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Friday, January 07, 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0214/'10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether there are lands in the Galle district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
- (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
- (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
- (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
- (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
- (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
- (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
- (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
- (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
- (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
- (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
- (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?

(c) If not, why?

0522/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of housing loans granted to the people in Hambantota District during the period from year 1977 to year 1993 by the Housing Development Authority ; and
- (ii) the total value of the housing loans granted during the period concerned?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he is aware that the then government took measures to write off housing loans granted from year 1977 to year 1992 to the people in the aforesaid district ; and

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the basis on which the process of recovering the loans from debtors even at present;
- (ii) whether he will take action to stop the process of recovering the loans that were written off?

(d) If not, why?

0570/'10

3.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya ,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a plan implement by the Housing Development Authority to sell the remaining plots of land of the Raddolugama Housing Scheme has been suspended on a complaint made to His Excellency the President by its residents ;
- (ii) the recommendation made in this connection by the Presidential Investigation Unit has been conveyed to the then Chairman of the Housing Development Authority and the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Construction through the letter Ref: No. SP/4/2/4/2/1 dated 28.02.2006 ; and
- (iii) in the aforesaid letter it has been stated (briefly) “Since the residents have enjoyed the remaining small plots of land for nearly 23 years, His Excellency the President has drawn his attention to transfer them by sale to the residents. It is hereby informed that it is advisable to allot the road surrounding the Raddolugama Housing Scheme from plot 1820 and to transfer by sale plot 1819 to adjacent neighbours” ?

(b) Will he take action to execute the above order of the President without delay?

(c) If not, why?

0590/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs ,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of all the mobile phone operating companies in the country;
- (ii) the names of the owners and the directors of the companies referred to in (i) above;
- (iii) the number of frequencies that have been issued to those mobile phone operators;
- (iv) number of people working in the mobile phone operating offices;
- (v) from which date each of the office is operating; and
- (vi) the amount of taxes that has been paid by aforesaid companies for the last 5 years on per year basis?

(b) If not why?

0682/'10

5.

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of private houses and institutions that are being occupied by the Security Forces in the North including Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he state as to when those places will be given back to the original owners?
- (c) If not, why?

0704/'10

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Grama Niladharis of the Grama Niladhari divisions in the Matara district which were affected by the Tsunami disaster were given motor cycles by the Matara District secretariat, with a view to enhance their efficiency ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the country which provided funds for the aforesaid provision of motorcycles ;
 - (ii) whether that amount of money was provided as a donation or a loan;
 - (iii) the total amount of money so received;
 - (iv) if the aforesaid amount of money was received as a loan, the period of time within which it should be paid back?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons for giving the aforesaid motor cycles to the Grama Niladharis of the Grama Niladhari Divisions affected by the Tsunami under a loan scheme, if the aforesaid amount of money has been received as a donation from a foreign country ?
- (d) If not, why?

0779/'10

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of Sri Lankan women serving in foreign countries as house-maids or garment factory workers ;
- (ii) the number of persons who have been subjected to various kinds of torture, out of the number of women mentioned in the answer for (a) (i) above;
- (iii) the number of women who have returned to this country due to this reason and the number of women still remaining in those countries, separately ;
- (iv) the steps that are taken to bring back the women who remain in foreign countries while being subjected to torture ?

(b) Will he submit to this House —

- (i) the number of women who have been paid compensation, out of the women who have returned to this country as a result of being subjected to torture;
- (ii) the total amount paid as compensation in this manner ;
- (iii) the measures taken by the Foreign Employment Bureau on behalf of the women who remain abroad being subjected to torture and those who have returned ?

(c) If not, why ?

0843/'10

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the work related to the first phase of Norochchole Coal Fired Power Plant, which is implemented in three phases, will be completed ;
- (ii) of the extent of land expected to be developed utilizing the power generated by the aforesaid power plant ; and
- (iii) of the date on which this electrification project is expected to be declared open and put into use?

(6)

- (b) Will he admit that this electrification project is beneficial to the people in the area?
- (c) If so, will he submit to this House a detailed description of these benefits?
- (d) If not, why?

