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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2569/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Wagurana forest in Bulathsinhala, which was declared as a forest reserve through a gazette extraordinary notification in the year 2009 is facing destruction;
- (ii) security officers have not been deployed to protect this forest replete with very rare flora and fauna resources;
- (iii) there is no program to provide information to those visiting this forest; and
- (iv) a program has not been put in place to prevent garbage from flowing into the Wagurana forest through the Batapotha canal ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken for the immediate provision of the services of Divisional Environmental Officers to the above mentioned sensitive environmental zone ?

(c) If not, why ?

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Kilinochchi District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

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- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Kilinochchi District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabhoomi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Kilinochchi District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?
- (d) If not, why ?

3255/12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the lands, which have been transferred under “Swarnabhoomi” deeds, situated closer to Japanese Peace Pagoda of Roomassala, Galle that has been built overlooking the international shipping route, have been purchased by businessmen and apartments are built for hotels in the guise of construction of houses; and
 - (ii) the people of the area make allegations that the government officials, too, are involved with the transfer of the aforesaid lands, which carries “Swarnabhoomi” deeds that can not be transferred or sold to a person other than a relation, to the businessmen?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct a formal inquiry with regard to the aforesaid transfer of lands;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to avert construction of hotels that is done in a manner which causes damages to Peace Pagoda, in the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date of commencement of the repair works of Muriyakadawala road through Pahala Ambathale from Maradankadawala of Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the distance and the estimated cost for the construction of the aforesaid road; and
 - (iii) of the name of the contracted company and the owner of the aforesaid company by which the repair works of the aforesaid road are carried out?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the contracted date on which the completion of the works of the aforesaid road was due;
 - (ii) of the reasons that were led if the works of the aforesaid road could not be completed within the aforesaid period of time ;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid contracted company has undertaken construction of other roads within the Anuradhapura District;
 - (iv) if so, separately, of the name of each of the aforesaid road and the estimated cost;
 - (v) whether the allocated period of time has been exceeded in the completion of construction of the aforesaid roads as well?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts the fact that the aforesaid contracted company is not able to carry out road development construction works properly; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps taken in relation to such a contracted company in time to come?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the employment agency named “Omar Travels” the registration of which was revoked for the offence of sending abroad the under aged school girl named Rizana Nafik in Muttur, who was executed by beheading in Saudi Arabia, through forged documents prepared by deceiving her, has been registered again under the name “Omalka Travels”;
 - (ii) the reasons for granting authority to register the agency named “Omar Travels”, which has been blacklisted, under another name with the same board of directors;
 - (iii) whether it is accepted that due to such authorized fraudulent agency holders are compelled to commit more crime and they would not be afraid of making forged documents; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify that situation?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
 - (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
 - (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
 - (iv) the resource persons who participated in those workshops; and
 - (v) the total amount spent including transport, meals and lecture fees separately?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he has become aware of the “National Physical Plan” submitted by the government under the National Physical Planning Department?
- (b) As per the said plan, will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of forest lands to be utilized;
 - (ii) the number of areas in which roads are to be constructed across forests; and
 - (iii) the number of locations in which tourist zones will be constructed in the middle of forests?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a scientific survey on the Blue Whales found in the Sri Lankan maritime zone has been conducted either by the Sri Lankan government or the private sector with the sponsorship of the government; and
 - (ii) if such a survey has not been conducted, the reasons for it?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the sea area off Mirissa in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka has been identified as an area where Blue Whales are abundant; and
 - (ii) a severe damage is caused to the aforesaid Blue Whales by the ships that ply the international sea route in the sea area off Mirissa?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to prevent the damage faced by the Blue Whales owing to the cause mentioned in (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis, the number of dengue cases,—
 - (i) reported in Sri Lanka since 2012 to-date; and
 - (ii) resulting in deaths reported from 2011 to-date?
- (b) Will he also state the number of —
 - (i) dengue breeding grounds detected; and
 - (ii) schools, universities and state institutions that have been identified as containing dengue breeding grounds separately;
 on per year basis from January 2009 to-date?
- (c) Will he inform this House from January 2010 to date on per year basis—
 - (i) the three districts in Sri Lanka, from which the highest number of dengue cases were reported; and
 - (ii) the number of breeding grounds detected in each of these three districts?
- (d) Will he further state—
 - (i) the committees that have been appointed by the Ministry of Health to address the dengue epidemic in the country, from 2009 to date;
 - (ii) the dates of appointment of each of those committees; and
 - (iii) the mandate of each of those committees?
- (e) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications considered when teachers are recruited for Pirivena Educational Institutes;
 - (ii) whether there is a shortage of teachers required for those institutions; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of teachers required?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the incumbent Director of the Pirivena Education Unit of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) his educational qualifications; and
 - (iii) whether that officer is in the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House with relevance to the Sri Lanka Police Department—
 - (i) of the number of Police Constables who have completed 20 years and 10 years of service, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of officers who have completed 10 years of service as Police Sergeants;
 - (iii) whether the police officers mentioned in (i) and (ii) above have qualified for promotions;
 - (iv) of the number of officers who are to be granted promotions out of those who have qualified; and
 - (v) of the reasons for the delay in granting due promotions to the police officers who have been denied promotions though they had gained the qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of teachers who have not been awarded permanent appointments even though they have fulfilled the necessary qualifications by now;
 - (ii) the reasons for not awarding permanent appointments to them up to now;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that these teachers have been deprived of the privileges which they are entitled to as permanent appointments have not been awarded to them; and
 - (iv) the time when letters of permanent appointment will be awarded to them?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament;
 - (ii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the said Cabinets;
 - (iii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the Cabinets as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in the relevant Cabinet ?
- (b) Will he state whether women have received a fair representation in the Cabinet consistent with the percentage of the current population of women in the country ?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from India since 1st January 2010 to date on yearly basis separately;
 - (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that funds have been given;
 - (iii) the pay back period of each funding;
 - (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be earned from each project for which said funds were utilised; and
 - (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for the 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?
- (b) If not, why ?

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
 - (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—
 - (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
 - (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/35 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/36 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/37 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the National Thoroughfares Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 89 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution, relating to the fee to be levied from the drivers of every vehicle using a User Fee National Highway and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1832/28 of 17th October 2013, which were presented on 21.03.2014, be approved.

*5.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/6 of 20th January 2014, which was presented on 08.04.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(11)

*9.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with subsection (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/31 of 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*10.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the 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 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

13.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Friday, April 25, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2584/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will she state separately, on district basis—

(i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province;
and

(ii) the names of those villages ?

(12)

- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3148/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and
 - (ii) the quantum of increase in reserves in the aforesaid years as per the claim made by the government that the net reserves have been increasing dramatically?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of long term debts included in the reserves to date; and
 - (ii) the amount of reserves as a ratio to imports for the last three years on per year basis ?
- (c) Will he admit that the situation in reserves is not positive as it claimed to be?
- (d) If not, why ?

3217/12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the disputes between paddy field owners and tenant farmers are resolved by the Agrarian Tribunal;
 - (ii) this institution has not been set up for nearly 12 years;
 - (iii) this has resulted in disputes in this field being piled up in district offices;
 - (iv) paddy field owners and tenant farmers are faced with numerous problems owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to set up the Agrarian Tribunal expeditiously;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such Tribunal will be set up?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the government has planned, to provide a fresh glass of milk to the children of year 2 to 5;
 - (ii) the number of children, eligible to obtain a fresh glass of milk by now, accordingly;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated in the budget 2013, in that regard; and
 - (iv) the amount of money to be spent for the provision of fresh milk for each child?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of registered pre-schools in the Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the number of children who studied in pre-schools during 2013; and
 - (iii) the date when a national policy on pre-schools which is a current requirement of Sri Lanka will be implemented after formulating it?
- (c) If not, why?

3615/13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Grama Niladhari Division, under which Eriyagama in Payagala South in the Kalutara District, comes;
 - (ii) of the number of families residing in that village; and
 - (iii) whether deeds for the lands and houses these families live in have been given?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether public transport facilities and electricity have been provided to this village;
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which each such facility has been provided;
 - (iii) the starting point and destination of the transport facility provided; and
 - (iv) whether 'Maga Neguma' and 'Gama Neguma' projects have been implemented in the Grama Niladhari Division under which Eriyagama comes?
- (c) If not, why?

6. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of school uniform material that was imported to Sri Lanka from China in the year 2012;
- (ii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid purpose;
- (iii) the name of the company by which the aforesaid uniform material was imported; and
- (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid uniform material was imported through that company?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the companies which had submitted tenders for the supply of the uniform material for the year 2012 and the bids they had submitted;
- (ii) whether the company that was selected was the one that had submitted the lowest bid;
- (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
- (iv) of the defects contained in the material that had been submitted by the company which had submitted the lowest bid; and
- (v) whether he admits that the material submitted by the selected company contained more defects than those mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

7. Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy —(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of metal quarries run in Pathakada, Uduwara and Delgoda areas in Millaniya Divisional Secretariat division;
- (ii) the names and addresses of those metal quarries;
- (iii) the nature of the businesses run by each of the aforesaid institutions;
- (iv) whether necessary approval and permits have been obtained to run each of the aforesaid businesses; and
- (v) if so , the dates and times in which each of the aforesaid permits and approval was obtained?

(15)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been reported regarding a condition of serious environmental pollution in the area mentioned in above;
 - (ii) if so , the measures that have undertaken to prevent the conditions of environmental pollution mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4428/13

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the promotions that should be given backdated for the relevant grades of the Librarians who are serving under interim provisions according to the Government Librarians' and Service Minute and the gazette extraordinary No. 1620/22 dated 24.09.2009 have not yet been given properly;
 - (ii) number of vacancies prevail in the grade of recruitment i.e., the Grade III of the Government Librarians' Service;
 - (iii) more that 70% of the cadre that have been identified in the aforesaid service minute are still vacant?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the salary scale of the Supra/Special Grade of the aforesaid Librarians' Service was above the salary scale of the Grade II/II of the island wide services from the year 1981;
 - (ii) the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 has placed the Special Grade of the Librarians' Service in the salary scale MN-07 which is very much below the salary scale of the aforesaid island wide service;
 - (iii) severe injustice has been caused by this to the Special Grade of the Librarians?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the steps that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems; and
 - (ii) the date on which those steps will be implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

4440/13

9.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to Kuliypitiya Central College under Deyata Kirula development programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities;
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4555/13

10.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the reason for keeping vacant the post of Deputy Director of the Colombo National Hospital for about 2 years without appointing an qualified person for the post;
 - (ii) whether the officer who has been appointed to act in this post is from an administrative grade; and
 - (iii) whether he has been recruited according to the specified procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

2585/12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why ?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from China since 1st January 2010 to date separately, on per year basis, under the aforesaid funding types;
 - (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that funding have been given;
 - (iii) the payback period of each funding;
 - (iv) the expected earnings of each project for which the funding was utilised; and
 - (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?
- (b) If not, why ?

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) the majority of the people in the middle and the lower middle classes use three-wheelers and motorcycles for their transportation needs;
 - (ii) a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities have been created in relation to the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the aforesaid field of employment can be crippled due to the high price of three-wheelers and motorcycles and their spare parts; and
 - (iv) the high rates of taxes that have currently been imposed on three-wheelers and motorcycles have resulted in a price increase of those vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he states separately on per year basis for the period from year 2005 to date the percentage of the amounts of taxes and other charges levied in Sri Lanka after three-wheelers and motorcycles have been imported into the country; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to give tax concessions for three-wheelers and motorcycles?
- (c) If not why?

14.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the movement of heavy vehicles including containers within the city was subjected to various restrictions during 2007-2009 as a means to contain traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institutions that were instrumental in implementing the above measure of restricting the time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers;
 - (ii) the times of restriction of the movement of heavy vehicles in the city during the above period;
 - (iii) if that measure has been done away with at present, the reasons for doing so?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made to re-implement the restrictions of time of the movement of heavy vehicles including containers which lead to the increase in the traffic congestion in the city of Colombo?
- (d) If not, why?

