



[Sixth Parliament — Fourth Session]

No. 12.]

**ORDER PAPER
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Wednesday, July 08, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0068/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the licenses for radio broadcasting are issued at present to Government Broadcasting Agencies and private companies under the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) Act?
- (b) Will he state, whether the Hon. Minister knows that the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) is a regulated operator under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act and issuing of radio broadcasting licenses under the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Act and places the other applicants and licensees at a disadvantage and contravenes the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international agreements signed where fair trading and equal opportunity are concerned?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take steps to repeal the provisions in the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Act under which radio broadcasting licenses are issued and re-introduce these provisions, under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act or similar?
- (d) If not, why?

0105/09

2.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the National Television telecast pre-election advertisements in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money earned by this institution from each political party or institutions and persons through such pre-election publicity activities;

(2)

- (ii) the amount of money due to be recovered as a result of engaging in such pre-election publicity activities; and
 - (iii) the names of political parties, institutions or persons from whom the money is due to be recovered for engaging in their publicity activities?
- (c) If not, why?

0172/'09

3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. M. M. Sumanawathie has retired with effect from 01.01.1991, after serving as the Principal of Deeyagaha Batahira Maha Vidyalaya in Matara;
 - (ii) she should have been promoted to the post of Grade II Principal with effect from 01.01.1988 on the basis of merit and seniority; and
 - (iii) however, she was not granted the relevant promotion till her retirement?
- (b) Will he admit that the attempt that was made to get Mrs. Sumanawathie's promotion and pension granted during the 18 years after her retirement, has failed?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not granting the aforesaid promotion and the pension;
 - (ii) when the relevant promotion and the pension will be granted to Mrs. Sumanawathie who has fulfilled all the requirements; and
 - (iii) whether compensation or any other allowances will be provided to Mrs. Sumanawathie, who is 78 years of age, for the period in which she was deprived of the promotion and the relevant pension due to the delay at the relevant department?
- (d) If not, why?

0212/'09

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a Private Security Service is being maintained at the Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd?

(3)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the name and the address of the aforesaid security service;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid security service started its services at the Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd; and
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the members of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid security service?
- (c) If not, why?

0270/'09

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the formulation of a comprehensive national policy for the admission of children to grade I classes in schools has ended in failure?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) as a result of the above mentioned situation, a new policy has to be submitted for the year 2009 too;
 - (ii) revised policies have been submitted each year during the period of past few years; and
 - (iii) as a result, the parents who wanted to admit their children to schools faced a great inconvenience?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the persons who are responsible for the formulation of the policy submitted for the year 2009; and
 - (ii) whether this policy will be revised again in a coming year?
- (d) If not, why?

0287/'09

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that three vehicles bearing registration numbers 65-1986, 65-1988 and 65-1990 which belonged to the Bank of Ceylon have been released to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for a monthly rental of Rs. 25,000/- per vehicle?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry of Finance and Planning has paid the rental due for the aforesaid three vehicles up to the month of February 2009, to the Bank of Ceylon?

(4)

- (c) Will he admit that one vehicle out of the aforesaid three vehicles has met with an accident?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) If so, the date on which the above mentioned vehicle met with the accident, the registration number of that vehicle and the extent of the damages;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to get the other two vehicles back to the Bank of Ceylon, taking the above mentioned situation into consideration; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

0355/'09

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by this Ministry to Galle District for the home garden project under “Api Wawamu- Rata Nagamu” programme in the year 2008;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated to each divisional secretariat division;
 - (iii) the amount allocated as decentralized allocations and Provincial Council Members’ allocations for the ‘Home Garden Project’ in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the names of the Hon. Members who have made allocations in that manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the amount spent by the relevant Ministry on the publicity work of the exhibition and carnival, “Galu Samaya”?
- (c) Will he admit that even though extensive publicity was given to “Api Wawamu – Rata Nagamu” programme, the amount that was allocated for the home garden project in Galle District is relatively insignificant when compared with the publicity given?
- (d) Will he take necessary measures to make a larger allocation through the relevant Ministry for that project in the year 2009?
- (e) If not, why?

0383/'09

8.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there was an amount of approximately 4000 million American dollars in the Foreign Reserve of Sri Lanka as at August 2008?
- (b) Will he admit that the aforesaid amount has come down to 1000 million American dollars by March 2009?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for the reduction in the aforesaid Foreign Reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

0069/'09

9.

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 the details of all fixed and mobile telecommunication licenses issued by the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) in the past 02 years?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these Telecommunication Licenses were issued according to the Government Tender Procedures stipulated for issuing of public property; and
 - (ii) the revenue raised from each award of Telecommunication licenses?
- (c) If not, why?

0213/'09

10.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a Fisheries University has been started?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if such a university has been started the date on which it was started;
 - (ii) the number of graduates that have been graduated from the aforesaid Fisheries University; and
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid number of graduates the number of graduates who have been given employment in the Fisheries sector?
- (c) If not, why?

0385/'09

11.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the government has decided to sell 63% of the shares of the 'Lanka Transformers Limited' that belongs to the Ceylon Electricity Board, as a solution to the grave financial crisis the Ceylon Electricity Board is faced with?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, whether steps were taken to sell the shares through an open tender in this transaction; and
 - (ii) whether the selling of shares to the private sector in this manner is not against the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya'?
- (c) If not, why?

