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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

129/15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) illegal sand mining, gem mining and gold mining are carried out associated with rivers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) as a result, great harm is caused to those rivers;
 - (iii) it directly affects the community life; and
 - (iv) adequate facilities are not available in the responsible institutions to curb such improper acts?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps have been taken to combat such improper acts associated with rivers;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) the number of complaints that have been received in respect of offences stated in (a) (i) above from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2014; and
 - (iv) what legal measures were taken in respect of each such complaint, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
- (i) whether the existing system of law is adequate to curb the environmental damages referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to change the existing laws?
- (d) If not why?

(2)

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2.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether financial assistance was provided to Sri Lanka by Saudi Arabia and the Development Fund of the United Arab Emirates for the construction of houses and common facilities for tsunami victims;
- (ii) the names of the housing projects that were implemented utilizing the aforesaid funds;
- (iii) separately the amounts of money that were spent on each of those housing projects; and
- (iv) separately the names of the public institutes and non-governmental organizations that gave patronage for implementing each of the aforesaid projects?

(b) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) allocations were made by the former President Mahinda Rajapakse as the Minister of Finance in 2008 to write off all loans granted to the Co-operative Movement by the State Banks;
- (ii) Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, MP, the then Minister in charge of the subject made a statement in Parliament on 05.11.2015 confirming that;
- (iii) the State Minister of Industry and Commerce informed Parliament on 05.11.2015 that the actual in relation to the writing off of loans from each Co-operative society would be made known upon discussing the matter with the Minister;
- (iv) the reply given to Parliament by the State Minister on 05.11.2015 that although it has been decided to write off the loans granted to co-operative societies by the Peoples Banks, so far it has not been implemented in any district, is correct; and
- (v) the reasons for not implementing the decision of No. (iv) above?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the decision taken to boost the co-operative societies by writing off the loans, will be implemented; and
- (ii) if so, whether the co-operative societies would be informed of the future steps to be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

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4.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium was declared open;
 - (ii) separately as per each year of the expenditure borne on the maintenance activities of the aforesaid Stadium from its opening up to date; and
 - (iii) separately of the income earned from the international Cricket matches which were held from the opening of this stadium up to date?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the tax revenue considered to have been lost as a result of the Free Trade Agreements operated by Sri Lanka by now, from 2005 to 2015 as per each year separately;
 - (ii) the tax revenue considered to have been lost by the Department of Customs, from the date that Indo – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement commenced up to now; and
 - (iii) the Customs data on imports – exports and the Trade Balance between the two countries, from the date that Indo – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement commenced up to now, as per each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) of the world market price of a barrel of crude oil in Sri Lankan rupees and Dollars; and
 - (ii) of the local market price of a liter of petrol and diesel in Sri Lankan rupees;
as at 01st January each year from 2001 to 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mr. Mohammad Farzan has lodged a complaint, with Modara Police Station on 21.03.2009, under the No. CIB/83/371, in connection with the abduction of his brother Mr. M.N.M Hakeem (N.I.C No. 820881966 V) of No.1/90 D Kadiranawatta, 1st lane, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15, on the date of 21.03.2009 within the Modara Police Division, along with his three-wheeler, bearing the registered number 200-5464; and
- (ii) the Civil Crimes Division of Police Headquarters, by the letter No. C8/310/371, dated 05.08.2010, has referred this case to the Deputy Inspector General of Colombo Division, to investigate into the aforesaid abduction ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the current progress of the investigations carried out on the complaint lodged in the Modara Police Station under above number and of the investigations, monitored by the Deputy Inspector General of the Police ?

(c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of permits issued by the Department of Imports and Exports to import overage vehicles in year 2015; and
- (ii) separately of the names and addresses of the permit holders and the make of the vehicles for which the permits were issued?

(b) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. J. G. Jayantha of Samagi Mawatha, Wellakka, Weligama has joined the Sri Lanka Transport Board on 26.07.2000 as a Conductor and attached to the SLTB Depot Akuressa and retired due to his illness on 01.01.2015 on medical grounds with an unblemished service record of 15 years; and

(5)

- (ii) the gratuity payment which should be paid to him at the time of retirement has not been paid up to now despite several requests made for the last one year to the relevant authorities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this gratuity payment would be paid in full without any delay; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the payment will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the total amount allocated in the year 2014 for road development projects and the name of those projects;
 - (ii) separately, the estimated amount in respect of each of the said projects;
 - (iii) the sources from which the money was secured;
 - (iv) separately, the amount of money obtained from each of the said sources; and
 - (v) separately, the conditions imposed by each of the said sources?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many corrupt practices and frauds have taken place in these road constructions;
 - (ii) issues have arisen as regards the standard of construction; and
 - (iii) the payment of compensation and the granting of other relief for the people who have lost their land and property are at a minimal level?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each project, the amount of money allocated for paying compensation and granting other relief to the people affected by the projects referred to in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) whether he will take action to increase the relief granted to the people affected by development projects; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money spent for Nipunatha Abisheka programme conducted in Matara on 14.12. 2014;
 - (ii) whether a preliminary inquiry has been made by the National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority to look into the financial irregularities which occurred there;
 - (iii) the financial irregularities revealed by the Auditor General by his audit query No . JP/E/NAITA/AW/2014/20;
 - (iv) whether the chairman of NAITA has made a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department in regard to spending more than 100 million rupees for this programme;
 - (v) if so , the date on which the aforesaid complaint was made and the progress of the investigations;
 - (vi) the action taken according to law against the Director General of NAITA as she has done a fraudulent act in selecting a private company called Light House away from the procurement process approved by the government; and
 - (vii) if legal action has not been taken according to law, the reasons for it ?
- (b) If not , why?