0215/'10

9.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether there are lands in the Matara district that belong to the Land Reforms Commission ;
 - (ii) if so, the name and the extent of each land, the name of the Grama Niladhari Division to which the land belongs and the condition of the land ;
 - (iii) the annual income from each of the aforesaid lands ;
 - (iv) whether the ownership of the aforesaid lands has been legally transferred to individuals or institutions ;
 - (v) if so, the purpose for which the lands were transferred and the basis on which it was done ;
 - (vi) the names of the individuals or institutions that received lands, their addresses, the dates of transfer, the extents of the lands and the period of time ;
 - (vii) the income earned by the commission from each of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands that belong to the commission are illegally possessed by individuals or institutions ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, the extent of land so possessed and the duration of their possession ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that were taken in this regard and its current situation ;
 - (iv) the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception and at present ;
 - (v) out of the extent of land owned by the commission at its inception, the extent of land transferred to others ;
 - (vi) the names and the addresses of the persons to whom the possession of the land was transferred and the extent of land so transferred?
- (c) If not, why?

0523/'10

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the National Parks situated in the Hambantota District ;
- (ii) separately, of the annual income and the net income earned by those National Parks from year 2005 up to 2009 ;
- (iii) of the number of persons employed in the above mentioned National Parks ;
- (iv) of the number of daily paid employees out of them ; and
- (v) whether action be taken to confirm them in service?

(b) If not, why?

0591/'10

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of all Internet Providing and Operating companies in the country and the names of the Owners and Directors of such companies;
- (ii) the number of frequencies issued to the internet providers;
- (iii) the number of people working in the internet providing offices;
- (iv) the date from which the each of the office is operating; and
- (v) the amount of taxes paid by the aforesaid providers for the last 5 years on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

0683/'10

12.

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mandaithivu has been unofficially declared as a high security zone by the Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) the Navy is occupying all the houses belong to the civilians at Mandaithivu; and
 - (iii) hundred families are living in the small shift houses at Mandaithivu?
- (b) Will he state as to when they are allowed to go and resettle in their own houses at Mandaithivu?
- (c) If not, why?

0780/'10

13.

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of children in this country whose mothers are married Sri Lankan women who are working abroad at present;
 - (ii) the programmes that have been implemented for the protection and welfare of the aforesaid children by the government;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent per year for such programmes by the government ?
- (b) If not, why?

0524/'10

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware the Attikkawa Anicut, which is situated in Thissamahara Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota district, is in a dilapidated condition?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if the aforesaid anicut is in a dilapidated condition, whether steps will be taken to repair it permanently ;
- (ii) of the amount of money that will be spent for the repair work ;
- (iii) of the period of time within which the aforesaid project will be completed ; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to complete the aforesaid project within the stipulated period of time?

(c) If not, why?

0595/'10

15.

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

(a) Will he inform this House for the period from 1995 to 2000 per year basis—

- (i) the total work force of the country;
- (ii) the private sector and public sector work force separately;
- (iii) the total work force in public sector for 3 Forces, Police and Auxilliary service separately and the rest of the public service separately; and
- (iv) whether all above in public sector are pensionable?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any non confirmed temporary appointments were made in public sector for last 15 years;
- (ii) if so, the names of the appointments;
- (iii) the impact of those appointments to the salary bill of the government on per year basis;
- (iv) as to when they are being confirmed;
- (v) whether they are pensionable in future; and
- (vi) if so, as to when the government has made provisions for the purpose?

(c) If not why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Business of the Parliament,— That Government Business do have precedence this day.

2.

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 the Parliament on 09.07.2010, the hours of sitting this day shall be 1.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 3.00 p.m. Standing Order 7(5) shall operate.

3.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sitting of the Parliament (No. 2) That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourn until 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th, 2011.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate,—Adjourned debate on question (08th October 2010)

Motion made and question proposed,— “That this Parliament resolves that holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performance of the Ministers.” [P.1/'10]

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2.

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 resolves 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/'10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is resolves that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— That this Parliament resolves that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented 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.

P.7/'10

5.

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/'10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

8.

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

P.11/'10

9.

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/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

11.

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, compel 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/'10

12.