0070/'09

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the details of all TV and Radio Broadcasting licenses issued by the Ministry in the past 02 years?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether these licenses were issued on a tender basis;
 - (ii) the procedure adopted; and
 - (iii) the revenue raised by issuing of each license?
- (c) If not, why?

0218/'09

13.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka within the month of January 2009; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which he visited Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he submit to this House whether it was on an invitation extended by the Government of Sri Lanka that the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka as mentioned above?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the parties with whom the Minister of External Affairs of India had discussions in Sri Lanka and their names;
 - (ii) the dates on which those discussions took place; and
 - (iii) the matters which were subjected to discussion by the Minister of External Affairs of India?
- (d) If not, why? _____

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,— Supplementary Sum— Head 243 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees three hundred and fifty million (Rs. 350,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing from 01st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 243 — Department of Development Finance
Programme 2 — Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	150,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>200,000,000</u>
Total	= Rs.	<u>350,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.5 of 2009 presented on 23rd June, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 4, Rs. 10,966,230,000/-

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum— Head 249 — Programme 1,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees one thousand and five hundred million (Rs. 1,500,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing from 01st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 249 — Department of Treasury Operations
Programme 1 — Operational Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>1,500,000,000</u>
	= Rs.	<u>1,500,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.6 of 2009 presented on 24th June, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 5, Rs. 11,316,230,000/-

*3.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Supplementary Sum— Head 295 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees eight thousand sixteen million and four hundred thousand (Rs. 8,016,400,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the financial year commencing from 01st January, 2009 to 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 295 — Department of Commerce
Programme 2 — Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	13,000,000
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>8,003,400,000</u>
Total	= Rs.	<u>8,016,400,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.4 of 2009 presented on 23rd June, 2009; Total of Supplementary Estimate Nos. 1 - 3, Rs. 2,949,830,000/-

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the 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.1590/18 of 27th February, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No.13 of 1989 relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1591/10 of 04th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— 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.1594/23 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty on liquors (other than toddy or any liquor made from any cereal) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/24 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Excise Notification No.907)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty on Molasses, Palmyrah, Coconut and Process Arrack manufactured in and issued from any licensed manufactory established in Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/24 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Excise Notification No.908)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Excise Ordinance (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 22(1) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty on foreign spirits manufactured in Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1594/24 of 26th March, 2009, which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Excise Notification No.909)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*10.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No.11 of 2004 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy by the repeal of the Schedule I, II and III of the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1386/24 of 31st March, 2005, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1595/14 of 31st March, 2009 which was presented on 23.06.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*11.

Department of Coast Guard Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

The Minister of Transport,—Supplementary Sum—Head 114— Programme 2,—
†That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees two thousand two hundred and ninety nine point eight three million (Rs. 2299.83 million) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 114 — Ministry of Transport
Programme 2 — Development Activities

Recurrent Expenditure = Rs. 2,299.83 million
Rs. 2,299.83 million

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.2 of 2009 presented on 12th June, 2009; total of Supplementary Estimate No.1, Rs. 450,000,000.

*13.

Employees’ Provident Fund (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

*16.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*18.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*19.

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

*20.

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

*21.

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

*22.

Governors’ Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*23.

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

*24.

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

*25.

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

*26.

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

*27.

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

*28.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

*29.

Ambuluwawa Dissanayake Mudiyanseelage Jayaratne Religious Centre and Bio-diversity Complex Trust Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*30.

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)

*31.
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)

*32.
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)

*33.
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)

- *34.
The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the 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.
- *35.
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.
- *36.
The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— 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.1590/13 of 25th February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.
37.
Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.
38.
Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
39.
Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.
40.
Rev. Moonamale Dhammarathana Memorial Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.
41.
Sri Lanka Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (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

0066/'09

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

(14)

- (a) Will he inform this House the registered voting strength in the each Electorate or polling division of Sri Lanka as at 2008 separately?
- (b) Will he state separately, for the above each electorate—
 - (i) the total population;
 - (ii) the male and female composition;
 - (iii) the age break up; and
 - (iv) the religious break up and the racial break up of the voting strength?
- (c) If not, why?

0295/'09

2.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Weliwitiya-Divithura Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0296/'09

3.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0297/'09

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(16)

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0298/09

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Gonapeenuwala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—

(17)

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0299/09

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and

(iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0300/'09

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0301/'09

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the

(19)

Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;

- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0302/'09

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0303/09

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Bope-Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and

(21)

(iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0304/'09

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0305/'09

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Imaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;

(22)

- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0306/09

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—

(23)

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0307/'09

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and

(24)

(iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0308/'09

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0309/'09

16.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the

Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;

- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
 - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0310/09

17.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
 - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
 - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment

of new villages; and

- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?

(d) If not, why?

0311/09

18.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and

- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0381/'09

19.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that it has been mentioned on the page 21 (Sinhala text) of the “Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that 25 houses will be constructed in every village per year under the “Jana Sevana” programme?
 - (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of new houses that have been constructed in the country as a whole;
 - (ii) the names of the villages in which the above mentioned number of houses were constructed and the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and districts where those villages are situated;
 - (iii) the number of houses that have been constructed in Kandy district under this programme; and
 - (iv) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid houses were built?
 - (c) If not, why?
-