12.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of liters of liquor and malt liquor produced in Sri Lanka from the year 2005 to 2015 separately for each year in millions;
 - (ii) of the excise income received from the sale of the aforesaid two types of liquor during the above years separately for each year in Rupees millions; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the increase in the production of liquor and malt liquor in the year 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that profits are earned by Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd. in the sectors of catering, engineering services and air port services while losses are incurred through flight service;
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to sell the other sectors mentioned in (i) above while further retaining the flight service within Sri Lankan Air Lines Ltd.;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the result of such a measure would be further increase in the loss incurred by that company and the pressure on the Treasury;
 - (iv) whether there is a plan to sell Sri Lankan Airlines; and
 - (v) if so, what the progress of that plan is?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Registration of Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Microfinance Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

The Minister of Finance,—Supplementary Sum—Head 240— Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty Five Million (Rs. 55,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the service of the Financial year beginning on 01st January 2016 and ending on 31st December 2016.

On the services specified in the schedule hereto.

- (a) In settlement of the Advance Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 made from the Contingencies Fund in the financial year 2015.

Schedule

Head	240	—	Department of National Budget
Programme	02	—	Development Programme
Project	03	—	Accounting Assistance
			Total Expenditure = Rs. <u>55,000,000</u>
(Rupees fifty five million only)			

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.1 of 2016 presented on 24th March, 2016

(8)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under subsection 3 of Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1947/47 of 01st January 2016, which was presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding revision of Excise Duty on spirits (Ethyl Alcohol) and issuing Licence to Import Spirit (Ethyl Alcohol), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1956/19 of 02nd March 2016, which were presented on 06.04.2016, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 988)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Food Security under Section 60 of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/54 of 2nd July 2015, which were presented on 05.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/27 of 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 as amended by the Act, No.48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1953/28 of 11th February 2016, which were presented on 10.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Order under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, No. 25 of 2002 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1926/46 of 6th August 2015, which was presented on 21.11.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 45 of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1954/34 of 18th February 2016, which were presented on 08.03.2016, be approved.

*11.

Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973 read with Section 31 of that Law, amending the Sections 13 and 17 contained in the National Sports Association Regulations No. 01 of 2013 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1793/3 of 15th January 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1940/7 of 9th November 2015, which were presented on 26.01.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 213D of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/10 of 22nd December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

*13.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

Right to Information Bill — Second Reading.

*15.

The Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— Rules under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act,— That the Atomic Energy (Licence) Rules No. 1 of 2015 and the Atomic Energy (Notification of Intention to Conduct a Practice) Rules No. 1 made by the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council (SLAERC) under the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Act, No. 40 of 2014 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/27 of 21st July 2015, which were presented on 23.03.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

*17.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26th February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1882/17 of 30th September 2014, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 28(a) read with Section 16(c) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), as amended from time to time regarding Excise License Fee and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1901/19 of 13th February 2015, which was presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 973)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, May 04, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

106/15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in South Korea and Malaysia during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
- (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
- (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
- (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?

(11)

- (b) Will she also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in South Korea and Malaysia during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for them becoming disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 29,400,000/- was misused by the Divineguma Department by printing 5000000 almanacs with the photographs of the former president Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, based on the Presidential Election 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reason for printing 5000000 almanacs to be distributed among 1800000 families of Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the person in authority who has approved the particular expenditure;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid person is vested with the authority to approve that expenditure;
 - (iv) of the institution that undertook the printing of these 5000000 almanacs; and
 - (v) whether a procurement procedure has been followed for that purpose?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the progress of the investigation conducted by the FCID in relation to the misappropriation of money which has incurred owing to the utilization of moneys that remained in the Divineguma Fund for the election promotion activities of their party;
 - (ii) whether an investigation with pertinence to this misappropriation of money has been carried out by the relevant Department or the Ministry;
 - (iii) if so, of the disciplinary action taken at that inquiry; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to recover the loss, if the above expenditure has been borne by the Divineguma Fund?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) during the Indo-Sri Lanka cricket tournament that held in Dambulla in July 2010 a woman entered into an Indian cricketer's room at Hotel Kandalama in the night of 18th July and remained there throughout the night;
 - (ii) the then Security Consultant of the Sri Lanka Cricket informed this incident to the Indian Manager in writing with a copy to the then Secretary of Sri Lanka Cricket; and
 - (iii) according to the content of that letter there was an effort of offering a bribe?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the Cricket Secretary of the country that organized this tournament; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the International Cricket Council?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Cricket possesses the written reports of the investigations conducted in this regard;
 - (ii) if so, whether those reports will be submitted ;
 - (iii) if not, the persons who are responsible with regard to the destroying of those reports;
 - (iv) whether an investigation will be conducted with regard to the destroying of those reports; and
 - (v) if a person holding high office in the Sri Lanka Cricket is found guilty whether action will be taken to dismiss him?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) plots of land were given to the eligible persons under the Rambuke-ela, Pansaltennawatta Housing Scheme in the Akurana Divisional Secretariat Division in the district of Kandy on 01.01.1984 by the then National Housing Department; and
 - (ii) permanent title deeds have not been given up to now to the occupants of those plots of land that have been given to them twenty five years ago on the basis of issuing land grants?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate action will be taken to provide the title deeds for the occupants of those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) separately of the number of complaints received by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID) against public servants, artists and businessmen from 08.01.2015 to 31.12.2015;
 - (ii) whether the names of the public servants, artists and businessmen who have been subjected to allegations as mentioned in (i) above will be tabled separately;
 - (iii) separately of the number of the public servants, artists and businessmen against whom investigations have been started by the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID); and
 - (iv) separately of the progress of the aforesaid investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the sum of Rs. 8000/= added to the salary of public servants and employees of State Corporations, Boards, Provincial bodies and Government-owned Companies in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 5/2015, out of the Rs. 10,000/= promised to the Public servants at the 2015 Presidential Election, has not been received by the employees attached to the state projects; and
 - (ii) the Ministry of Finance took steps to grant the previous salary increases to the employees of projects as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for not granting the salary increase to the employees of projects even after 10 months of the salary increase according to (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to grant the said salary increase to employees of projects;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the relevant salary increase to the employees of state projects soon; and
 - (iv) the date on which the proposed Management Services Department Circular relating to the projects, which had been suspended for 2 years will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the value of the Treasury Bills purchased by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that inflation increases as new currency notes are added to financial circulation when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka purchases Treasury Bills?
- (b) If not, why?

