archaeological value in the year 2008;

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- (ii) the amount of money spent for the above mentioned purpose up to now; and
- (iii) the names of the places for which the aforesaid amount of money was spent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of Archaeology has a plan for the conservation of the aforesaid places; and
 - (ii) the names of the places that should be given priority according to the order in which they have been placed on the plan mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

1146/'08

11.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of heart patients who sought treatment at the Colombo National Hospital in the year 2008 and identified for surgery;
 - (ii) the number of heart patients who have been registered for surgery; and
 - (iii) the number of heart patients who underwent surgery?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of heart patients who could not undergo surgery in the year 2008 due to the lack of hospital facilities though they should have been treated with surgery in that year; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of heart patients who could not be accommodated for surgery as mentioned above in respect of the years 2005,2006 and 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

1147/'08

12.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of heart patients who sought treatment at the Colombo South Kalubowila Teaching Hospital in the year 2008 and identified for surgery;

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- (ii) the number of heart patients who have been registered for surgery; and
- (iii) the number of heart patients who underwent surgery?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of heart patients who could not undergo surgery in the year 2008 due to the lack of hospital facilities though they should have been treated with surgery in that year; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of heart patients who could not be accommodated for surgery as mentioned above in respect of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

1141/'08

13.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the bund of the Nabiriththankadawara tank, which comes under the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District, has breached on 12.11.2005?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of farmer families that have been displaced as a result of the breach of the tank bund;
 - (ii) whether the paddy field which comes under the aforesaid tank can be used for cultivation purposes; and
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to provide relief to the farming community which has been displaced?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct the aforesaid tank bund; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1142/'08

14.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) through the Gazette Extraordinary dated 31.02.2004, it has been informed that the Agricultural Development Authority was liquidated on 31.12.2002; and

- (ii) under the privileges granted to the employees, they have been provided with the opportunity to leave the service after obtaining compensation or to be absorbed into the Public Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees of different categories of posts , who are serving at present without leaving the service after obtaining compensation;
 - (ii) whether suitable duties and responsibilities have been assigned to each of the aforesaid categories of posts;
 - (iii) whether the Executive Officers who hold the posts of Assistant Director / Agricultural Research and Productivity Officer have been assigned with duties based on the service merit they have earned;
 - (iv) if the Government is obtaining a productive service from those officers, what that service is; and
 - (v) the period of time during which the officers mentioned in (b) (iii) have been attached to the relevant Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

1161/'08

15.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the proposals (I) and (II) contained in the letter bearing No. DMS/A and L 05 and dated 03.07.2003 addressed to the Director General of Budget by the Director General of Management Services, with copies to the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and livestock and the liquidator of the Agriculture Development Authority regarding the Assistant Directors/ Agriculture Research and Productivity Officers in the categories of posts who did not obtain compensation and leave the service at the liquidation of the Agriculture Development Authority?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken and the plans and proposals forwarded so far to implement those proposals, if he is aware of them;
 - (ii) of the reasons, if there has been a failure in implementing them; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid officers have been provided with salaries, allowances and other facilities which were available to them when the Agriculture Development Authority was functioning?

- (c) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether vacancies existing in the institutions under the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services have been identified in order to absorb these officers to the public service, in terms of the proposals outlined in (a) above; and
 - (ii) if so, the categories of posts and the number of vacancies?
- (d) Will he state whether he will take steps to absorb the above mentioned Assistant Directors/ Agriculture Research and Productivity Officers in to the public service and offer them the above mentioned posts?
- (e) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Inland Revenue (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006.

2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Value Added Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Value Added Tax Act, No.14 of 2002.

3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Economic Services Charges (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Economic Services Charges Act, No.13 of 2006.

4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Finance (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Act, No.11 of 2002 and the Finance Act, No.11 of 2004.

5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Finance (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Finance Act, No.5 of 2005.

6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Debits Tax (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Debits Tax Act, No.16 of 2002.

7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Excise (Special Provisions) (Amendment),— Bill to amend the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers” [P.3/'05]

P.1/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.2/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.3/'08

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.4/'08

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.5/'08

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'08

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.7/'08

8.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced in Parliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.8/08

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.9/08

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.10/'08

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in Government documents is an impediment and an inhiabition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.11/'08

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.12/'08

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.13/'08

14.

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

P.14/'08

15.

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

P.15/'08

16.

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

P.16/'08

17.

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

P.17/'08

18.

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

P.18/'08

19.

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

P.19/'08

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/'08

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.21/'08

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.22/'08

23.

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

P.23/'08

24.

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

P.24/'08

25.

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

P.25/'08

26.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.26/'08

27.

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

P.27/'08

28.

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

P.28/'08

29.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.29/'08

30.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.30/'08

31.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.31/'08

32.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.32/'08

33.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.33/'08

34.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.34/'08

35.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.35/'08

36.

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

P.36/'08

37.

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

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38.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

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39.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,—Since the Ussangoda mountain range area on the coastal belt in the south belonging to the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, popularly known as the Horton Plains of the South and identified as a site belonging to Middle Paleolithic has inherited an immense importance as an open settlement site from which twenty eight thousand years old geometrical tools and rocks have been discovered and also as a site extremely rich in marine and land bio-diversity and an ideal turtle habitat and as a wall that protected people from the Tsunami waves, this House resolves that it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

P.39/'08

40.

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

P.40/'08

41.

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

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42.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Amendment to Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000,— That this Parliament resolves that the Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000 be amended in order to remedy the great injustice caused to the tenant cultivators, mostly engaged in cultivation since their land ownership comes under various titles and whereas the tenant cultivation was abolished by the above Act, which resulted that the tenant cultivators had been deprived of their lands and numerous disputes have arisen due to lack of legal protection.

43.

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

*44.

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.

*45.

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

*46.

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

*47.

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

*48.

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

*49.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*50.

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

*51.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*52.

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

*53.

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

*54.

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

*55.

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

*56.

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

*57.

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)

*58.

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)

*59.

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)

*60.

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)

*61.

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.

*62.

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.

*63.

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.

64.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

Zam Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

69.

Jama'ath Ansaris Sunnathil Mohamadiyya of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

70.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

71.

Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

72.

Gamage Arthur Perera Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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