4556/13

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenderers have been selected for importing certain medicinal drugs necessary for the year 2014;
 - (ii) the duration taken for selecting the most eligible bidder when several bidders have applied for importing each drug;
 - (iii) whether for this reason, there exists a risk of a shortage of drugs occurring in the year 2014; and
 - (iv) the amount of drugs that have been received out of that ordered for the year 2013;
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, May 06, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2509/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of pre-schools conducted in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ; and
 - (ii) the villages in which the aforesaid pre-schools are conducted?

(19)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that there are a number of shortages of physical resources in the aforesaid pre-schools ;
- (ii) the measures taken to alleviate the aforesaid shortages ; and
- (iii) the period of time that will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages?

(c) If not, why?

3236/12

2.

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

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka—

- (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
- (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
- (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
- (iv) the number of people working in the bank;
- (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
- (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
- (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?

(b) If not, why?

3451/13

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state,—

- (i) the year in which the Govisetha lottery was commenced;
- (ii) the income received through it during the period from the year 2005 up to 2012;
- (iii) the activities for which the proceeds was spent;
- (iv) the amount invested in Farmers' Pension Scheme out of the proceeds of that lottery; and
- (v) if the proceeds of the lottery was not credited into the Farmers' Pension Scheme, the reasons for it?

(b) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the public is levelling allegations to the effect that paddy lands in the Athuraliya Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy land that has been filled without permission in that Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 to date;
 - (iii) whether complaints pertaining to those unauthorized fillings have been received;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of complaints so received;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken with regard to those complaints after conducting investigations; and
 - (vi) of the action that has been taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission to reclaim paddy lands in the Athuraliya Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 to date had been obtained legally;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy land that has been authorized to be reclaimed; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to reclaim the aforesaid paddy land?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he state separately in each year—
 - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately in each year—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?

(21)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;
 - (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3906/13

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a large number of acres of land in "Kularippu" forest reserve in Muhudubada Pattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District, "Mattusudan" crown forest in Mankulam Divisional Secretariat Division, and the forest reserves that belong to three Divisional Secretariat Divisions i.e., Musali, Madu and Manthai West in the Mannar District are being cleared of forest at the moment;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land that has been cleared of forest from each of the aforesaid forest areas; and
 - (iii) separately, of the purpose of clearing the aforesaid forest areas?
- (b) If not, why?

4263/13

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that a part of the building known as "Sirilak Trade Centre" situated along the Ehaliyagoda-Dehiowita Road (Panawala Road) belonging to Provincial Councilor Siripala Kiriella has been dismantled on 17.06.2013 purportedly citing the need for expanding the road;
 - (ii) if so, those who carried out the dismantling of the said building; and
 - (iii) the powers upon which the said building was dismantled ?

(22)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the measures taken consequent to the complaint lodged at the Ehaliyagoda Police Station on 17.06.2013 by Mr. Siripala Kiriella on the dismantling of the above building; and
 - (ii) the reason for delay in taking legal action against the suspects of the above incident?
- (c) If not, why?

4291/13

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of teachers teaching in the Dhamma Schools in Sri Lanka as at today;
 - (ii) of the basic educational qualifications expected by the government to be in possession with the aforesaid teachers;
 - (iii) whether any type of appointment letter has been given to all Dhamma School teachers; and
 - (iv) if so, of the authority by which that is issued?
- (b) If not, why?

4315/13

9.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a blood bank service is not available at the Pothuwil Base Hospital;
 - (ii) a long time has lapsed since the selection and training of nurses for blood bank service for this hospital; and
 - (iii) even though a long time has passed since the provision of this service to the Akkaraipattu, Kalmunai and Ampara hospitals in the Ampara District, travelling from Pothuvil to those hospitals to obtain this service is a difficult task?
- (b) Will he take steps to establish a blood bank at Pothuwil Base Hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

2559/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total amount of money spent on education from the year 2005 to 2010 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product of the respective year;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid percentages of the Gross Domestic Product which were allocated for the education sector have been sufficient for the development of that sector; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that more funds exceeding the current allocations should be allocated for the development of education sector, considering the prevailing situation of that sector?
- (b) If not, why?

3237/12

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Lanka Sathosa—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3452/13

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state,—
 - (i) the number of farmers who have obtained cultivation loans out of the farmers in the North Central Province, experienced a crop loss in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the banks and the other institutions from which these farmers obtained cultivation loans;
 - (iii) the amount that was written off out of the interest of those cultivation loans; and
 - (iv) the interest which was written off by each bank or institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the reports which say that the number of telephones that are used in Sri Lanka is greater than the total population of the country; and
 - (ii) of the number of fixed telephones and mobile telephones that are used in the country at present?
- (b) Will he state separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of mobile telephones and fixed telephones that have been imported during the period from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) the number of telephones in terms of the country from which they were imported; and
 - (iii) the total amount of foreign exchange spent on importation of those telephones?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that spending of foreign exchange on the importation of telephones exerts impact on the deficit of the balance of payment;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to control that situation;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that telephones of poor standard are imported into the country; and
 - (iv) of the action that has been taken to prevent that situation?
- (d) If not, why?

3714/13

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which qualified individuals were selected for the provision of Education Aid from the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the number selected for the provision of Education Aid during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the recipients and the amount of money granted to each individual?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees belonging to each non-academic staff working at the state universities by the end of July 2013, separately;
 - (ii) the minimum salaries pertaining to the recruitment of employees to the non-academic staffs of universities;
 - (iii) the manner in which the salary increments of the non-academic employees have been formed;
 - (iv) the different amounts paid as allowances pertaining to the non-academic employees of different levels; and
 - (v) the number of vacancies prevailing in the non-academic staffs at present?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 07, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2596/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of women who have gone overseas for employment in each of the years during the period from the year 2005-2011 after being registered at the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
 - (ii) separately, the number of women who went abroad for employment as mentioned above as a percentage of the total number of persons who went abroad for employment in each of the said years; and
 - (iii) the types of the jobs for which the aforesaid women have gone abroad?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the programme that is in force to protect the rights of the women who are leaving for foreign employments ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement this programme in a methodical and robust manner in the future; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3152/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total construction cost of the Oluvil Port; and
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority can be competitive while sustaining the continuous loss of money?
- (b) Will he also state the capital and general reserve movements of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the year 2007 to date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why ?

3210/12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the whole Sangha community has been disgraced due to the anti-disciplinary acts of some of those who are in Buddhist robes;
 - (ii) continuing of those who are engaged in anti-disciplinary acts and those have been offenders under civil / criminal law as monks in the Buddhist order has caused the deterioration of the Buddhist dispensation; and
 - (iii) the Sangha Sabha or Maha Nayaka Theros of the relevant chapters do not have the powers to expel those who are in Buddhist robes and commit anti-disciplinary acts?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) although a Bill was drafted in the year 2004 in order to register an congregation with a view to promote Buddhist dispensation and to take action against those who commit anti-disciplinary acts being in Buddhist robe, that Bill has not been presented in parliament;
 - (ii) although an amended Bill was drafted in the year 2012 by the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs for registering a congregation, it has not yet been presented in Parliament; and
 - (iii) promotion of Buddhist dispensation and controlling of anti-disciplinary acts committed by those who are in Buddhist robes can be ensured through the registration of the aforesaid congregation?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to give legal effect to the aforesaid congregation?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(3)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of schools located in the North Central Province; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of school students who receive education in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the midday meal is provided to the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts by the government;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the number of students and the schools for which the midday meal is provided in each district; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money, spent in the year 2012, to provide midday meal for the schools of those two districts?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
 - (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
 - (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
 - (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
 - (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
 - (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?
- (b) If not, why?

3901/13

6.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform the House –
 - (i) whether the persons who attacked the “Udayan” newspaper institute situated in Kilinochchi on 3rd April 2013 have been arrested;
 - (ii) how many people were wounded by the attack;
 - (iii) whether an assessment has been taken on the damage caused to the office and the equipment of “Udayan” ;
 - (iv) if so, what the assessment amount is;
 - (v) whether the police had received complaints regarding burning of motorbikes belonging to the “Udayan” on several occasions previously; and
 - (vi) whether those complaints have been investigated?
- (b) If not, why?

4129/13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the development projects implemented in the Districts of Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee to coincide with the Deyata Kirula Programme of 2013;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of each of those projects;
 - (iii) the amount spent on each of those projects;
 - (iv) the institution which executed the contract with relevance to each project; and
 - (v) the current condition of each of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

4138/13

8.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the bus service between Akkaraipattu and Colombo has been suspended by now; and
 - (ii) passengers traveling to Colombo from Akkaraipattu via Irakkamam and Hingurana have to face severe difficulties within that context?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether early action will be taken to start a direct bus service between Akkaraipattu and Colombo, in the light of the said situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4155/13

9.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) when a person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau came to Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake, on 15 June 2013 to fly to Doha Qatar was held by the officers of the Bureau, Sri Lanka's Ambassador to Doha Qatar, who arrived at that place on that occasion, got that person released from those officers and took him into the airport by force; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid ambassador abused and threatened the officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau on that occasion?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a complaint regarding that incident had been made to the Minister and the authorities of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau at Katunayake airport;
 - (ii) whether the relevant ambassador has the authority to send abroad the aforesaid person who had not been registered with the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau and whose employer had been named as a national of Qatar; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of incidents of this nature in future?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) National Water Supply and Drainage Board had charged Rs. 500.00 and Rs. 1500.00 from a domestic water consumer and a business venture respectively at the time of the disconnected water supplies are reconnected;
- (ii) the reconnection fee has been increased up to Rs. 2300.00 and Rs. 6900.00 for a domestic water consumer and a business venture respectively; and
- (iii) all the water consumers are under a severe pressure, as the new reconnection fee has gone up by five times than the previous fee?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a relief for all water consumers by revising the present fee, that is charged for the reconnection of disconnected water supplies?

(c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a decision was made to hold a land kachcheri for the employees of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka who have completed a service period of 15 years and distribute lands;
- (ii) if applications were called for such a land kachcheri, of the date on which applications were called;
- (iii) of the number of applicants; and
- (iv) if recipients of lands have been selected, of the names of those recipients?

(31)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the location of the land that will be given to the employees of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka out of the lands belonging to the Authority;
 - (ii) whether any money has been charged from the employees of the Authority to grant them land;
 - (iii) if so, of the fee that was charged;
 - (iv) of the names of those who have paid the aforesaid fee; and
 - (v) of the date on which land will be given to the employees who have already paid installments of the fee?
- (c) If not, why?

4217/13

12.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he accepts that—
- (i) liquor consumption is not approved of by the Buddhism; and
 - (ii) steps should be taken to stop liquor consumption in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state the steps that have been taken so far to stop liquor consumption in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

4310/13

13.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the laws under which public lands and properties are acquired for the development of sacred places; and
 - (ii) the reliefs granted to the people who lose lands which are acquired under the above laws?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) alternative lands have not been given to the land owners whose lands were acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city since 1982 to date; and
 - (ii) even the recommendation made by His Excellency the President to give lands to 17 original settlers who were evicted from that sacred city has not yet been implemented?

(32)

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the extent of lands scheduled to be acquired for the development of the Dambulla sacred city;
- (ii) the details of the alternative lands given to People who lose their lands owing to the development of the aforesaid sacred area; and
- (iii) if arrangements are made to give alternative lands or reasonable compensation to those who lose their lands owing to the development of the Dambulla sacred city, the time it will take?

(d) If not, why?