436/16

8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the employees of Ceylon Electricity Board who are above 55 years of age and have completed a period of service of over 20 years receive a pension; and
 - (ii) the employees who thus retire receive the pension during their lifetime only?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the benefits of that pension scheme cannot be provided to the aforesaid employees' spouses or children who become destitute in case such employee dies within a short period of time after retirement; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid pension scheme will be revised in order to enable the provision of such benefits?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 05, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/15

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015?

(15)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
 - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
 - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
 - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
 - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
 - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
 - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
 - (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?
- (e) If not, why?

95/15

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the forests coming under the Department of Wildlife Conservation get destroyed owing to Chena cultivation, poaching and various development projects;
 - (ii) it is due to the interference of higher officials and politicians that the aforesaid destructions cannot be prevented; and
 - (iii) the above destruction of forests brings about political, economic and social repercussions on the entire Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who have been found guilty by law for committing the offenses of engaging in poaching and Chena cultivation in these forests during the period of last two years;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to put an end to poaching and Chena cultivation conducted inside conservations; and
 - (iii) if so, what those steps are?

(16)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the human and physical resources currently available for the protection of the conservations are satisfactory; and
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken to tighten the protection of conservations?
- (d) If not, why?

311/15

3.

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the fishing boat named “Thushari” was subjected to terrorist attack on 29.11.2000 at the sea along Trincomalee area and in that attack the boat was destroyed and the fishermen on board went missing;
 - (ii) the Director General of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Mr. G. Piyasena in his letter No. ධීජලේ/සැ/02/06 විආර්ඪ dated 10.01.2003 has admitted that the aforesaid incident is true and that the dependants of the missing fishermen deserve receiving compensation; and
 - (iii) of the dependents of those who went missing, those of the fisherman named Mr. Kumarage Don Piyaratne have neither been paid compensation nor been issued with a death certificate?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that it is a grave injustice that a fair measure has not been taken in that regard despite that the widowed wife of Mr. Piyaratne, Mrs. K.M. Bridget Kanthi had submitted written requests to the former President and to the former Minister; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to pay compensation to Mrs. Kanthi and to issue her with the death certificate of her deceased husband?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that with the involvement of the previous government, money has been collected for prior propaganda activities and the other affairs, so as to make Sri Lanka, the host country in the Commonwealth Games 2018?

(17)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tours were organized to West Indian Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, with the money, so collected;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the participants and the total expenditure;
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the persons who were paid and the amounts paid; and
 - (iv) whether the investigation report that was prepared on the complaint lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division in this regard, will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
- (i) the Structural Committee of Hambanthota Education Zone has taken a decision that it was appropriate to establish a Tamil Medium Primary School to provide primary education for the Muslim children living in Siribopura (Suchi Village), the village where the families displaced by the Tsunami in Hambanthota district were resettled; and
 - (ii) the recommendation of the Zonal Director of Education of Hambanthota bearing No. H/Ham/Zonal/Savi 01/Struc./08 and dated 29.04.2009 was referred by the Southern Provincial Director of Education through his letter bearing No. SP/Savi 01 dated 29.06.2009 for the approval of the Provincial Secretary of Education?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the steps taken and the progress with respect to the matter mentioned in (a) (ii) above;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the proposal that had been approved; and
 - (iii) whether the line ministry would look into this matter and take the necessary steps in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

340/'15

6. Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether government has taken a decision to privatize Litro Gas Company and Lanka Hospitals; and
 - (ii) whether government draws its attention to privatize profit making state institutions as well?
- (b) If not, why?

