



[ Sixth Parliament — Fourth Session ]

No. 14.]

**ORDER PAPER  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Friday, July 10, 2009 at 9.30 a.m.**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0072/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the date that the Colombo Consumer Price Index was changed; and
  - (ii) the items on the new Colombo Consumer Price Index?
- (b) Will he submit to this House on yearly basis to date, from the date that the Colombo Consumer Price Index was changed—
  - (i) a comparison of the new Price Index with the old Price Index;
  - (ii) a comparison of the inflation difference between the old and new indexes; and
  - (iii) other indexes that are used to compare the inflation of the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0182/'09

2.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which Mihin Air airline was established?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the name, address and educational qualifications of the chairman of the Mihin Air airline?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) as to who appointed the above mentioned chairman to that position; and
  - (ii) the date on which he was appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

(2)

0267/'09

3.

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a programme was conducted at the Intercontinental Hotel on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 for exporters of minerals;
  - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid programme;
  - (iii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid occasion;
  - (iv) the names of the persons who participated in the aforesaid discussion; and
  - (v) the names of the persons who provided funds to the relevant discussion?
- (b) If not, why?

0403/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister visited since the new Government came to power in the year 2004 up to now; and
  - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by the Deputy Minister separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
  - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
  - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied, their names and designations; and
  - (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Deputy Minister and the officers of his personal staff traveled?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each visit the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0073/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the maximum borrowing limits stipulated by Parliament from 1948 to 2000, 2000 to 2005 and separately in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money borrowed locally and internationally in the above periods?
- (c) Will he also state on yearly basis from 2005 to 2009 the Government revenue that is earned to meet additional expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

0189/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of grade three fish unloaded through the harbours of this country by the foreign vessels from October 2008 to date?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of grade three fish purchased by the Fisheries Corporation out of those stocks unloaded by the Foreign fishing vessels;
  - (ii) of the value of the amount so purchased;
  - (iii) the price of a kilogramme of fish purchased from foreign fishing vessels as mentioned above; and
  - (iv) the price at which a kilogramme of above mentioned fish was sold?
- (c) If not, why?

0404/'09

7.

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of the names of the housing schemes which have been implemented in Matale District by the Department of National Housing and the National Housing Development Authority from the year 1978 up to now?

(4)

- (b) Will she submit to this House, separately, the number of houses that were constructed as model houses, self-help houses and Gam-Uda (Village Reawakening) houses, etc., on the basis of each constituency and the name of the occupants (present owners) of those houses?
- (c) If not, why?

0074/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on per year basis from 2000 to 2009—
  - (i) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the growth rate;
  - (ii) the total debt and per capita debt; and
  - (iii) the work force and the inflation figures?
- (b) If not, why?

0222/'09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amounts of the bank overdraft of the Treasury account maintained at Taprobane Branch, Colombo of the Bank of Ceylon as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for the escalation of the bank overdraft to such a high amount; and
  - (ii) the measures taken so far to prevent the escalation of the overdraft?
- (c) If not, why?

0406/'09

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) of the number of times he has gone abroad after assuming duties in this Ministry and the names of the countries he has visited;

- (ii) of the reasons for going abroad and the relevant periods;
  - (iii) of the number of days he spent abroad;
  - (iv) of the names of the officials who joined him in those tours;
  - (v) as to what their posts are;
  - (vi) as to whether all officials who had gone abroad with him have returned to the country;
  - (vii) of the names of the officials who have not returned , if any officers have not returned to the country;
  - (viii) of the reason for it;
  - (ix) of the amount of expenditure incurred with respect to each of those foreign trips; and
  - (x) of any external institution that sponsored these tours, if the expenses were not made by the allocations of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of motions

1.  
The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.1),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7, and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 26.05.2009, the Parliament shall sit on Thursday, July 16, 2009.
2.  
The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.2),— That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 7, and the motion agreed to by Parliament on 26.05.2009, the hours of sitting on Thursday, July 16, 2009 shall be 09.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. At 01.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.
3.  
The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament (No.3),— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 09.30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

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 (06<sup>th</sup> 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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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.8/09

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.9/09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

21.

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.21/'09

22.

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.

P.22/'09

23.

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.

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24.

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.

P.25/'09

25.

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.26/'09

26.

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.27/'09

27.

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.28/'09

28.

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.29/'09

29.

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.30/'09

30.

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.31/'09

31.

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.32/'09

32.

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.33/'09

33.

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.34/'09

34.

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.35/'09

35.

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.36/'09

36.

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.37/'09

37.

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.38/'09

38.

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.39/'09

39.

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.40/'09

40.

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.41/'09

41.

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.

\*42.

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

\*43.

Indian Immigrant Labour (Repeal) Bill — Second Reading.

\*44.

Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.

\*45.

Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.

\*46.

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

\*47.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*48.

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

\*49.

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

\*50.

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

\*51.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

\*52.

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

\*53.

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

\*54.

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

\*55.

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

\*56.

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

\*57.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

\*58.

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

\*59.

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:

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| 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)

\*60.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.  
(Cabinet approval signified)

\*61.

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:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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)

\*62.

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)

\*63.

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 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

\*64.

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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

\*65.

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 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

66.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

67.

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

68.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

69.

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

70.

Overseas Muslim Educational Trust of Sri Lanka (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

0331/’09

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members’ Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

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2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Imaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0333/'09

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Habaraduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

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- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0334/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0335/'09

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Bope - Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0336/'09

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0337/'09

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Hikkaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0338/'09

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Goonapinuwala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

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- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0339/'09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0340/'09

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0341/'09

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0342/'09

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Welivitiya - Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0343/'09

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Bentara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

(23)

- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0344/'09

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

0345/'09

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0346/'09

16.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0347/'09

17.

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

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