4412/13

14.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the length (between 54th and 56th km) on the A-5 route close to the Haggala Botanical Gardens often faces the threat of landslides?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what course of action is scheduled to be implemented to prevent the landslides that occur on the above-mentioned portion of the A-5 route; and
 - (ii) as to how long it will take to act according to the aforesaid course of action?

(c) If not, why?

4431/13

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the normal rates charged to send a telegram; and
- (ii) the rates charged for the tele-mail service?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that according to the Establishments Code the accepted system to inform officially about the public servants inability to report for duty is the telegram service; and
- (ii) whether the public servants have been given the opportunity to use a proper tele-mail system instead of this?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 08, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2598/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a shortage of English teachers in government schools at present;
- (ii) if so, the number of existing vacancies for the English teachers; and
- (iii) the steps that have been taken by now to remedy the shortage of English teachers?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the provisions that have been implemented by now to provide a high quality English language training for teachers; and
- (ii) whether the aforesaid provisions have been sufficient to provide English language training as mentioned above ?

(c) If not, why ?

3149/12

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the payback period for all the loans borrowed by the government for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis along with the borrowings;
- (ii) the cash flow statements including as to how the revenues will be generated and loans will be paid;
- (iii) whether the government is resorting to borrow more to pay the old loans;
- (iv) the increase in revenue over cost for the loans that have been borrowed from the period as per (i) above; and
- (v) whether the country is heading towards a debt trap?

(b) Will he also state the occasions in which the government has borrowed more than US\$ 500 Million through loans, government bonds etc. from the year 2009 to date?

(c) If not, why?

3211/12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Sangha Sabha of Rangiri Dambulu Rajamaha Viharaya is a Sangha Sabha recognized by the government ;
 - (ii) both Bhikkus and Bhikkunis hold membership of the aforesaid Sangha Sabha; and
 - (iii) there are 800 Bhikkus of higher ordination (upasampada) and 2200 novice Bhikkunis (samanera) belonging to the aforesaid Sangha Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to register the temples of the Bhikkunis who hold the membership of the Rangiri Dambullu Rajamaha Vihara Sangha Sabha; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the registration will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3384/12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the number of counting of elephants that have been done in Sri Lanka after the year 1950, the years in which each of those counting were done and other information about each of those counting?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total amount of money spent on the counting of elephants that was done in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether the report of the aforesaid counting will be presented;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for not presenting that report; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to look after the elephants with respect to the increase of the number of elephants as per the aforesaid report?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether places of observation have been arranged for foreign tourists to watch wild elephants and wild animals;
 - (ii) of the names of such places;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that is charged from a tourist at those places; and
 - (iv) Separately, on per year basis of the amount of money that has been earned by the government through such places during the last five years?

- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a report will be presented pertaining to the contribution of the Department of Wildlife Conservation towards the promotion of conservation of wildlife; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to ensure the safety of the wild animals of which the existence has been threatened due to the limitation of forests?
- (e) If not, why?

4154/13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of school uniform material for which approval was granted under cabinet approval dated 02nd November 2011 to be purchased from the State Trading (General) Corporation for distribution in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of school uniform material purchased by the Corporation for distribution in the year 2012;
 - (iii) the reasons for purchasing extra uniform material exceeding the amount that had been approved by the Cabinet;
 - (iv) the loss that had to be incurred by the government consequent to that purchase; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid purchase?
- (b) If not, why?

4227/13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members who got elected throughout the period from the year 2004 up to now for the Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Provincial Councils and by now have allegations leveled against them with regard to corruption, crimes and other illegal activities;
 - (ii) separately, the names of them, the political parties to which they belong, and the positions held or being held by them in the Provincial Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iii) of the number of elected members out of the aforesaid number that the legal actions have been taken; and
 - (iv) of the number of members who were brought before the law and were convicted and punished by the court of law?

(36)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that there is a possibility for the organized corruption, crimes and various types of illegal activities to take place as a result of the representation of those corrupt groups in Provincial Councils and Local Authorities; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken in future to prevent the corrupt persons who are engaged in illegal activities and criminals entering into provincial and local level politics?
- (c) If not why?

4285/13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of litres of liquid milk produced in Sri Lanka presently;
 - (ii) of the local milk production expected to be made by the year 2016 under the Mahinda Chinthana Programme, in litres;
 - (iii) whether the amount of milk that will be required for consumption by the year 2016 has been calculated;
 - (iv) if so, the aforesaid amount of milk; and
 - (v) of the programme that the government has already implemented and the programme it expects to implement in the future in order to achieve these targets?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amounts of liquid milk, milk powder, milk products such as butter and cheese that have been imported from January 2013 up to now along with their value and the countries from which they were imported, separately;
 - (ii) the steps taken by the government to minimize this import expenditure; and
 - (iii) the proportion of the contribution made by the private sector/multi national companies in regard to milk production, local milk powder production and other milk products, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

4311/13

8.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the border of the proposed sacred area as outlined in the amended plan bearing number Q/P/08/93 dated 07.07.1993 of the Dambulla Sacred City Development Project;
 - (ii) of the number of families that lose lands, houses and places of business owing to the said project;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of those families;
 - (iv) whether lands and compensation will be given to the families that lose lands and houses; and
 - (v) if so, the minimum and maximum levels of such compensation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that residents of the area are severely displeased about the methodology adopted to pay compensation to the families mentioned in (a) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) if so, the action to be taken in that regard?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether mosque and a kovil will be removed under the above project;
 - (ii) if so, their names;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the removal of the places of religions worship will threaten the unity that prevail among the Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils in the area; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

4326/13

9.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of disciplinary inquiries conducted against the Principal of Sri Medhankara Maha Vidyalaya, Horana, by October 2013;
 - (ii) the matters related to those disciplinary inquiries; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the delay in conducting disciplinary inquiries against the said Principal and taking action in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

4413/13

10.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to commence expeditiously the construction work of the reservoir project proposed to be constructed damming the Ma-Oya close to the Mawanella town by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board with the aim of using the water of the Ma-Oya to supply water for drinking water projects continuously throughout the year;
 - (ii) how much the project costs;
 - (iii) the funding source;
 - (iv) if that amount of money will be sought as loan aid, of the interest rate;
 - (v) from which institution the loan will be obtained; and
 - (vi) how long it will take to implement the project?
- (b) If not, why?

4429/13

11.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer, - To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mullaitivu - Mulliavalai Post Office does not have a permanent building;
 - (ii) although this Post Office, which is about 60 years old has been upgraded in the year 1980, it is still functioning in a rented house;
 - (iii) people from at least 10 villages fulfill their needs from this Post Office; and
 - (iv) although all the other facilities are there, the postal workers face various difficulties due to the lack of space in the Post Office?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take action to solve the problem of lack of space in the aforesaid Post Office?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the government has lost Rs. 100 million worth tax income due to the release of imported 300 luxury vehicles of Benz, BMW and Jaguar makes without any checking by the Sri Lanka Customs;
 - (ii) the company or the person responsible for that incident;
 - (iii) separately, the declared value of those vehicles based on the make of each vehicle;
 - (iv) the total gross value of the consignment of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (v) whether a proper investigation was conducted with regard to the loss of tax income as per (i) above; and
 - (vi) whether any steps has been taken with regard to the loss incurred by the government in importing the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether he admits the statement made on page 69 of the summary of main observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the interference made by the politicians of the ruling party with regard to appointing and transferring of public servants is a very serious issue ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the strong recommendation made by the above Commission that an independent Public Service Commission be appointed without delay, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such a Commission will be appointed ?
- (c) If not, why?

3153/12

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to why the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) that was leading Sri Lanka to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the U.S.A. is not being actually pursued;
- (ii) the number of TIFA meetings held from 1st May 2004 to date;
- (iii) the items being exported from Sri Lanka to the U.S.A. as of now;
- (iv) the commodities being imported to Sri Lanka from the U.S.A.; and
- (v) the balance of trade between Sri Lanka and the U.S.A. for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately?

(b) If not, why ?

3212/12

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the national identity cards that had been issued up to the year 2004 to the Bhikkunis who hold the membership of Rangiri Dambullu Raja Maha Vihara Sangha Sabha indicated that the bearer is a Bhikkuni; and
- (ii) the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs has instructed not to issue such identity cards after the year 2004?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he accepts that the aforesaid Bhikkunis, too, are citizens of this country;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons for not issuing an identity card to those Bhikkunis indicating that they are 'Bhikkunis';
- (iii) whether action will be taken to issue a national identity card to those Bhikkunis indicating that the bearer is a 'Bhikkuni' so that the dignity of the Bhikkunis is protected; and
- (iv) if so, of the date on which those national identity cards will be issued?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, May 09, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2606/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he accepts the comment made on page 67 of the summary of the Main Observations and Recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the Police Officers serving in the outstations do not have access to gain legal expertise to conduct investigations and file action in the Courts of Law;

(ii) whether the recommendations made by the above Commission to establish units in the Attorney General's Department to advise and guide Police Stations situated in outstations will be implemented ; and

(iii) if so, when ?

(b) If not, why?

3155/12

2.

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

(a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Stock Exchange—

(i) as to when it was brought into existence;

(ii) the number of branches operating at present; and

(iii) the number of individuals, institutions, and brokers operating for last 3 years separately on per year basis?

(b) Will he also state the capitalisation of the share market by the different entities such as traders and investors in terms of the categories of percentage i.e. 1%-2% , 3%-5%, 6%-15%, 16%-40% and 41%-100% along with the number of shares accountable for each category ?

(c) If not, why?

3. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage and the solid waste that are collected by the Kandy Municipal Council are dumped at a place called Gohagoda in Harispaththuwa Pradeshiya Sabha area; and
 - (ii) the residents of that area contract various diseases consequent to the pollution of the sources of drinking water and the odour emitted as a result of the addition of the waste into the Mahaweli river?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to get the Kandy Municipal Council to manage the waste properly and turn the waste into a resource; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it is done?
- (c) If not, why?

4. Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately on Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the number of houses that were partly damaged and fully damaged owing to the inundations that happened in December 2012;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of compensation paid to a fully damaged house and a partially damaged house;
 - (iii) of the amount of compensation paid for fully damaged houses and partially damaged houses by now;
 - (iv) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid compensation has been provided; and
 - (v) whether the aforesaid payment of compensation is made by the Ministry of Disaster Management or any other Ministry or an institution?

(43)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of lives lost as a result of the disaster situations which occurred owing to the landslides and floods in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid losses of lives occurred;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation paid on behalf of a person who lost their life in that manner;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid compensation will also be provided on behalf of the persons who disappeared as a result of floods and landslides; and
 - (v) the amount of compensation paid by now on behalf of the persons who died as a result of landslides and floods during the period mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why ?

3688/13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
 - (ii) of the funding source for that; and
 - (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a large number of metric tons of furnace oil produced at the Sapugaskanda Refinery was exported after July 2013 due to lack of storage facilities;
 - (ii) the name of the variety of the furnace oil so exported;
 - (iii) the price at which a ton of the particular variety of furnace oil referred to above was sold;
 - (iv) whether a tender procedure was followed in exporting the furnace oil concerned; and
 - (v) the amount of money derived out of the sale of this furnace oil?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people living in areas like Udawalawa, Yala, Wilpattu, Wasgamuwa, Galgamuwa and Anuradhapura still become victims of attacks by wild elephants; and
 - (ii) as a remedial measure to protect the people of those areas from the wild elephant menace, persons were recruited as casual labourers from the year 2002 to serve in the Department of Wildlife Conservation for activities such as maintenance of electric fences, chasing away wild elephants, bringing to book hunters and sellers of game, etc.?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of employees recruited as mentioned in (a)(ii) above;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the danger caused by wild elephants has increased again in those areas as the service of the said employees has been suspended with effect from 01.01.2013 and that those people who lost their jobs have been subjected to severe inconvenience; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to re-instate those employees, confirm them in service and solve the wild elephant issue that prevails in those areas?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which a survey on the literacy rate of the people of the Eastern Province was held last;
- (ii) separately, the literacy rate of females and males as a percentage of the total population of the Eastern Province; and
- (iii) the number of children not receiving primary education out of the children upto 10 years of age in the Ampara District of Eastern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the rates referred to above are accepted by the educational authorities as of a sufficient level;
- (ii) of the factors that have been identified for the decline in the literacy rate; and
- (iii) of the programme implemented to change that situation?