344/'15

7. Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in Kili/Government Muslim Mixed School of Mulankavil, Nachchikuda, Kilinochchi of Northern province, nearly 500 students study from the primary classes to G.C.E (Ordinary Level) classes;
 - (ii) the classes are conducted in a temporary tin hut since there are no proper hall facilities; and
 - (iii) there is a dearth of teachers to teach the subjects like English, Geography, Arabic language and Islam?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the measures will be taken to provide a school building and the teachers without delay to teach the subjects, mentioned in aforesaid (a) iii?
- (c) If not, why?

371/'15

8. Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of registered Pre-schools in each Provincial Council area in the country at present; and
 - (ii) of those Pre-schools, the number of Pre-schools with more than 50 children?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money allocated to pay the allowance of Rs. 250/- to Pre-school teachers by the interim budget of February 2015;
 - (ii) the number of Pre-school teachers who are eligible to receive that allowance; and
 - (iii) whether that monthly allowance has been paid to those teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which CSN Television Channel was registered;
 - (ii) the registered address of the channel;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the members of its board of directors;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid by CSN channel to secure the telecasting rights of cricket matches from the year 2012 – 2015;
 - (v) the income received by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation from telecasting cricket matches separately from the year 2005 to 2011; and
 - (vi) the reason for the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation not applying for the telecasting rights of cricket matches of the Australian tour in August/September 2011?
- (b) If not, why?

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10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of graduates who sat for the examination conducted by the Western Provincial Council in 2011 to give teaching appointments to the graduates;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who passed the examination;
 - (iii) whether appointments have been given to every person who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of graduates who sat for the examination conducted by the Western Provincial Council on 27.12.2014 to recruit graduates to the teaching service;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who passed the examination;
 - (iii) the number of appointments given by now;
 - (iv) if appointments have not been given the reason for that; and
 - (v) the date on which the appointments will be given?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Development Officer Appointments in the Western Provincial Council were given to those who did not acquire necessary qualifications in the examination mentioned in above (a) (i) to get teaching appointments;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to recruit the graduates, who did not pass the above (b) (i) examination, as Development Officers in the Government Institutions in the Western Provincial Council; and
 - (iii) if not, why?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the criteria adopted to select schools under the project titled “Closest school best school” implemented by the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) the schools selected from the Ganga Ihala Korale and Pasbage Korale education divisions in the Nawalapitiya electorate, under this project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the schools selected by the Gampola Education Zone and the Ministry of Education under the stipulated criteria have been changed on the intervention of the Minister of Education?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the two new schools nominated on the involvement of the Minister of Education were selected under the criteria mentioned in the (a) (i) above; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

107/15

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each country, the number of Sri Lankan citizens who have died in the countries of the Middle East region during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) their names, ages, addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs engaged in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reasons for their deaths; and
 - (iv) the reliefs granted to them by the government?
 - (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each country, the number of Sri Lankan citizens who have become fully or partially disabled in the countries of the Middle East region during the five year period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014;
 - (ii) their names, ages, addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs engaged in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for them becoming disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs granted to them by the government?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, May 06, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

108/15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of cinemas being operated in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of exhibitors' boards being operated in Sri Lanka at present and their names;
 - (iii) separately, the number of cinemas belonging to each of the said exhibitors' boards; and
 - (iv) the method of deciding the exhibitors' board to which a film should be assigned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a specified number of cinemas a film should be screened;
 - (ii) if so, the number of copies to be so screened;
 - (iii) whether there are instances where this specified number is exceeded; and
 - (iv) if so, the method in which a film can be screened exceeding this specified number of copies?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice is caused to one producer as a result of giving more opportunities to another producer; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken to grant permission to all producers to screen a reasonable number of copies?
- (d) If not, why?

153/15

2.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) applications were called for recruiting teacher assistants on school based to Tamil medium estate schools and Mrs. F. Ruzana Mafoor residing at No. 25/2, Viyangalle, Agalawatte submitted an application;
 - (ii) consequently, she appeared for the relevant interview under calling No. 199 (B) on 02.03.2015; and
 - (iii) although vacancies did exist for the post in estate schools in the area in which she lives, Mrs. Ruzana Mafoor has not been given a teacher assistant appointment so far?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to give her the appointment as a teacher assistant without delay?
- (c) If not why?

192/'15

3.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the land belonging to the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium at Diyagama, Homagama;
 - (ii) the government institution to which the said land belonged to;
 - (iii) whether the said land has been acquired by the Ministry of Sports or another government institution;
 - (iv) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled; and
 - (v) as to who handles the administrative and maintenance activities of the stadium at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of this stadium;
 - (ii) separately, the amount spent by the government and the amount received as private donations;
 - (iii) the Ministries which allocated money for this purpose;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of private donors who donated money for the construction;
 - (v) separately, in respect of each year, the amount of money charged from the date the stadium was given for sports activities up to now; and
 - (vi) the account to which such money has been credited?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a “Sports Development Foundation” associated with this stadium; and
 - (ii) if so, the Minister who had obtained the cabinet approval and the date on which such approval was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

240/'15

4.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is satisfied with the adequacy of foreign reserves of Sri Lanka in terms of risk weighted system; and
 - (ii) the adequacy of foreign reserves under floating exchange ratio method in respect of each year from the year 2000 to 2014 as per the data of variables X, STD, OPL and M2 in applying the new system of risk weighted of the International Monetary Fund?