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/'10

13.

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/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

15.

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/'10

16.

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/'10

17.

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/'10

18.

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/'10

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Traveling 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/'10

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That this Parliament resolves 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 that since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace.

P.23/'10

21.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P.24/'10

22.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— That 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.25/'10

23.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.26/'10

24.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.27/'10

25.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.28/'10

26.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.29/'10

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.30/'10

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.31/'10

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.32/'10

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.33/'10

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— 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.

P.34/'10

32.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Establishment of Industrial Estates in the Puttalam District,—That this Parliament resolves that Industrial Estates be established at suitable locations in the Puttalam District with a view to boosting up industries in the District and to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

P.35/'10

33.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Developing the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground in the Kalmunai Town,—That this Parliament resolves that the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground be developed in all aspects as an International Sports Ground with a view to providing advanced facilities for the youth of Digamadulla District to improve their skills and ability in the various aspects of sports.

P.39/'10

34.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— That 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.40/'10

35.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— 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

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36.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— 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.42/'10

37.

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

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38.

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

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39.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting Laws for free access to Government information,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted in Parliament for the right of people to have free access to all the information of the Government whereby their transparency would be maintained.

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40.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded Better Opportunities for Health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities as most of them are subject to open heart surgeries and for that purpose Employees of the Private Sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund and in case of Public Servants or Non Employees by the Government through the President Fund with full cost.

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41.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the Protection of the World Environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

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42.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Telecasting of Parliamentary Proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that live or censored Parliamentary Proceedings should be telecasted through the Television or Internet.

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43.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Permission to Vote for Sri Lankans living overseas,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lankans who are living overseas must be permitted to vote at future elections.

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44.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introduction of a Electronic Voting System,— That this Parliament resolves that a Electronic Voting System must be introduced for the present archaic Voting System.

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45.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Implementation of a proper scientific plan for the protection of valuable natural resources of Sri Lanka and their surrounding areas,—That this Parliament resolves that a proper scientific plan be implemented to protect and promote the Sinharaja Forest, Kanneliya Forest Reserve, Roomassala Hill, the islands and the mangrove system of Koggala Oya and Madu Ganga, a Ramsar Wetland, which are considered as valuable natural resources not only of Sri Lanka but the whole world, and their surrounding areas.

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46.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Taking action for the protection, promotion and proper utilization of the historical and archeological heritages of the Galle fort and its surroundings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to protect and promote historical and archaeological heritages of the Galle rampart, inside the Galle fort and in the surroundings of the Galle fort which are an important centre of the tourism industry, have a historical and archaeological value and are considered as a world heritage site and to make the best use of this world heritage for the country by implementing a systematic plan with the participation of the community and the public sector institutions connected with it.

P.52/'10

47.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Implementing a practical programme to address the housing issues of the owners of houses lacking in facilities living in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical programme be formulated for addressing the peoples' housing issues by constructing flats and cluster flats Schemes in Colombo and other cities in its neighbourhood under the vision of Mahinda Chinthana for ensuring the right of each and every family living in Sri Lanka to live in a house that consists of their basic requirements, drinking water, electricity, toilet facilities and a kitchen.

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48.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Regulating the drainage of rainy water in the city of Colombo,— That this Parliament resolves since a situation has been created where the entire city of Colombo is submerged in a continuous rainfall of about half an hour as the drain system of the city of Colombo is more than 100 years old and is not functioning properly, whereas damages are caused to environment from houses, building and unauthorized structures constructed haphazardly, hence the relevant drain system shall be modernized, cleaned and properly maintained so as to enable the efficient draining of rainy water to mitigate the flood disaster situation caused within the Colombo Municipal Council area during torrential rains.

P.54/'10

49.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Protecting the Professional dignity of the Medical field,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ordinary Patients are faced with grave problems and have become immensely helpless owing to doctors without necessary Professional Qualifications and experience practicing in the local and international medical field, and whereas the professionally qualified doctors in the medical field sustain disgrace in society as a result of it, that it is imperative to act properly, efficiently and lawfully in order to protect the professional dignity of the Medical field.