(c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any citizen of Sri Lanka is entitled to engage in the profession of Sea Marshal;
- (ii) whether a letter dated 18.06.2013 has been issued by Mr. D.M.S.D. Jayarathna, Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, to the effect that only the employees of Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd are entitled to engage in the profession of Sea Marshal; and
- (iii) if so, whether he admits that the right ensured by the Article 14(1) (g) of the Constitution for any citizen to engage in any lawful occupation or profession has been violated by the said letter?

(b) If not, why?

4414/13

10.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the inhabitants of the Kurunegala town have been faced with a severe difficulty in getting their drinking water needs fulfilled;
 - (ii) if so, whether the measures that could be taken expeditiously to overcome this difficulty have been identified;
 - (iii) how long it will take to implement those measures; and
 - (iv) of the water sources that have been identified as usable for supplying drinking water to inhabitants of the Kurunegala town?
- (b) If not, why?

4433/13

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether India has purchased weapons from Sri Lanka according to a statement made by the Indian Minister of Defence in the Lok Sabha;
 - (ii) if so, the time period in which that transaction was taken place;
 - (iii) the types of weapons that have been purchased by India;
 - (iv) the income earned by Sri Lanka by selling those weapons; and
 - (v) of the report that ensures the transparency of that transaction?
- (b) If not why?

2609/12

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is in agreement with the comment made on page 70 of the summary of the main Observations and Recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the provisions available in the Constitution are not sufficient for the judicial review on legislations; and
 - (ii) whether he admits the comment in the same report that the time available for proper verification of the constitutionality of a piece of legislation before the Supreme Court, especially in respect of the Urgent Bills, is very minimal ?

(47)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether attention will be paid to the aforesaid matters and the steps taken to remedy this situation; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such steps will be initiated ?
- (c) If not, why?

3198/12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the fish canning factories in Sri Lanka have fully integrated manufacturing plants;
 - (ii) the amount of fish that was caught by these factories;
 - (iii) the number of cans of fish that have been manufactured in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date;
 - (iv) the label or the brand name under which locally produced canned fish are sold in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date; and
 - (v) the amount paid as local taxes by the aforesaid canneries from their inception?
- (b) If not, why?

3218/12

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage and solid waste disposed of from the area of Galagedara Thumpane Pradeshiya Sabha are dumped at the land called Dikoyawatta of Pujapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the people of surrounding area have been exposed to illnesses as the water of the aforesaid area has been contaminated with the waste materials that are disposed of;
 - (iii) the people of the area make allegations to the effect that a solution has not been materialized up to now, even if the officials concerned were made aware as to stop the dumping of waste materials in the aforesaid place; and
 - (iv) some nearby roads also have been damaged by now due to the transportation of garbage?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to develop the roads that were damaged due to the transportation of garbage; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to put an end to the dumping of the garbage at the aforesaid place?
- (c) If not, why?

3447/13

15.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the minimum qualifications one should have in order to be appointed to the Office of Zonal Director of Education;
 - (ii) separately, of the names and educational qualifications of the Zonal Directors of Education in each of the education zones in the North Central Province;
 - (iii) of the number of officers working in the capacity of Zonal Director of Education without possessing the qualification mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) of the names and the education zones of them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of officers belonging to Grades I, II, and III of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service working in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) of their names and present places of work;
 - (iii) of the number of Zonal Directors of Education working in that Province who have not gained the Education Administrative Service qualifications;
 - (iv) of the names and the education Zones of them;
 - (v) of the basis on which officers who do not possess the required qualifications are appointed to the aforesaid position; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to recover from the officers who are not qualified to hold the aforesaid offices any allowance they have obtained by improper means after accepting posts for which they are not qualified?
- (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.16/10

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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.20/10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' 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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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.31/10

14.

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 Authority.

P.32/10

15.

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

16.

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.44/10

17.

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.

P.45/10

18.

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.

P.46/10

19.

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.

P.47/10

20.

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.

P.48/10

21.

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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22.

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

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23.

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 a list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/10

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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

28.

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.69/10

29.

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.78/10

30.

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.

P.79/10

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration Structure,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of re-demarcating 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 re-demarcated 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.

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35.

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.

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36.

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 of the 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 Peoples Representatives even beyond their terms of office.

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37.

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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38.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all Peoples 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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39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up of an efficient 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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43.

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 employees 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.

P.92/10

44.

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.

P.93/10

45.

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

46.

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.

P. 95/10

47.

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.

P. 96/10

48.

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.

P.98/10

49.

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.

P.99/10

50.

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.

P.100/10

51.

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.

P.101/10

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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.105/10

55.

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.

P.108/10

56.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a scheme to protect the lives of the beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that lands for cultivation be provided to beggars and their safety of life and nourishment be ensured through the income received from such lands, as there is a serious threat to the lives of the beggars at present.

P.109/10

57.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a system to prevent the harm caused by stray dogs to human lives,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system to allocate a portion of land for the purpose of confining stray dogs and caring for them with a view to preventing the harm caused by them to human lives.

P.110/10

58.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Imposing severe punishment for cases of child abuse,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to expedite the hearing of cases of child abuse by passing new rules and regulations, if the existing rules and regulations in that respect are not sufficient as a situation has arisen where child abuse increases speedily day by day, throughout the Island.

P.111/10

59.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing beach access roads for the promotion of tourism,— Since the obstruction caused to local and foreign tourists and fishermen in accessing the coastal belt as a result of constructions going on apace within the coastal zone of the Island has hindered the promotion of tourism as well as the fisheries industry, that this Parliament resolves that a beach access road network should be established with a view to preventing this situation and to promote these industries.

P.112/10

60.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rectifying the salary anomalies of the officers in the Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that since there exist a salary anomaly in Principals' Service, Teacher Education Service and Education Administrative Service, a methodology should be formulated to rectify the aforesaid situation enabling them to receive a salary which is sufficient to maintain their dignity.

P.113/10

61.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist Monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

P.114/10

62.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the Notary Service operative in Sri Lanka at present,— Since the Notary Service operative in the Island at present has been based on obsolete laws, this Parliament resolves that this service has to be reconsidered and laws have to be introduced to suit the present situation in the country.

P.115/10

63.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of the chena cultivators in the dry zone,— That this House resolves that Co-operative Societies Limited be set up in order to increase the yield of crops such as paddy, kurakkan, green gram and gingelly cultivated by the chena cultivators in the dry zone, process products of high quality through the introduction of new technology to process products, and strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.116/10

64.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisory Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Teacher Instructor posts which was initiated nearly 20 years ago with the objective of ensuring quality development in education in Sri Lanka, and has been in operation ever since, be established as a separate Teacher Advisory Service unit.

P.118/10

65.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.119/10

66.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to those who have become disabled due to the war,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to provide some monthly allowance for those disabled due to war, as a considerable number out of those who earned a living as laborers and those who were engaged in permanent jobs have become deformed and disabled due to the war that existed for a period of nearly 30 years and live helplessly burdened by the cost of living.

P.120/10

67.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a transport allowance for all V.I.P security personnel,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to pay an equal amount as a transport allowance to the officials engaged in Presidential security service, Prime Minister's security service as well as other V.I.P security services

P.127/11

68.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Renaming the Galle International Stadium,— That this Parliament resolves that the Galle International Stadium be renamed after the father of free education, the Late Hon. (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara as a mark of respect.

P.130/11

69.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections,— That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections be appointed, on a permanent basis.

P.131/11

70.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prompt disbursement of EPF and ETF money,— That this Parliament resolves that provisions be introduced to repay all the subscribers of EPF and ETF their dues, one month after retirement from active employment.

P.132/11

71.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring impartiality in State Media,— That this Parliament resolves that since State Media is the exclusive right of the citizens of Sri Lanka and since there has been regular politicization of the Government Media, equal treatment and equal opportunity must be ensured to all political parties registered in Sri Lanka through State Media.

P.133/11

72.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Language proficiency requirements in Public Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make mandatory, by the year 2025, that all Public Servants must be able to work, correspond and speak in all 3 languages viz. Sinhala, Tamil and English.

P.134/11

73.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing the Members of Parliament with a Decentralized Budget Allocation,— That this Parliament resolves that the 225 Members of Parliament be made entitled to a Decentralized Budget Allocation on a yearly basis which is totaling 1% of GDP that must be utilized 50% on capital expenditure and the balance on any basis the Member of Parliament desires on behalf of his voters based on guidelines of the Government.

P.138/11

74.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting courses conducted by the universities into job-oriented courses,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be drawn up for the co-ordination of public sector and private sector institutions with all universities with a view to providing employment opportunities for those graduated whereafter converting those degree courses conducted exclusively for scholarly education by all government and private sector universities of the island into job-oriented, professional degree courses.

P.139/11

75.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

P.142/11

76.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Ensuring a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an action be taken to ensure a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka for a sustainable national development and the well being of its people and the economy by the year 2020.

P.143/11

77.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Initiating action to develop cashew cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an action must be initiated to develop cashew cultivation in order to help processing, marketing and plantation of cashew and allied products and thereby help Sri Lanka to become a leading producer and exporter of quality and value added cashew products

P.144/11

78.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Development of traditional industries,— That this Parliament resolves that the traditional industries which have been dwindling in the Ampara District such as handloom, pottery, palmyra and reed products i.e. boxes, plates and mats, coir products and cane products be developed and thereby the livelihood opportunities of the people be created in order to have their income increased.

P.147/11

79.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Undertaking extensive studies to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm,— That this Parliament resolves that an extensive study be undertaken to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) in our country since such an experiment undertaken in Kattankudy in the Batticaloa District is found to be successful, so that the people of our country will be afforded the opportunity of enjoying this luscious fruit grown in our own soil.

P.151/11

80.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating broadcasting of radio,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate broadcasting of radio.

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81.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating telecasting of TV programs,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate telecasting of TV programs.

P.153/11

82.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing Public Accounts Committees in Municipalities,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to establish Public Accounts Committees in every Municipality by 1st January 2013.

P.154/11

83.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting the Bill of Rights,— That this Parliament resolves that a bill taking on the Bill of Rights that is a cornerstone of Democracy in South Africa that affirms the democratic values of Human Dignity, Equality and Freedom be enacted in Sri Lanka ensuring the rights of all people of the country that must be respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled by the State subject to limitations specified in the Bill.

P.155/11

84.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Special Allowances to the Members of Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves that no Minister, Deputy Minister or Member of Parliament should be paid any Special Allowance at all unless it is approved by the Public Service Commission and the Salaries and Cadre Commission and brought before the Parliament.

P.158/12

85.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Development of Ports in Sri Lanka,— Since Sri Lanka has been known as a geographically well located centre and shipping is a very important service industry from ancient times and since India is very ambitiously developing and promoting ports, this Parliament resolves that we team up with India and Indian Business and develop ports for the benefit of two countries.

P.159/12

86.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a methodology to increase production to suit future national and international demand,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology to increase production, through inter-relations among all sectors affiliated to relevant products, while making maximum use of modern technology, be formulated, after making a projection of industrial and agricultural productions that suit the demand from the national and international community.

P.160/12

87.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people, and pass it on to the future generation, and to prevent the abuse of genetic resources and biological heritage, and steps be taken to formulate a joint programme in that respect, bringing together all relevant sectors including the World Intellectual Property Organization, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka and the Bio-diversity Unit of the Ministry of Environment.