(23)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the adequacy of foreign reserves of Sri Lanka during the first 9 months of the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major causes that impacted on this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

333/15

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the number of approved leave proposed by the University Grants Commission to Sub-Wardens (Non-Academic) of Universities ;
 - (ii) whether the number of leave which was 90 days per year earlier has been reduced up to 45 days by Circular No. 912/1 of the University Grants Commission;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid amount of leave has been revised again as 90 days, which is inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, ordinary government holidays and Poya days as well, by the Circular No.04/2003; and
 - (v) if so, the reason for it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the aforesaid employees have been deprived of a privilege which the other ordinary employees enjoy due to the calculation of the 90 days of leave that they are entitled to having included into it the leave which the government employees are entitled to; and
 - (ii) whether an accepted methodology will be formulated to grant leave to Sub-Wardens (Non-Academic) of Universities without reducing the privilege of leave which the ordinary government employees are entitled to?
- (c) If not , why ?

351/15

6.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Lankaputhra Development Bank has given a 530 million-rupee loan to the Tristar Apparel Exports (Pvt) Limited;
 - (ii) if so, on what basis;
 - (iii) whether the objectives of granting the loan have been achieved;
 - (iv) if so, what they are;
 - (v) if not, what steps have been taken to recover the money from the company;
 - (vi) how much has been paid by now; and
 - (vii) what steps have been taken to recover the payments in default?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Lankaputhra Development Bank had handed out a total of 700 lacs of rupees without following an acceptable methodology during the last Presidential election period;
 - (ii) if so, whether there is a course of action to recover the money;
 - (iii) if so, what that course of action is; and
 - (iv) what its present status is?
- (c) If not, why?

370/15

7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land in hectares that has been brought under paddy cultivation in Maha season of year 2015;
 - (ii) whether supplies of fertilizer adequate for the aforesaid extent of paddy lands were available in the country at that time; and
 - (iii) if so, the reason for the shortage of fertilizer?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that N.P.K. fertilizer needed by farmers for basic surface application was not available in the market at that time;
 - (ii) whether steps were taken speedily to provide farmers with sufficient amounts of urea needed for the second application; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that was needed for such action?
- (c) If not, why?

375/15

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly from 2005-2015,—
 - (i) as to who headed the delegations;
 - (ii) the number of delegates;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of Parliament among the delegates, if any;
 - (iv) the number of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (v) the total amount of money spent; and
 - (vi) the breakdown of that expenditure under Heads such as Air fares, Hotels and accomodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of vehicles imported to Sri Lanka in 2014 that use helium, hydrogen and electricity only as fuel;
 - (ii) separately, of companies that have introduced helium only vehicles to the market at commercial level and the year in which they were introduced;
 - (iii) separately, of companies that have introduced hydrogen only vehicles to the market at commercial level and the year in which they were introduced; and
 - (iv) separately, the minimum prices of hydrogen only and helium only vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

410/16

10.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether nearly 400,000 (4 lakhs) families in the Estate sector remain landless at present;
 - (ii) whether it is not possible to provide a 07 perch plot of land for those families immediately as per the pledge given to them and grant permission for transfer of succession to a member of those families while holding such lands in a land trust subjecting them to conditions that prohibit the sale of those lands;
 - (iii) whether it is not possible to provide the opportunity for those recipients of land to carry out the constructions on such land at their discretion and grant them the right to sell such constructions only; and
 - (iv) whether it is not possible to take action to prevent the selling of land by enforcing laws that prevent the sale of land while providing the opportunity to sell only the constructions done on such land so that land prices would not go up and people will be able to engage in mortgaging etc. to meet their needs?
- (b) Will he state whether we could not use the similar land trust policy followed in India as an example?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the Pompakele forest reserve in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) the endemic plants found in it;
 - (iii) the endemic creatures that inhabit in the Pompakele forest reserve; and
 - (iv) the date on which this forest was declared a forest reserve?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an extent of over one acre in the Pompakele forest reserve had been cleared on a day after 14.04.2014;
 - (ii) the said clearing had been done in the upper part of the forest reserve with a biological importance; and
 - (iii) this has caused a severe environmental damage?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to who has caused this destruction in the Pompakele forest reserve;
 - (ii) the purpose of that destruction;
 - (iii) if there are any officers who have permitted this destruction, their names, addresses, telephone numbers and designations; and
 - (iv) the steps to be taken to halt the destruction at the Pompakele forest reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

395/15

12.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that George Soros —
 - (i) had been identified as the person responsible for incurring of a loss of 3.4 billion pounds to the Treasury of UK, the person behind the removal of UK from the European Exchange Rate Mechanism and the person responsible for the massive devaluation of Pound which took place on 16.09.1992;
 - (ii) was accused by the heads of governments and the economic specialists of being the person who was involved in the Asian Financial Crisis in the year 1997;
 - (iii) was convicted by the Supreme Court of France in the year 2006 for committing a share market fraud; and
 - (iv) had been invited by the government as the special guest of an economic conference which was held in January 2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether inviting such a fraudulent speculator as a special guest is in conformity with the concept of Good Governance?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) As per the Supreme Court determination No. S/C 2008 dated 24.10.2008, the special provisions provided through the Treasury Miscellaneous Votes (TMV) are additional provisions granted for the relevant ministries. Is he aware that Clause 6(1) of the Appropriation Bill 2008 was amended accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Ministries to which additional provisions were granted during year 2015 as per the abovementioned matter;
 - (ii) separately of the objectives of granting the additional provisions in respect of each ministry during that year; and
 - (iii) separately of the values of the additional provisions thus granted for each Ministry?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether additional provisions were granted during year 2015 to the votes of His Excellency the President, Office of the Prime Minister and Judges of the Superior Courts, which are Special Spending Units; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the values of the provisions thus granted?
- (d) If not, why?