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50.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Ensuring media freedom and right to information,— That this Parliament resolves that all citizens of a democratic country be granted the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding through free media, whereas right to information and expression has been established within the Constitution itself and there is no opportunity to hide or conceal the truth in a world where technology is developing,

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51.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Creating a healthy society through sports,— That this Parliament resolves that a fair system devoid of racism and class divisions shall be drawn up at the government level so as to create a healthy society by encouraging children to take up sports in their childhood itself, to guide children with innate talents to the international level and to bring glory to the country by creating world renowned players.

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52.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Frequent update of the Register of Electors,—That this Parliament resolves that the Register of Electors must be an open list with frequent update rather than list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/'10

53.

Hon Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting a Pension Scheme for the overseas work force,—That this Parliament resolves that a pension scheme should be devised to reward the overseas work force who sends their hard earned money to increase the wealth of Sri Lanka.

P.60/'10

54.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Awarding pensions for the armed personnel who served before 19th of May, 2009- That this Parliament resolves that as the members of the Parliament are entitled to a pension in five years, the armed personnel who had been engaged in activities before the 19th of May, 2009 but have not completed the period of 22 years should also be entitled to a pension.

P.62/'10

55.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing a special design to help people with restricted ability and mobility—That this Parliament resolves that all new public buildings must have design features ensuring accessibility as specified by the law for the persons with restricted ability and mobility in order to optimize their remaining productivity and to minimize the unwanted dependency.

P.63/'10

56.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Enabling the right to vote— This Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen must be allowed to vote as there is a big number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined

P.64/'10

57.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — Ensuring a corruption free world— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Sri Lankan Parliamentarians get together and join global organizations of parliaments in eradicating corruption.

P.65/'10

58.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Granting a higher position to the Quaziz Court System,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Quaziz Court System that was established in Sri Lanka under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Ordinance of 1929 and subsequently amended under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Act in 1951 must be upgraded with powers vested with the Quaziz judges to adjudicate upon all matters concerned with disputes arising in Muslim families and also the status of the Quaziz Court System must be upgraded in such a manner where sittings be held in premises congenial to the dignity of the system and as the Quaziz judges are appointed by the Judicial Service Commission they should be placed on a respectable and an acceptable salary structure payable to other judicial officers.

P.69/'10

59.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, —Repayment of funds of the depositor who are duped, — That this Parliament resolves that as there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in the finance companies and these depositors or the delinquent companies have been promised by the government during the political campaign of 2009/2010 elections that they will be paid their outstanding, hence the Central Bank that is the custodian of these institutions should have been more diligent and the government must step in paying the depositors.

P.70/'10

60.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing Vocational training for disabled children and children with special needs, — That this Parliament resolves that the disabled children and the children with special needs be provided with vocational training at district and provincial levels and a programme should be implemented to direct them in proper manner to employment opportunities.

P.71/'10

61.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Granting Justice of the Peace appointments to indigenous Ayurvedic doctors, — That this Parliament resolves that all the indigenous Ayurvedic doctors who have got themselves registered with the Ayurvedic Medical Council should be granted justice of the Peace appointments as a token of respect to that service, as they render a great service, specially to the rural people, considering it as meeting their social obligation, without expecting money or privilege.

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62.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Formulating a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments, — That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments as the dignity and recognition bestowed upon this office deteriorate as a result of granting Justice of the Peace appointments that are recognised by society and provide an immense service to society without accepted criteria.

P.74/'10

63.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Solving the problems created by the Tsunami disaster, —That this Parliament resolves that an efficient programme be implemented to look into any kind of problem caused by the Tsunami disaster and remains unsolved, at Divisional Secretariat Division and District Secretariat Division level and to minimize such problems faced and to be faced by those Divisions.

P.75/'10

64.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Formulating a national policy for home base workers,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper national policy on nearly one Million home base workers who engage on various productions within various employment generating sectors of Sri Lanka be formulated by the political authority with the assistance of experts, scholars and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations in all related fields and that the aforesaid policy be implemented early.