P.161/12

88.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Bio-diversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

P.162/12

89.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Obtaining patents for genetic resources in medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a special programme be prepared, jointly by all responsible institutions including the Bio-diversity Unit, National Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, to prevent foreign countries from identifying active chemicals and genetic resources contained in valuable medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka and obtaining patents for them fraudulently, by obtaining patents for the relevant active chemicals and genetic resources for Sri Lanka, and to use those properties for producing and upgrading pharmaceuticals.

P.163/12

90.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.

P.164/12

91.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Transforming the Securities and Exchange Commission into an independent institution,— That this Parliament resolves that the Securities and Exchange Commission be made an independent institution, which would remove all impediments, especially related to political interference and political patronage.

P.165/12

92.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing “Advance Voting” to replace Postal Voting,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended to replace Postal Voting with “Advance Voting”, which will help to ameliorate many shortcomings in the present election system.

P.166/12

93.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Amending the Constitution to introduce an open Electoral Register,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended so that the Electoral Register will be an open register, rather than a static list which is maintained at present.

P.170/12

94.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extension of the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels,— That this Parliament resolves that the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme, functioning under the Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services to lodge complaints against injustices caused by various parties by neglecting elderly citizens, be extended at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels.

P.171/12

95.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P.172/12

96.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

P.124/11

97.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Banning the publication of the image of Lord Buddha in daily news papers and periodicals excluding academic publications,— That this Parliament resolves that legislation necessary for banning the publication of the images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues in daily news papers, periodicals and other pamphlets other than academic publications in future be introduced, as images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues are printed in daily news papers and periodicals without any restraint and extensively and as it is an insult to Lord Buddha to use such paper as wrapping for various items and for other inappropriate activities and also in consideration of the commemoration of the 2600th Buddha Jayanthi.

P.175/13

98.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.176/13

99.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.177/13

100.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.178/13

101.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.179/13

102.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.180/13

103.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

P.181/13

104.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Establishment of Professional Training Institute of Judges,— Whereas the establishment of a high quality profession of Judges is a prime requirement for the administration of justice in the courts of Sri Lanka and whereas the existing “Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute” is by no means sufficient for the provision of training of “very high in quality” that is essential for this purpose, that this Parliament resolves that Professional Training Institute of Judges shall be established, in conformity with the standard of a university to train Judges.

P.182/13

105.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing secondary school education and university education in English medium free of charge,— That this Parliament resolves that the secondary education at every government school in Sri Lanka and university education at all state universities be provided in English medium and that such education be free education, fully funded by the government.

P.183/13

106.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Introducing summary procedure for compensation cases related to motor vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that the Code of Civil Procedure be amended so that a summary procedure would be introduced for compensation cases related to motor vehicles since heirs and dependents of persons deceased due to accidents related to motor vehicles and those who have been injured due to such accidents become extremely helpless by having to participate in a very difficult and prolonged litigation.

P.186/13

107.

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.187/13

108.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Restricting Ministerial Security Personnel only to the politicians,— That this Parliament resolves that the security personnel provided through the Ministerial Security Division (MSD) be restricted only to the politicians and not to be provided for their family members.

P.188/13

109.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the National Game of Volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that a well planned programme should be initiated to uplift the national game of Volleyball, a splendid game, which calls for a higher degree of skill, agility, physical fitness, judgment and team work.

P.189/13

110.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the traditional handloom lace industry known as Beeralu,— That this Parliament resolves that effective and meaningful measures be taken to develop the “Beeralu” (බීරළු) indoor industry so that the rural people involved in lace manufacturing be provided with advanced facilities enabling them to earn better income, and also popularize lace and lace products among tourists.

P.190/13

111.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Legislation to prevent young mothers from leaving Sri Lanka for economic reasons,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be made to prevent young mothers having children less than five years of age from leaving Sri Lanka for economic reasons since they play a pivotal role in developing a strong and happy family environment and whereas in the recent past such mothers left Sri Lanka for foreign employment destroying the strong family unit value and creating huge social crisis.

P.191/13

112.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Targeting development activities of Ministries when preparing research theses of students of Universities and Tertiary Education Institutes,— That this Parliament resolves that, since it is important to utilize the research theses submitted by students of universities and tertiary education institutes as part of their courses of study for economic, social, cultural and developmental activities, a systematic programme should be introduced enabling the realization of future development processes and timely objectives of the ministries by appointing an officer from the ministry relevant to the theses for proper coordination between the lecturers who supervise the theses and ministries for which the theses are applicable.

P.192/13

113.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Entering the name in the Register of Electors immediately upon completion of 18 years of age,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical arrangement be made to enable a person completing 18 years of age to get his/her name entered in the Register of Electors on the very date that person completes 18 years of age, prior or subsequent to the date that the Department of Elections is due to make annual revision of the Registers of Electors.

P.193/13

114.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creating a “National Health Council Bureaucracy”,— That this Parliament resolves that a “National Health Council Bureaucracy” be created, that reports to the Prime Minister and which helps to cut across and eradicate sub-optimization in the Line Ministry, since management of health care should be given much more direction and emphasis than what is prevailing today.

P.195/13

115.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Exemption of Taxes imposed on Pension Gratuity,— That this Parliament resolves that taxes imposed in this country are very lopsided, especially on terminal benefits and the taxes imposed on pension gratuity be completely exempted as the employees receiving gratuity on their retirement after a hard working life are subject to pay 36% of taxes.

P.196/13

116.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Assisting India in obtaining a Permanent Seat in the United Nations,— That this Parliament resolves that India should be assisted in obtaining a Permanent Seat in the United Nations as India is Sri Lanka's closest friend.

P.197/13

117.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting in place a formal mechanism to produce saline in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that with the intervention of the government, a formal mechanism be put in place to produce saline in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Government, private and co-operative sectors and by utilizing the local technology with a view to saving the foreign exchange that flows out of the country every year to import saline which is used in massive quantities in Sri Lanka annually.

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118.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new products made using coconut water,— That this Parliament resolves that a process be implemented to introduce new products made using coconut water with the help of new technology, targeting the local and international markets under a proper methodology, as a huge amount of coconut water is wasted within Sri Lanka annually.

P.199/13

119.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Cultivating Durian for the Export Market,— That this Parliament resolves that steps must be taken to cultivate on a commercial basis, the popular fruit Durian, which is expensive but has a good demand in the export market, so that the country could earn substantial foreign exchange.

P.200/13

120.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— A Decade for Tri Lingual Sri Lanka Plan,— That this Parliament resolves that whilst appreciating the Cabinet approval for the ten year plan "A Decade for Tri Lingual Sri Lanka Plan 2012-2021", that this project be implemented quickly and extensively with the support of the multi lingual, multi ethnic communities in order to make it beneficial to the entire nation with the support of Government and Private Institutions.

P.77/10

121.

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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122.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Conferring the power of subdivision on the Government grant lands against which bans of sub division have been issued, to Divisional Secretaries,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary Laws be introduced to confer the power of sub division on the Divisional Secretaries by minimizing the current lengthy process operating through the Provincial Commissioner, Commissioner of Lands and the Presidential Secretariat when needs of sub division arise in order to ensure the rights of the second generation of original recipient of land and to effect development activities on their houses, lands, although sub division of Government grant lands on permits such as Jayabhumi, Swarnabhumi and Rathnabhumi is banned.

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2613/12

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a proposed irrigation project under the name Mahamadagalla Wewa in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the aforesaid irrigation project;
- (iii) of the reasons for not implementing the aforesaid project to date;
- (iv) whether it is expected to implement the aforesaid project in the future; and
- (v) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(b) If not, why?

3221/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the percentages in Sri Lankan population on the basis of each religion separately in the year 2012;
- (ii) whether the above details are conformed through the National Survey done in the year 2012;
- (iii) the number of cases reported pertaining to the forceful conversion of the religions of the people separately on per district basis; and
- (iv) the action taken against the people found to be forcefully converting religions of people?

(b) If not, why ?

3448/13

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the minimum education qualifications that must be completed for the position of Subject Director as per the orders of the Education Services Commission;
- (ii) of the number of Subject Directors working at the Department of Education of the North-Central Province;
- (iii) separately, according to each Grade, of the number and the names of officers belonging to Grades II and III of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service out of the aforesaid Subject Directors;
- (iv) of the subjects and the duties assigned to each of the aforesaid Subject Directors; and
- (v) of the number of officers working in the capacity of honorary Subject Directors out of the aforesaid Directors?

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(b) Will he state —

- (i) the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service;
- (ii) the reason for not appointing the aforesaid officers to the positions of Subject Directors mentioned above;
- (iii) whether additional allowances and payments to the aforesaid Directors are made by the Provincial Council or by the central government; and
- (iv) whether special powers have been granted to the Provincial Education Ministry of the North-Central Province by the Education Services Commission to recruit Subject Directors outside of the approved procedure?

(c) If not, why?

3526/13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the public is leveling allegations to the effect that paddy lands in the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
- (ii) of the extent of paddy land that has been filled without authorization in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division from 2005 up to now;
- (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized land fillings;
- (iv) if so, of the number of such complaints received;
- (v) whether lawful action has been taken after carrying out investigations regarding such complaints; and
- (vi) of the action that has been taken accordingly?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether legal authorization has been obtained to fill paddy lands in the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which authorization has been granted for filling; and
- (iii) the reasons for granting the opportunity to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?

(c) If not, why?

3616/13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of students who sat for the Law College Entrance Examination annually and on each medium from the year 2006 to 2011;
 - (ii) separately, the percentage of students on each medium who got through the aforesaid examination in each of the above years;
 - (iii) of the persons who under take the typewriting of the examination papers of the Law College Entrance Examination;
 - (iv) of the place where it is carried out; and
 - (v) of the persons who undertake the proof reading of the examination papers of the Law College Entrance Examination?
- (b) Will he state whether the basic information such as the full name, address, sex and the medium of the candidates were indicated in the result sheet of the Law College Entrance Examination conducted in the year 2011?
- (c) If not, why?

3689/13

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of Sri Lankans who left the country for employment within the year 2012;
 - (ii) their number in each category when classified as skilled, unskilled, semi-skilled middle level, clerical, airhostess and other;
 - (iii) the number of women so migrated; and
 - (iv) the women in each of the categories referred to in (ii) above as a percentage of the total number of women who migrated during the year concerned, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4314/13

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the competitive examination for recruitment to Class III of Sri Lanka Accountants Service was held and the results were released on 3rd of May 2013;
 - (ii) interviews were held on the results of the said examination;
 - (iii) there is a group of candidates who have passed the examination but not summoned for the interview; and
 - (iv) the marks scored by them have not indicated in the result sheets sent to them?

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- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies that exist in the Class III of Sri Lanka Accountants Service;
 - (ii) the number selected through the interview held based on the results of the said examination;
 - (iii) whether there are more vacancies to be filled;
 - (iv) if so, the number of such vacancies;
 - (v) whether he admits that persons who qualified at that examination could be recruited to fill those vacancies; and
 - (vi) if so, the possible measures to be taken in that respect?
- (c) If not, why?

4319/13

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of Post Offices, Sub Post Offices and Agency Post Offices in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the services maintained by those Post Offices at present;
 - (iii) the annual revenue received by the government for the provision of those services;
 - (iv) the number of staff deployed for maintaining the postal service, separately according to each position; and
 - (v) separately, the amount spent annually for salaries for the staff, housing rental, water facilities, electricity and telephone facilities etc. in maintaining the postal service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the facilities required for the new telemail service have been provided to all the post offices; and
 - (ii) if not, the manner in which the new telemail service is planned to be operated?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families that were affected when the 220 kw high tension transmission line was installed for transmitting electricity from the Norochcholai Power Station to Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been awarded to every such family;
 - (iii) of the total value of the compensation so awarded;
 - (iv) whether there are any families who have not yet received compensation out of those displaced due to the installation of the above mentioned transmission line;
 - (v) as to why the awarding of compensation to them has been delayed; and
 - (vi) of the time necessary for awarding compensation for all persons affected in respect of the above mentioned project?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Consumer Affairs Authority has given permission to increase the price of milk powder;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the permission was given;
 - (iii) whether there is a maximum retail price for milk powder; and
 - (iv) if so, what that price is?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the action taken by the Consumer Affairs Authority against certain milk powder companies who sell milk powder exceeding the maximum retail price arbitrarily that has been approved to sell milk powder?
- (c) If not, why?