430/16

14.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the office of the Head of the Communication and Public Relations of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority was sealed by the Ports Authority in the evening of 05th January, 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for such sealing;
 - (iii) if not, whether the files of that office had been taken away for an investigation connected with the “Karadiyawara” ceremony, Hambanota 2010; and
 - (iv) the need for taking away those files again when an inquiry had already been conducted in respect of this matter by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Serious Acts of Fraud and Corruption?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the need for the issuing of a press release by the Media Unit of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority regarding this incident;
 - (ii) similarly, the need to have a press release issued through the head of that unit himself that no such incident had taken place?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.7/'15

1.

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.8/'15

2.

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.9/'15

3.

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.

P.10/'15

4.

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.11/'15

5.

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.12/15

6.

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. 13/15

7.

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. 14/15

8.

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

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9.

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.16/15

10.

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.17/'15

11.

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.18/'15

12.

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.19/'15

13.

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.21/'15

14.

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.22/'15

15.

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.23/'15

16.

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.24/'15

17.

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.25/'15

18.

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.26/'15

19.

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.27/'15

20.

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.28/'15

21.

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.29/'15

22.

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.30/'15

23.

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.31/'15

24.

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.32/'15

25.

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.

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26.

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.

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27.

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

P.35/'15

28.

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.

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29.

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.

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30.

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.38/'15

31.

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.39/'15

32.

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.

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33.

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.41/'15

34.

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.42/'15

35.

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.43/'15

36.

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.44/'15

37.

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.45/'15

38.

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.46/'15

39.

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.47/'15

40.

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.48/'15

41.

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.49/'15

42.

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.50/'15

43.

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.51/'15

44.

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.52/15

45.

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.53/15

46.

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.

P.54/15

47.

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.55/15

48.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exploring new resources in the ocean,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal further study on oceanic resources should be conducted with a view to creating a large number of employment opportunities, and to earn wealth, as Sri Lanka is a country with a large marine zone, that has given priority only for the fishing industry and since there is a vast amount of natural resources connected to the ocean.

P.56/15

49.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Prevention of Sri Lankan fishing resources being harvested by foreigners,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be devised and implemented by the Government to prevent foreigners from fishing in the Sri Lankan waters and to prevent foreign vessels from using it as a port for fishing since the fisheries resources within the Sri Lankan marine zone are harvested by foreigners thus causing a severe economic disadvantage to Sri Lankan fishermen.

P.57/15

50.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Increasing Jackfruit production and exporting associated products,— That this Parliament resolves that since the country can earn a huge amount of foreign exchange by exporting Jackfruit based products through expansion of the cultivation of Jackfruit, which is a very delectable fruit with medicinal qualities, that can be cultivated without agrochemicals, a systematic programme should be drawn up with the intervention of the government toward this end.

P.58/'15

51.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Organizing an Annual National Farmers Awards Ceremony,— That this Parliament resolves that a farmers awards ceremony that is implemented through a proper organizational structure be organized annually with the intervention of the Government, so that the farmers who enrich the country are made to feel proud about their vocation as agricultural prosperity is fundamental for the advancement of a country.

P.59/'15

52.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

P.60/'15

53.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expansion of small scale Toy Factories,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper procedure be formulated in view of expanding the toy industry in rural areas since it is an industry which can be sustained at a very low cost and as a lot of foreign exchange is drained out towards China and other countries, to purchase toys, owing to the fact that less toys are produced although a large market is available for toys in Sri Lanka.

P.61/'15

54.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Starting Pharmaceuticals Production Factories in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that as a country with developed human resources the government should intervene and provide facilities to establish pharmaceutical production factories in Sri Lanka to produce essential pharmaceuticals within the country since the production of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka is at a minimum level at present and a large amount of foreign exchange is spent annually to import pharmaceuticals.

P.62/'15

55.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.63/'15

56.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing support centers for pensioners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take measures to build pensioners support centers throughout the country for the pensioners so that they can obtain welfare services like counseling, medical facilities and daycare facilities, which are required by the elderly, under the same roof, and to provide them the opportunity to earn some extra income to ease their lives by directing them to engage in some economic activity through such centers.

P.64/'15

57.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing a new lottery with a view to strengthening the economy of the pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to introduce a new lottery to the market in order to generate funds required to remove the salary anomalies of the pensions paid to the retired public servants and for their welfare activities.

P.65/'15

58.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training Tourist Guides,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme to train Tourist Guides be formulated in order to make Tourist Guides a group of professionals who can provide an efficient and polite service to tourists and enhance the professionalism of these Tourist Guides.

P.66/'15

59.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amendment of the existing laws on lands,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the fact that a racket of selling lands, having made forged deeds is being carried out at present in Sri Lanka, and the law is executed at a minimum level in this regard, the existing legal system should be amended in order that the security of entitlement to lands is enhanced and severe punishment could be inflicted on the offenders.