P.76/'10

65.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Utilizing paddy lands that can not be cultivated with paddy for productive purposes, — That this Parliament resolves that programmes be formulated in such a manner that the law on paddy lands reclamation is not violated, so paddy lands that are impossible to be cultivated with paddy could be utilized for productive agricultural crop cultivation only, without leaving any room for constructions to take place in them, once such lands have been identified after a proper study.

P.77/'10

66.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Removing the salary anomalies of the Public Service Pensioners, —That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to remove the severe salary anomaly that exists between the salaries of the public servants who had retired prior to 01.06.2006 and those who retired after the said date, created as a result of the salary conversion of public servants that was effected from 01.06.2006, according to the salary revisions circular 6/2006.

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67.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of information centres at district level, — That this Parliament resolves that information centres where all information relating to the geographical location, historic background, crops cultivated, road network, government offices, schools, universities, railway stations, bus stands are computerized and documented be established and that these centres be established at the provincial level during the first stage, at the district level during the second stage and at the Divisional Secretariat division level during the third stage.

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68.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regulating of religious school education and administration of Sri Lanka, — That this Parliament resolves that an urgent programme be drawn up to increase the number of students attending religious schools by continually providing human and physical resources for religious schools in order to regulate education and administration of religious schools of all religions of Sri Lanka and to accord proper recognition to the certificates of the final examination and the Dharmacharya examination of Buddhist Dhamma Schools and similar examinations conducted in religious schools of other faiths.

P.80/'10

69.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws regarding the rearing of pets such as dogs and cats, — That this Parliament resolves that laws be formulated for the registration of pets such as dogs and cats in local government authorities and that laws be formulated that the sale of the young of these animals should only be done in authorized centres and making it compulsory to spay female animals reared in other places other than these authorized centres.

P. 81/'10

70.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training workers required for the job market, — That this Parliament resolves that the task of initiating a methodology for the training of workers required for the new employment opportunities generated in future Sri Lanka be commenced by all tertiary educational institutions in the country.

P. 82/'10

71.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration structure, — That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of redemarcating Grama Niladhari divisions the entire Public Administration structure be re-organized in such a way that divisional Secretariat divisions and districts be demarcated afresh through the redemarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's areas be made local government areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all Public institutions including Divisional education area, Police area, agrarian services area and the regional health services officers area.

P. 83/'10

72.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Resumption of the further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project, — That this Parliament resolves that further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project be resumed forthwith and steps be taken expeditiously to solve the problems faced by the people who cultivate various crops on the catchment area of the Nilwala Valley, due to the stalled development activities of the Nilwala ganga project in the Matara district.

P.84/'10

73.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extending the Honorary Post of Justice of the Peace' even beyond the term of the Peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies, —since the honorary post of 'Justice in Peace' accorded to the peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the people's representatives even beyond their terms of office.

P.85/'10

74.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all members and Ministers of the Provincial Councils, — That this Parliament resolves that proper measures be adopted in this regard following deep consideration Since the allowances privileges and facilities of the Hon Ministers, Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chief government Whips, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whip and Hon. Members of the existing provincial councils and the Northern Provincial Council which is to officially function in near future, are not in a proper state.

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75.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all people's representatives in Local Authorities, —That this Parliament resolves that since there are irregularities with respect to the allowances, privileges and other facilities granted to the Mayors, Chairmen, Deputy Mayors, Vice Chairmen and the Members of the existing Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Island and the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas which are planned to be established in the future, serious consideration be drawn to this matter and proper courses of action be followed in this regard.

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76.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East, — That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

P.88/'10

77.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a National Youth Policy, — That this Parliament resolves that a select committee be appointed consisting of the Hon. Members of Parliament representing all the political parties for formulating a National Youth Policy suitable for Sri Lanka to get the assistance of the veterans, academics and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations representing all the related fields for that purpose.

P. 89/'10

78.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making use of Government schools and Universities for education units, during vacations, — That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non government organizations. Chambers of Commerce and Community based organizations during school holidays, and afternoon sessions and University vacations.

P. 90/'10

79.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Setting up of an efficeint system to make acting appointments on Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant,—That this Parliament resolves that a post of Grama Niladari's be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladari's from that pool to Grama Niladari divisions that fall vacant, Since appointing the Grama Niladari of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladari's of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary.