2614/12

11.

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

- (a) Will he state whether there is an irrigation project named 'Hakwatunawa' in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the acreage of paddy lands that are cultivated under the Hakwatunawa Irrigation Project ;
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families that benefit from the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether there is a possibility of supplying water for cultivation in both Yala and Maha seasons under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) if there is no such possibility, of the action that will be taken to develop Hakwatunawa Irrigation Project so that water can be supplied for cultivation in both Yala and Maha seasons ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3238/12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the MILCO —
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the power of recruitment of the principals and the officials of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service is conferred with the Educational Services Commission of the Central Government;
 - (ii) whether Provincial Ministers of the North Central Province have conferred the aforesaid power with that Provincial Council to make recruitments for the Provincial Education Service, superseding the aforesaid power;
 - (iii) if not, of the procedure followed in recruiting the officials of the Teachers Service, who are assigned to Education Offices of North Central Province as Subject Directors;
 - (iv) of the manner in which the travelling allowances and the other allowances are paid to the officials who were recruited by the Provincial Council without the approval of the Central Government;
 - (v) of the Expenditure Head under which the aforesaid payments are made by the North Central Province;
 - (vi) whether the payments have been made for the aforesaid officials with the sanction of the Ministry of Education of the Central Government;
 - (vii) of the steps that will be taken against the officials if public funds have been misused by them in that payment?
- (b) If not, why?

3589/13

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from the year 2011 up to now ;
 - (ii) the total amount of investments separately on those per year basis; and
 - (iii) the industries or services in which these funds have been invested in?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the concessions that have been granted to encourage the foreign investors;
 - (ii) whether lands were provided by the government to them in the years 2010, 2012, and 2013 to establish their industries or work places;
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which those lands were provided; and
 - (iv) the districts in which the lands so provided are located along with the extent of the land, its name and address separately?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sources of income of the Sri Lanka Cricket;
 - (ii) of the total income received by the Sri Lanka Cricket from the above sources of income from the years 2005 to 2012 separately;
 - (iii) of the sum of money spent on each requirement by the Sri Lanka Cricket from the years 2005 to 2012, separately;
 - (iv) of the new programme of the Sri Lanka Cricket for the promotion of cricket?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2615/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road from Doratiyawa to Konpala in the Mallowapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is badly damaged; and
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which steps will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on that ;
 - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3235/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the People's Bank—
- (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3450/13

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Divisional Education Offices situated in the North Central Province; and
 - (ii) the number of permanent employees serving in each of the aforesaid divisional offices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minimum qualifications required for holding a post of Divisional Education Director;
 - (ii) of the number of officers in the North Central Province who have completed the aforesaid qualifications;
 - (iii) of the number of officers who have been appointed for the above post on acting basis to serve in the divisional education offices;
 - (iv) of the procedure adopted when appointing officers on acting basis;
 - (v) the accepted procedure to be adopted when filling a vacancy for a post of Divisional Education Director;
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid procedure has been adopted when granting the appointments mentioned above;

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- (vii) if so, as to how persons with less qualifications have been appointed to the above posts;
- (viii) if unqualified persons who have been appointed to the above posts have obtained the allowances and payments entitled to the post, whether action will be taken to recover them; and
- (ix) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the authorities who have made the payments to the aforesaid unqualified persons?

(c) If not, why?

3535/13

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the names and addresses;
- (ii) the educational and professional qualifications;
- (iii) dates of birth;
- (iv) value of the monthly salaries, wages and allowances and other privileges; and
- (v) the functions;

of the Directors of the Regional Development Bank including the Chairman and the Vice Chairman?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether individuals holding the aforementioned positions in the Regional Development Bank hold any other permanent or temporary positions in addition to the said position;
- (ii) if so, of such positions and the respective places of employment;
- (iii) if persons holding permanent positions in the public service have been attached to the positions mentioned in (a) above, of the names of such persons and the dates on which such secondments were made; and
- (iv) whether salaries or other allowances are paid to the persons attached in the aforesaid manner by their permanent place of employment in addition to the salary or allowance paid by the Bank?

(c) If not, why?

3620/13

5. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the Philip Gunawardhana Memorial Playground that is being constructed within the Seethawakapura Urban Council limits in the Avissawella Electorate?
- (b) If so, will he state—
 - (i) the year in which its construction was started;
 - (ii) estimated cost of that; and
 - (iii) the date on which its construction work is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

3704/13

6. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it has been proposed to construct a railway line from Matara to Beliatta;
 - (ii) if so, of the length of the aforesaid railway line;
 - (iii) of the action that has been taken at present regarding the construction of the aforesaid railway line;
 - (iv) of the total cost that will be incurred on the construction of the aforesaid railway line;
 - (v) of the manner in which funds will be sourced;
 - (vi) if funds will be sourced for that construction by obtaining loans, of the name of the institute from which the loans will be taken; and
 - (vii) of the rate of interest and the conditions related to the aforesaid loans?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the company to which the construction work of the Matara – Beliatta railway line has been assigned; and
 - (ii) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed in selecting the aforesaid company?
- (c) If not why?

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of paddy that was stocked in the paddy warehouses in the island by the end of August 2013;
 - (ii) whether that stock of paddy was purchased during the last Maha season;
 - (iii) if not, whether even older stocks of paddy were stored in those warehouses; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for not issuing those stocks of paddy for the consumption of the people?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the expected paddy harvest for the Yala season of 2013;
 - (ii) whether the purchasing and storing of that paddy harvest was planned; and
 - (iii) of the details of that programme?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Colombo- Batticaloa road will be developed under the town and highway development programme of the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) if so, the extent (length and width) of the road that will be developed;
 - (iii) whether the property that will be damaged in the development process of the aforesaid road will be acquired following a proper procedure;
 - (iv) the name of the authority that has power to acquire property;
 - (v) as to who is in-charge of acquisition;
 - (vi) whether a compensation will be paid for the property that will be acquired; and
 - (vii) if a compensation is paid, the basis on which that compensation is assessed?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to Wayamba University of Sri Lanka under the Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities;
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions had been completed prior to the commencement of the Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

2616/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the road which leads to Budunapitiya via Wellawa and Hadirawalana in the Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat Division is badly damaged; and
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which action will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on the aforesaid repair;
 - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Ltd.—
- (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3465/13

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of farmers who manufacture organic fertilizer on a large scale in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and telephone numbers;
 - (iii) the extent of land which was cultivated using only organic fertilizer during the Maha season in the year 2012 in the Anuradhapura District along with the names of the farmers who engage in cultivation activities in the aforesaid manner, in regard to each Agrarian Services Centre, separately;
 - (iv) whether the quality of the varieties of paddy produced using organic fertilizer is examined;
 - (v) if so, the places in which it is done;
 - (vi) whether there are places in which the varieties of paddy produced using organic fertilizer are purchased ; and
 - (vii) if so, the names and addresses of the aforesaid places?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of motor vehicles that have been imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) separately, on per year basis the number of the aforesaid motor vehicles imported in terms of the engine capacity; and
 - (iii) separately, on per year basis the amount of foreign exchange spent on the importation of motor vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the deficit or the surplus of the balance of payment statement on per year basis from the year 2005 to the year 2012;
 - (ii) whether he admits that spending of foreign exchange on the importation of motor vehicles has exerted an impact on the increase of the deficit of the balance of payment; and
 - (iii) if so, of the action that has been taken to minimize the pressure that has been exerted on the balance of payment in that manner?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether permits for importing duty free vehicles have been provided to media personnel and the owners of media establishments;
 - (ii) if so, of the value of duty exemptions provided for each of the aforesaid permits;
 - (iii) of the media personnel and the owners of the media institutions to whom the aforesaid permits for importing duty free vehicles have been provided;
 - (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid permits holders have been selected;
 - (v) whether vehicles have been imported by them using the aforesaid permits; and
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid project was implemented in the year 2013 as well?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the intense shortage of medicines in government hospitals during March and April of 2013;
 - (ii) what medicines fell short;
 - (iii) of the number of government hospitals affected by the said shortage of medicines;
 - (iv) of the percentage of deaths that occurred in government hospitals during the above mentioned two months; and
 - (v) the proportion of the medicines that were not received out of the amount needed by the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama during the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

* 1

The Hon. Minister of Education,— Select Committee of Parliament for the formulation of a National Education Policy,—Whereas an oppressive environment has been created for teachers as well as school children and parents as a result of non development of education qualitatively and structurally in relation to the quantitative development of the education system since the implementation of the free education system in Sri Lanka,

Whereas a social opinion has been created that various irregularities, injustices as well as frauds and corruptions are being committed in the education system with regard to the said matter,

Whereas a public opinion has been formed that far-reaching changes and reforms shall take place in the overall education system, taking into account knowledge centered development strategy as enunciated in the Mahinda Chintana Idiri Dekma,

Whereas the formulation of a national education policy pertaining to the development of knowledge, attitude and skills of students from preschool up to university education with relevance to the creation of the future of entire Sri Lankan student population is a matter that cannot be deferred and that shall be accorded national priority,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) look into the quantitative, qualitative and structural changes that should take place in preschool, primary, secondary, and tertiary education,
 - (b) look into changes that shall be made in the education system to safeguard core national, religious and cultural values,
 - (c) look into changes that should take place in private education,
 - (d) look into whether there is a specific system in admitting children to Grade One,
 - (e) look into whether alternative methods that can be incorporated into the education system should be created to bring the results of all examinations and tests to a higher level and for students who do not qualify for higher education,
 - (f) look into methods as to how students who go abroad to pursue education overseas without entering a university in Sri Lanka despite obtaining the qualifications to enter university could be provided with educational opportunities within the country itself,
 - (g) look into as to what methods can be adopted to eliminate disparities that exist as per regions, races and religions,
 - (h) look into the nature of the interrelationships between the central government and provincial councils in implementing the national education policy,
 - (i) look into as to what measures shall be taken to determine the role and responsibility of teachers, in service advisors, principals, divisional education directors, zonal educational directors, provincial education directors and all educationists in the education process.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
 - (c) That its report shall be presented to Parliament within three (3) months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;

- (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the acute shortage of essential drugs in the country,—

Whereas there is an acute shortage of essential drugs in the country;

And whereas the Hon. Minister of Health disclosed in Parliament the reasons for this shortage;

And whereas if no remedial action is taken immediately to correct this situation, it will result in a catastrophe.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to —

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
- (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
- (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.

- 2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to —

- (a) fix its quorum;

- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

Whereas the last several days has seen most of the Colombo Municipal Council area and large sections of the Colombo District subject to severe floods;

And whereas this has become a regular recurrent feature in the lines of the citizens of both the Colombo Municipal Council and the District;

And whereas no effort has been made by those responsible to arrest this situation;

And whereas no action has also been made to prevent the recurrent of these floods,

And whereas the situation has gone from bad to worse with the passage of time;

And whereas everything tends to be forgotten after the floods have receded;

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) inquire into the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City, its environment and the District;
 - (b) inquire into the immediate and short term measures necessary to prevent the flooding as aforesaid; and
 - (c) recommend ways and means of the permanently preventing the recurrence of this problem.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

Whereas over the last several years numerous attempts have been made to reform the Electoral System of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Select Committees to look into the Electoral Reform have been appointed on many occasions including during the 5th Parliament and thereafter during the 6th Parliament in 2006;

And whereas several interim reports have been presented by these Committees;

And whereas no action has been taken to implement the recommendations of these Committees;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;
 - (b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts, and
 - (c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. (Mrs) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe,—Select Committee of Parliament to review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and to report whether any further amendments are necessary for its implementation,—

Whereas the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Parliament and certified in 2001;

And whereas the provisions of the said amendment have introduced and incorporated several salient provisions to ensure the independence of several state administrative and judicial agencies;

And whereas the said amendments were intended to ensure a just and free society;

And whereas the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution have been observed in the breach,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:-

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
 - (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
 - (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,—Committee on Public Finance,—

There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :
- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
 - (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
 - (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
 - (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
 - (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
 - (g) public debt and debt service;
 - (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.
3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.