P.67/'15

60.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protection of coral reefs in the Sri Lankan territorial waters,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be planned and implemented through a committee of experts, to bring about a change in the statutory framework, and a change in the attitudes of people where human action can be controlled to ensure the protection of corals, owing to the fact that the coral reefs available in the Sri Lankan territorial waters are confronted with the threat of getting destroyed as a result of human activities.

P.68/'15

61.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Employing women for school service vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be formulated making it compulsory to employ women to serve in all the school service vehicles in order to enhance the quality of the school vehicle service and to ensure the safety of the school children who are transported in these vehicles.

P.69/'15

62.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reducing the prices of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in reducing the prices of medicinal drugs, declaring the National Medicinal Drugs Policy in Sri Lanka and initiating the sale in their generic names, with immediate effect.

P.70/'15

63.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Curtailing the rackets carried out via the internet including the sale of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that it is proper to formulate an appropriate programme and implement it in order to restrain the ongoing hefty sale of substandard medicinal drugs, medical equipment, and cosmetic products via internet since these rackets pose a huge threat on the health and the wellbeing of the people in our country.

P.71/'15

64.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Cultivation without use of agrochemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that it is prudent for the government to intervene to take steps to provide for the people with healthy meals devoid of harmful effects, by setting up a Committee consisting of agriculture experts and environmentalists to conduct research in order to introduce an environmental friendly cultivating method and banning highly toxic agrochemicals in Sri Lanka by obtaining their recommendations.

P.72/'15

65.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Freeing school children from addiction to narcotic drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be implemented to free the school children from addiction to narcotic drugs since the tendency for drug addiction is on the increase in Sri Lanka at present.

P.73/'15

66.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointment of a National Productivity Committee,— That this Parliament resolves that the Heads of Institutions who have driven their institutions to high productivity levels be identified during productivity improvement programmes conducted by the government and that a National Productivity Committee be established consisting of the aforesaid Heads of Institutions so that their knowledge and experience can be used and programmes and methodologies implemented in their institutions can be applied to other institutions.

P.74/'15

67.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Developing medical consultancy services on community medicine,— That this Parliament resolves that the government must intervene to formulate plans to develop medical consultancy services in the field of community medicine which is an essential aspect of the healthcare service and take action to resolve the issues after observing issues prevalent in the field.

P.75/'15

68.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Designating as National Heroes those Sri Lankans who were branded by British Colonial rulers as traitors,— That this Parliament resolves that all those Sri Lankans, who had fought death-defiantly against British Colonial rulers in the name of the country and had been branded as traitors from the year 1815 up to the Independence in the year 1948, should be designated National Heroes by a Gazette Extraordinary.

P.76/'15

69.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to prevent food unsuitable for consumption from coming to the market,— That this Parliament resolves that action should be taken to solve the problems faced by the Special Raids Units of the Consumer Affairs Authority, in carrying out raids against persons and institutions that are engaged in producing and selling food unsuitable for consumption, those aiding and abetting in such acts and provide the Authority with the necessary facilities, and to amend the Legal System so that maximum punishment could be meted out to offenders.

P.77/'15

70.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promotion of poison free food products,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to initiate a programme for the local producers, who are engaged in food production and other related products, and to confer awards of honorary title to the entrepreneurs, who produce poison free food, with a view to change their attitudes and create awareness among them about the services that can be provided to the country, by giving high quality, healthy food to the consumers.

P.78/'15

71.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Acquisition of encroached lands that belong to sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that since various types of people and organizations have encroached lands in the areas that have been declared as sanctuaries in Sri Lanka, the Government should intervene immediately to acquire those lands back.

P.79/'15

72.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Implementation of a plan to uplift the indigenous community,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate census should be conducted about the indigenous community of Sri Lanka, and the problems encountered by them in their day to day life should be systematically identified, and a viable plan necessary to create an environment in which they can live with dignity be brought in to action through a panel of experts, inclusive of the leaders of the indigenous community.

P.80/'15

73.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conservation of artefacts in the North and the East damaged by the war,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to appoint a committee consisting of expert archaeologists with the aim of conducting a research and gathering information on the existing artefacts in the North and the East and conserving, protecting and restoring the said artefacts since artefacts in the Northern and Eastern provinces were severely damaged as a result of the 30 year war.

P.81/'15

74.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularising local seeds for cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary plans be formulated and implemented, to improve the research and technology required to identify the local seed varieties that could be cultivated using local organic fertilizer without using agro chemicals and increase their production and distribute them throughout the country speedily, in order to provide the people food free of toxic chemicals.

P.82/'15

75.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing facilities to study foreign languages,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary plans be formulated and implemented to expand the facilities required to study key foreign languages other than English, as language ability is a key factor that decides the comprehensive nature of a person's intellect.

P.83/'15

76.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Limiting the expenditure incurred on all election campaigns,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted enabling the restriction of expenditure incurred on elections, since certain candidates spend excessive amounts of money in all the elections held in Sri Lanka, and as it is unfair for the educated category of people who can genuinely serve the country, but are not economically capable enough to spend money.

P.84/'15

77.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regaining the archaeological artefacts that have been taken away from Sri Lanka during the Colonial Era,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be carried out by the Government to take necessary action in view of regaining the archaeological artefacts back to our country subsequent to conducting a survey on the artefacts with an archaeological value that have been taken away from our country to Portugal, Netherlands and Great Britain during the period in which Sri Lanka had been a Colony.