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80.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting Official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees, — That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to civil defence committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the chief incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, The Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations public and private sector who are residents of the Grama Niladhari division, be set up and to facilitate proper Co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari division.

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81.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island, —That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

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82.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Holding all elections on the same day, — That this Parliament resolves Whereas during the 22 year period from 1988 to 2010 an election of some kind has been held every year except for the years 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2007 whereas the holding of such elections is having a huge impact on every field such as economy and administration of the country, though it is a worthy criterion in gauging the public opinion, that an appropriate amendment be introduced to the Constitution to revise the official term of office of entities such as local government authorities, the Parliament and the presidency and to devise an appropriate system of election, enabling the holding of elections for them on the same day.

P. 94/'10

83.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the local government bodies in the provincial councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the provincial councils and between the provincial councils and the local government bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

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84.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity, — That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of government, non-government and private institutions.

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85.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse, — That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

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86.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga ,— Increasing annual interest rate for fixed deposits of senior citizens up to 14 % ,— That this Parliament resolves that the annual interest rate for fixed deposits of Rupees 15 lakhs or less of senior citizens be increased up to 14 %, as most of the senior citizens who are spending the evening of their life after rendering a considerable service for the country in corporations, boards, authorities and the private sector, live on the interest received on their savings and provident fund that they had deposited in fixed deposits, have been put into great inconvenience due to the lowered interest income received for the fixed deposits of senior citizens as a result of bringing down the annual interest rate of state banks up to 10.5 %.

P.98/'10

87.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Establishing Committees on Ethics, — That this Parliament resolves that a Committee on Ethics should be established to look into the matters connected with the maintaining of credibility and good ethical conduct of the Members of Parliament in Sri Lanka.

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88.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Issuing a new electronic identity card, — That this Parliament resolves that a national identity card with a new electronic number and containing important and necessary details about the relevant individual such as blood group , bank account number, credit card number, educational qualifications, driving licence number and passport number, be issued to facilitate administration and suppression of crimes and other fraudulent activities and that information of all residents of Divisional Secretariat Divisions be computerized early at Grama Niladhari Division level and those information be updated from time to time.

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89.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Option of retirement after a 20 year period of service for male police officers, — That this Parliament resolves that the option of voluntary retirement available for female police officers after the completion of 20 year period of service shall be made applicable to the male police officers as well, and a scheme shall be formulated for this purpose.

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90.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Setting up committees for repealing regulations,— That this Parliament resolves that committees to look into the possibility of repealing redundant regulations shall be set up since the formulation of regulations as well as the repealing of regulations is an ongoing process

P.102/'10

91.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Confirmation in service of officers of the Civil Defence Force, — This House resolves that the officers attached to the Civil Defence force be made entitled to Salaries, allowances, permanency of service and pensions enjoyed by the officers in other armed forces along with accepted official status as in the other government departments.

P.103/'10

92.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Establishment of Assurance Committees,—That this Parliament moves that Committees be established to ensure that the government fulfills its' responsibilities as there are occasions when the government fails to meet the assurances given in response to questions raised in Parliament and the obligations of the government.

P.104/'10

93.

Hon. (Al-Haj)A.H.M. Azwer,- Encouraging the cultivation of Palmyra,- That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to encourage the cultivation of Palmyra known as "Katpagatharu" which is very useful for the public and to promote productions related to Palmyra .

P.105/'10

94.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,- Enhancing the Productivity of the Lands owned by the Department of Railways,- That this Parliament resolves that the income received by the Department be enhanced by removing speedily the unauthorized constructions and occupants from the lands owned by the Department of Railways and by reviewing the agreements regarding authorized constructions and that the lands that do not affect development work of the Department directly be provided to the private sector on long-term lease and funds thus obtained be utilized for modernization of the Railway network.

*95.
Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*96.
Mediation Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*97.
The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 24, August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*98.
Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

*99.
Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question (4th January 2011)[1].

100.
Sri Lanka Economic Association (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

101.
Rohitha Abeygunawardana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

102.
Red Lotus (International) Sri Lanka Organization (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

103.
Tharunyata Hetak Organization(Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

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