4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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7.
Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;
- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.
 1. International Relations
Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.
 2. National Security
Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.
 3. Agriculture and Lands
Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation
 4. Human Resources and Culture
Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs
 5. Human Settlement and Energy
Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications

6. Human Welfare

Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare

7. Internal Administration

8. Environment and Natural Resources

Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries

9. Legal and Women's Affairs

Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.

- (c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.

2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-

- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -

- (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
(b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and

- (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.

- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-

- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

- (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

- (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
 - (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
 - (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
 - (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statues and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
- 3.
 - (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
 - (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
- 4.
 - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.

- (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.
 - (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
 - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
- 5.
- (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
 - (b)
 - (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
 - (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
- 6.
- (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
 - (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.

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- (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.
 - (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.
7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
- (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
 - (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.
- (ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
- (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.

- (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
 - (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
(ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
 - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.
12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.

- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.

- (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.
13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
- (b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
- (b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.
- The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.
20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero
Hon. C. A. Suriyaarachchi
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Hunais Farook
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. R. Duminda Silva
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Janaka Bandara
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Hon. V. K. Indika
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake
Hon. (Alhaj) A. H. M. Azwer
Hon. A. P. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Neomal Perera
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Sanee Rohana Kodithuvakku
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala
Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Dayasritha Thissera

Hon. Arundika Fernando

Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the conduct of the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament in violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka,—

Whereas reports have been received to the effect that the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , who is a Member of Parliament of this august Assembly has either directly and / or indirectly participated in meetings, protest campaigns, discussions held in London by LTTE activists against the Government of Sri Lanka and His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa on the 29th of November 2010 and the preceding dates and that he has either directly and / or indirectly aided and abetted the said discussions and protests;

And whereas it has been reported that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament has directly participated in the preliminary discussions, persuading meetings and in related awareness activities in connection with the organization of the said protests;

And whereas matters have come to light that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained relationships of diverse nature with the LTTE and its supporters previously as well;

And whereas it has been revealed that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained and is maintaining very close links with LTTE activists and / or LTTE supporters in London and other major towns of Europe;

And whereas consequently it is apparent that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has clearly violated Article 157 A and the Sixth Amendment and the oath of the Constitution either through one or more of the above activities;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament with regard to the above matters and in respect of the above matters and report to this august Assembly;

- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

The Committee shall have the power to—

(b) fix its quorum,

(c) summon any person to appear before it and to procure any document and

(d) examine witnesses under oath.

- 3 It shall also have the power to make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report whether any Member of this august assembly was involved in the protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England,—

Whereas the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and Chief Government Whip Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena has made a statement on the 2nd December 2010 in Parliament to the effect that,

“ If any Member of Parliament who has taken Oaths in this Parliament in terms of the Constitution has acted in breach of his oath and against the country by associating himself with a banned organization and an illegal group, being present at the Airport in England at the time of arrival of His Excellency the President, such Member of Parliament should be subjected to an inquiry forthwith by this House”;

And whereas the issue raised by Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena warrants serious investigation by this House above mentioned

We, the inquire into and report Members of Parliament, resolve that a Select Committee be appointed to determine,

- (a) the background that led to the allegation levelled by the Minister the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena ; and
- (b) whether any Member of this august Assembly was involved in the aforesaid protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England.
- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members,

- (c) That its Report of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.

3 That the Committee shall have power to,

- (a) fix its Quorum,
- (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
- (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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10.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. D. M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. A.D. Champika Premadasa,— Vote of no confidence on the Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

Whereas the Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils assured the House in the 4th of January 2011 that the Elections of Local Authorities will be held in March 2011 since the new terms of the Local Authorities are due to commence on 01st April 2011, when he said,

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Whereas Elections to Municipal Councils of Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura-Kotte and Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia and Urban Council of Kolonnawa have been now postponed and it is also reported that elections to some other Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas are also due to be postponed; and

The Minister uttered an untruth making deliberately a false statement and thereby mislead the House;

This House resolves that it has lost confidence in the ability of the Minister to continue to discharge his functions as the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and is no longer a fit and proper person to hold office in the Cabinet of Ministers.

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11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on what Legal Provisions, Kumaran Pathmanathan is held in custody and the charges are to be framed against him and other matters,—

Whereas Shanmugam Kumaran Tharmalingam alias Selvarasa Pathmanathan, alias Kumaran Pathmanathan more commonly known as “KP” has as per the announcement of the Government of Sri Lanka on the 7th of August, 2009 being in its custody for over an year now;

And whereas “KP” is on Interpol’s most wanted list for various charges including arms smuggling and criminal conspiracy;

And whereas he is also wanted by India’s law enforcement agencies in connection with the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991 and for violation of the Terrorist Act and the Indian Explosive Act;

And whereas he is implicated both directly and indirectly in several terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka including the attack on the Sri Maha Bodhi and the Temple of the Tooth Relic;

And whereas he was the procurer of arms for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE);

And whereas he ran a global network of LTTE offices which were engaged in its weapons procurement, logistics and money laundering operations;

And whereas he was known to operate a shipping company which was involved in shipping arms and ammunition for the LTTE;

And whereas he is also said to have orchestrated several Bank robberies in Sri Lanka;

And whereas he was engaged in equipping the LTTE with an arsenal of weapons;

And whereas he is alleged to be in control of a vast amount of assets including 19 ships and bullion belonging to the LTTE;

And whereas a statement issued by the LTTE on 21st July, 2009 declared him the Leader of the LTTE;

And whereas UN Statement says that the LTTE have committed atrocities killing innocent people;

And whereas the Government says that the “KP” was the person who internationally collected money to finance the LTTE activities;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following :

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
- (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
- (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
- (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
- (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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12.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the disadvantage and loss to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on the Hedging Agreements and steps to be taken against those responsible for the said Agreements,—

Whereas the total incompetence of the management of the Ceylon Petroleum, the Corporation has resulted in a judgment against them in a sum of US\$ 160 million;

And whereas there are two more judgments pending which if they so against the Corporation will result in the Corporation standing to lose another US\$ 60 million and US\$ 200 million respectively;

And whereas it is not clear whether these ill conceived Hedging Agreements were entered into as a result of incompetence or dishonesty.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following :

- (a) How such a Hedging Agreements totally disadvantageous to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation came to be entered into;
 - (b) Who were the officers in the Corporation responsible for these Agreements;
 - (c) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of these Hedging Agreements;
 - (d) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (e) What action should be taken against those responsible for the Hedging Agreements;
 - (f) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

13.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Mohan Lal Gero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on how the low quality petroleum was imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and total loss to the Corporation and steps to be taken against those responsible for the imports under question,—

Whereas the administration of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the recent past has been found to be totally wanting;

And whereas it has now come to light that the Corporation has imported low quality petroleum;

And whereas this low quality petroleum has damaged thousands of vehicles, some even beyond repair;

And whereas damage has also been caused to several petrol pumps installed at numerous pumping stations;

And whereas this action of the Corporation has caused untold financial loss;

And whereas the powers that be have already found a scapegoat to take the blame;

And whereas the Minister has admitted that low grade petroleum had in fact been imported;

And whereas the Government has made several contradictory statements regarding this fiasco;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following:

- (a) Why tender procedures were not followed in placing the order of this stock of petroleum;
- (b) Whether in fact low quality petroleum was imported by the Corporation;
- (c) The country from where such imports were made;
- (d) The total cost of the imports;
- (e) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of such imports;

- (f) Why no action was taken to prevent such imports;
 - (g) Why no action was taken to reject the stocks that arrived if they were found to be low quality;
 - (h) Why after having known that the imported stocks were low quality, they were dispatched to the several sheds in the country;
 - (i) Why the payment was made after it was discovered that the imported stocks were of low quality;
 - (j) Why the public were not informed that there was bound to be a shortage of petrol;
 - (k) The persons responsible for such imports;
 - (l) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (m) What action should be taken against those responsible for these imports;
 - (n) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

14.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. (Prof) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. DEW Gunasekara
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report political and constitutional measures to empower the people of Sri Lanka as one nation,—

Whereas a unique opportunity has arisen for the people of Sri Lanka to unite and work together as a nation towards the economic, social and political development of the country and its citizens;

And whereas to this end it is opportune to take steps to enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka and empower them to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development;

And whereas a Select Committee of Members of Parliament being a committee of the elected representatives of the people is best equipped to determine the nature and scope of steps to be taken to enable the aforesaid.

This Parliament resolves as follows:

A Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to recommend to this House within 6 months the initiative appropriate to achieve political and constitutional measures to—

- (a) enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka;
- (b) further empower the people to work as a nation; and

(c) enable the people to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) members.
3. The said Select Committee of Parliament is empowered to—
 - (a) determine its quorum,
 - (b) summon such persons and documents as it deemed necessary;
 - (c) examine, on oath or affirmation and person so summoned;
 - (d) continue notwithstanding the adjournment of Parliament from time to time,
and
 - (e) submit interim reports from time to time.

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15.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Mohamed Aslam
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie

Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali
Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Piyasena Gamage

Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. M.B. Farook

Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the allegations of abuse of power, misconduct and/or misbehavior that have been leveled against Hon Sarath N Silva, former Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Whereas such allegations stipulate that they did bring the Judiciary into disrepute;

And that he had failed to protect and preserve the Independence of the Judiciary and Rule of Law;

This Parliament resolves that Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the following matters and report;

- (a) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Janaka Bandara, former Magistrate, Wellawaya and whether he was compelled and pressurized to tender his resignation,
- (b) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Hiran Ekenayake, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo and whether his services were terminated maliciously.
- (c) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Sunil Lawrence de Costa, former Magistrate,
- (d) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Anura Bandara, former Additional District Judge, Matara,
- (e) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M Siriwardena, former Magistrate, Maligakanda

- (f) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Palitha Bandaranayake, former District Judge, Negombo,
- (g) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Prabhath de Silva, former District Judge, Nuwara Eliya,
- (h) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M T B Dissanayake, former Magistrate, Kebithigollawa,
- (i) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Harold Wijesiri Liyanage, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo,
- (j) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr K D D K de Abrew, former Magistrate, Morawaka,
- (k) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Y L Dharmasena, former Magistrate, Balapitiya,
- (l) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Nandana Weerasinghe, former Additional Magistrate, Kandy,
- (m) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr A M D S Dikkapitiya, former Magistrate, Kantale,
- (n) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr G D Kulatilake, former District Judge, Elpitiya,
- (o) in addition to the aforementioned, instances where the services of judicial officers has been terminated maliciously,
- (p) whether Hon Sarath N Silva caused the appointment as caretaker of the Judges Institute which was functioning at the official residence of the chief justice at 129, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07, of a person by the name of Rohana Kumara, against whom several cases were pending,
- (q) the circumstances relating to the formation of The Buddhist Broadcasting Services of which Hon Sarath N Silva is an honorary Director and the decision in CBN Sat case, where the Petitioner Muhunthan Canagey had given a donation of Rs. 65 million to start The Buddhist TV channel,
- (r) matters connected with the role of Hon Sarath N Silva in the World Bank/ UNDP funded project on modernization of Parliament, democracy and development,
- (s) whether any other persons are aggrieved as a result of malicious action on the part of Hon Sarath N Silva during his tenure of office as Chief Justice.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) Members,
3. That the Committee shall have the power to, —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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16.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the losses of State Owned Enterprises highlighted by the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) presented to Parliament on 01.12.2011 and steps to be taken against those responsible, and recommend other remedial measures, etc. ,—

Whereas the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) was presented by the Hon. DEW Gunasekara, Minister of Human Resources and Chairman of the Committee on December 01st, 2011;

And whereas the said Report highlights several institutions and State Owned Enterprises running at loss;

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

- 1.Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital
- 2.Samurdhi Authority of Sri Lanka
- 3.Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
- 4.Sri Lankan Air Lines
- 5.Mihin Air Ltd.
- 6.Sri Lanka Ports Authority
- 7.Road Development Authority;

And whereas it also transpires that Sri Lanka Cricket is bankrupt and has to be bailed out by the Government of Sri Lanka;

And whereas these losses are a severe drain of the Sri Lanka's financial;

And whereas the cost of maintaining and bailing out these institutions have finally to be borne by the public;

And whereas the powers of the Committee on Public Enterprises limit it to merely making reports and have no role in taking further action in regard to their findings.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to—

- (a) look into the affairs of these institutions reflected in the COPE Report and more particularly the institutions listed herein to determine the causes for these losses;
- (b) determine whether any individual or individuals are responsible for the mismanagement of these institutions or involved in fraudulent activities;
- (c) prevent continued occurrence of these losses;
- (d) recommend what action should be taken in the first instance to punish those responsible;
- (e) determine what steps should be taken to recover these losses; and
- (f) determine what additional legislation is necessary to implement the recommendations in the Report, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer ;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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17.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— Select Committee of Parliament to examine the problems relating to the results of Advance Level Examination in the year 2011 and to recommend means to rectify and remedy them,— Whereas the release of the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011 has caused serious problems;

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

And whereas some quarters say that the problems are due to technical errors;

And whereas yet others cast the blame on undue haste in releasing the results;

And whereas yet others blame that the problem on the incompetence of the officials concerned;

And whereas the Commissioner of Examinations has been relieved of his post;

And whereas the President himself appointed a Commission to go into this matter;

And whereas the future of a whole generation of students have been placed in jeopardy, and

And whereas this has resulted in the confidence in the Education System being severely eroded;

And whereas doubts have arisen regarding the acceptance of certificates issued by the Department of Education;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to—

- (a) examine the modalities of the 'Z' score;
 - (b) examine the reasons which led to this problem;
 - (c) recommend means to rectify and remedy to the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011;
 - (d) recommend steps to be taken to prevent future occurrence of such problems; and
 - (e) recommend other remedial measures that the Committee deems necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

18.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Sajith Premadasa
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Akila Wiraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. R. Yogarajan
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda
Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— Vote of No Confidence on
the Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Public Administration and
Home Affairs,—

Whereas there are over 40,000 unemployed graduates in the country at present;

And whereas a systematic and fair programme is not implemented for granting
employment to these unemployed graduates in the Public Sector;

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And whereas action is pursued by the Government in giving primacy to political affiliations, family connections and nepotism in granting employment to unemployed graduates;

And whereas granting of employment in the Public Sector to unemployed graduates through “Political Lists” is unfair, unsystematic and a blatant violation of the recruitment procedures to the public sector;

And whereas the granting of employment in the public sector on the basis of political affiliations has violated the fundamental rights enshrined in the Article 12(1) of the Constitution;

And whereas the responsibility of implementing the fundamental rights, has been entrusted to the government by the Article 27(2)(a) on the directive principle of the State policy;

And whereas the relevant Minister has failed to make reasonable submissions with regard to the reasons of granting employment in this manner;

And whereas treating the unemployed graduates in this manner can be deemed as a step with the basic objective of making the youth of the country political lackeys;

And whereas injustice has been caused to the youth of the country who constitute a majority of the population by the absence of any transparency in the recruitment to the public sector on account of the releasing of results subsequent to recruitment through interviews without making public the results of the competitive examinations in recruiting public officers to the public sector through limited competitive examinations; and

Whereas the independent functioning of the Public Services Commission which is the independent public body entrusted with the tasks of recruiting, transferring and promoting public officials has been impeded;

This Parliament resolves that this House has lost confidence in the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, the Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne.

19.

Hon.(Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the statement made by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation in Parliament with regard to the investments made by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek Bonds,—

Whereas around 2010 several Euro zone economies fell into crises as a result of the global financial crisis compounded by irresponsible domestic economic management;

And whereas Greece was one of the worst affected countries with its growth rate falling well below estimates, fiscal imbalances building up with expenditure outstripping tax revenues by a large margin, debt beginning to spiral out of control and the credibility of official statistics falling to almost zero particularly upon the revelation that the Greek government had consistently misled the European Union with fictitious budget deficit figures;

And whereas by the first quarter of 2010 the ability of the Greek government to meet its debt obligations had come into serious question driving fears of a possible sovereign default;

And whereas rating agencies began downgrading Greek debt to 'junk' status and with its private credit to Greece virtually dried up;

And whereas in April 2010 the Greek government requested and obtained a EURO 110 billion bail-out package jointly funded by the Euro zone countries and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditional upon implementing a tough austerity package with the hope of putting a stop to the deteriorating economy;

And whereas the Greek government was unable to carry through the tough fiscal conditions, given no flexibility on the monetary side, the measures implemented were sufficient to push people to the streets to riot;

And whereas the Greek economy continued to falter and the confidence in Greek debt fell dramatically leading to heightened expectations of sovereign default;

And whereas in March 2011 Moody's further downgraded Greek debt deep into 'junk' territory with a speculative and high risk rating along with a negative outlook;

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And whereas with this development, investors quickly began dismissing Greek bonds as 'worthless paper' and its yields began to rise with imminent default as the Euro zone IMF bail-out was stuck with the Greek government unable to implement the austerity package to meet disbursement conditions;

And whereas in this background the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in early April 2011 had purportedly invested EURO 22 million on Greek bonds at the risk of great loss;

And whereas on July 17th, 2012 this was raised in Parliament after the press revealed that there had been a large loss to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka due to selling some of its Greek bonds at a loss;

And whereas the Minister of International Monetary Co-operation was asked if it was true and if so the details of the investments and an explanation as to why such an investment was made, and in particular, without the consent of the Monetary Board;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, replying to the question stated that in fact the Central Bank had invested in Greek bonds in early April;

And whereas in justifying the investments the Hon. Minister stated that *"The decision (to invest in Greek bonds) was influenced by the fact that at that time (April 5th, 2011) there was a robust framework in place for crisis management in Europe supported by a Financial Stability Package."*;

And whereas the Hon. Minister further stated that *"So, there was this big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time. Therefore, the risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable in the circumstances... "*;

And whereas it is noted that the above statement by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, is incorrect;

And whereas the risk in Greek bonds was reasonably high and default was imminent;

And whereas at the time of the said investments in Greek bonds the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) had no arrangement with that country;

And whereas even if Greece were to have obtained a bail-out from the EFSF that would not have been to the benefit of Sri Lanka as the temporary EFSF that was being converted in to the permanent European Satiability Mechanism (ESM) with 'preferred creditor' status second only to the International Monetary Fund (IMF);

And whereas 'preferred creditor' status meant that at payment in order of preference investment made by the ESM would have preference over all other parties except the IMF;

And whereas the investments by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were in serious peril of being defaulted;

And whereas the Hon. Minister misled the House by implying that the funds invested by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were safe when in fact they were in great danger;

And whereas soon after the reckless investment by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek bonds, the Greek government faltered again and its debt rating was downgraded to the lowest in the world;

And whereas by October 2011 Greece went into a controlled default with creditors agreeing to a more than 50 percent write off on their debt;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka also had 53.5 percent of the principal of its remaining (after selling at a deep discount) Greek bonds wiped out at a great loss to the country;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, in his statement on July 17th, 2012 by not disclosing the truth and justifying the investment where the "*risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable*" purportedly due to "*a big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time*" has deliberately misled the House.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) determine whether and to what extent the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation has misled this House with regard to the investments of EURO 22 million on Greek bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
 - (b) recommend to this House what action should be taken in the circumstances.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the prison riot which took place on November 9th, 2012,—

Whereas a prison riot of enormous magnitude took place on the night of November 9th, 2012 and continued till early hours of November 10th, 2012 and has resulted in nearly 30 deaths and equal number of injured including the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Commandant of the Special Task Force;

And whereas this is not the first time that such occurrences have happened within prisons;

And whereas it appears that these incidents happened because of corruption in the system;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on—

- (a) what was the immediate cause of this riot;
- (b) what sparks off prison riots so often;
- (c) what are the long standing issues that effect prison discipline;
- (d) what steps need to be taken in the short term and the long term to prevent such occurrences;
- (e) any other matters that the Committee feels are relevant.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
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 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran
Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. Niroschan Perera
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R . Yogarajan,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy,—

Whereas Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy in the course of her reply to the question raised by Hon John Amaratunga, Chief Opposition Whip on 23rd April, 2013 regarding the electricity tariff hikes, positively stated that the proposal to implement the recent power tariff hike had been made by her predecessor, Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka before she had assumed duties in her present post;

And whereas Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka presently the Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy has specifically denied any responsibility to the increase in the electricity tariff, in a statement issued on 24th April, 2013;

And whereas in fact he has gone to the extent of challenging her to produce evidence to substantiate her statement;

And whereas it is obvious that the Minister of Power and Energy has deliberately mislead this House and in doing so, is guilty of a breach of privilege of the whole House and also its Members;

That this Parliament therefore resolves that it no longer has any confidence in the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi to continue as the Minister of Power and Energy.

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Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha
Hon. R. Yogarajan
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Hon. A. D. Champika Premadasa
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Vote of No Confidence on the Government,— Whereas the Media reported that Police investigations in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India and other countries have revealed the existence of an international drug cartel operating across South East Asia and the Gulf coast;

And whereas the investigations have also revealed that Afghan manufactured heroin is—

- (1) brought into Pakistan and then directed to Sri Lanka, and
- (2) brought into Pakistan and India through the Punjab border and finally to Sri Lanka,

making Sri Lanka the focal point for distribution of heroin to other parts of South Asia;

And whereas this drug cartel has become a threat to the well being of the region;

And whereas the investigations have revealed the involvement of Pakistani, Indian and Sri Lankan nationals in this syndicate;

And whereas these drugs are available in every nook and corner of Sri Lanka resulting in increasing consumption of heroin by young people;

And whereas Kumaran Pathmanathan who is wanted by the Interpol for the assassination of the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and reported to be involved in drug smuggling, lives in Sri Lanka under the protection of the government;

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And whereas in August 2013, the Co-ordinating Secretary to the Prime Minister had issued a letter to the Manager, East Asia Gateway Terminal requesting to release of a container which turned out to contain narcotic drugs;

And whereas the Co-ordinating Secretary's complicity in this transaction is evidenced by his resignation dated 9th December, 2013;

And whereas the government has failed to co-ordinate with the authorities in India and Pakistan in regard to eliminating this syndicate;

And whereas the government has failed to make a full inquiry into the detection of vast quantities of drugs smuggled into the country;

And whereas no meaningful measures are being taken to eradicate the distribution of drugs within Sri Lanka;

And whereas it appears that the government is unwilling to control and curb this menace;

And whereas this menace appears to be continuing unabated as seen by some recent reports of containers been released without checks;

And whereas this will result in disastrous consequences to the social and economic fabric of this land which boasts of a proud history of over 2500 years;

And whereas if this continues, the future of this country would be in peril, making Sri Lanka a narcotic state;

That this Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the ability of the government to secure and promote the welfare of its citizens.

* *Indicates Government Business*