P.85/'15

78.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Bhikku Court,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate Bhikku Court be established for the Judicial purposes of the Bhikkus in order to safeguard their dignity and protection, with Legal Force granted for the decisions of such court.

P.86/'15

79.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Statutory Bhikku Council,— That this Parliament resolves that a Statutory Bhikku Council comprising of eminent Bhikkus with experience and superior knowledge on governance, law, foreign affairs and social activities and to be elected by the consensus of the Bhikkus be established, with legal authority to provide advice and guidance to people's representative bodies including the Parliament and to propose amendments to legislations.

P.87/'15

80.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute of study on tank culture,— That this Parliament resolves that an Institute of study on tank culture be established with the intervention of the government to conduct researches needed to revitalize, protect and develop the hydro technology and to conduct courses to create people armed with necessary knowledge about the above subject.

P.88/'15

81.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute to study the Mahawansa,— That this Parliament resolves that an institute by the name of “Mahawansa Study Research National Institute” be established with the intervention of the Bhikku and with the patronage of the Government to study the Mahawansa, that reveals the evolution of history of Sri Lanka.

P.89/'15

82.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting an end to Anti-Buddhist Activities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to put an end to anti Buddhist activities and publications and to the emergence of misinterpretations relating to Buddhism through formulating a mechanism which enables a certain work of art to be presented to a Board of Scholars of Sangha with legal authority and expertise on the analysis of dhamma books and publications prior to launching the particular work of art and be amended if not suitable for social integration, through the establishment of such a Board.

P.90/'15

83.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appreciation of patriotic work of art,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to formulate a methodology to annually appreciate work of art with a national and cultural value in a manner that generates patriotism and self-dignity.

P.91/'15

84.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to improve the discipline of school children in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements be made to direct school children in Sri Lanka to engage in a sporting activity of their preference and to participate in a practical training on discipline with the objective of integrating them into society as healthy, disease free and physically fit citizens.

P.92/'15

85.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Buddhist Cultural Information Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that information on Buddhist places of worship that are located in Sri Lanka, other related and consequential aspects as well as information on the Bhikkus etc. be gathered and computerized in a methodical manner and that an institution called “Buddhist Cultural Information Centre” complete with new technological equipment and sufficient human and physical resources be established with state patronage.

P.93/'15

86.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Revising and updating of Dhamma School textbooks,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma Schools be provided with textbooks that have been designed to provide practical training and to support intellectual development, that are aimed at creating a well disciplined society and authored by a board of scholars, in place of the existing textbooks which are examination oriented and knowledge centered.

P.94/'15

87.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointing a Board to regulate International Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a Board with full powers be appointed to regulate the scope of International Schools to suit the Sri Lankan culture, ethics and social sustainability.

P.95/'15

88.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the National Education Commission more dynamic,— That this Parliament resolves that the National Education Commission be made more dynamic in the direction of transforming the entire education system by way of a National Education Policy that will be modeled in a manner in which a winning citizen, who is armed with knowledge on local history, morals, production capability, intelligence, traditional know-how, patriotism, healthiness, skillfulness, and wealth of attitudes, could be formed.

P.96/'15

89.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Improving the specialist field of family medical service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to take action expeditiously, to observe and solve the issues that exist in the specialist family medical service which is an integral part of the health services, and to carry out the planning intending the improvement of aforementioned service.

P. 97/'15

90.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Offering the services of Ayurvedic doctors to foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to draw up and implement a programme, to make available, foreign employment opportunities to graduates who complete the Ayurvedic Medical Degree.

P. 98/'15

91.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amending the Ayurveda Act,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to present forthwith a new Ayurveda Act by amending the existing obsolete Ayurveda Act with a view to addressing professional issues of Ayurveda practitioners and upholding the honour and dignity associated with this profession.

P. 99/'15

92.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a railway protection system,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to create and implement a railway protection system through a committee which comprises of the inventors who created the railway protection system in Sri Lanka, the academics related to that field and the experts in all the fields of the Railway Department.

P. 100/'15

93.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the quality of the passenger transport service,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme should be formulated and implemented in order to reduce the risk that would cause in the long run for the existence of the bus passenger transport service, through action taken to retain the 1% - 2% of the passengers who defy that service annually, by enhancing the quality of that service.

P. 101/'15

94.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly ‘ඛ, ඞ, ට, ජ,’ are controversial.

P. 102/'15

95.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling environmental pollution that occur through the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme be formulated and implemented in order to control the emission of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as those pollutants which let emitted to the environment in the process of the use of pesticides and industries consist of twelve types of polluting agents which are very harmful to human health.

P. 103/'15

96.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Incorporation of the Buddhist Philosophy into Governance,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to plan and implement a programme that will enable all Members of Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Government institutions of the governing party and the opposition to contribute to good governance of the country by raising their awareness of the teaching of Lord Buddha found in Saptha Aparihaniya Dharma, Dasa Raja Dharma, Rajovada Jathaka, Kuru Dharma Jathaka, Ganda Ninduka Jathaka, Thesathura Jathaka, Devadharmas Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 104/'15

97.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Disposal of electronic waste,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated for the disposal of electronic waste and action be taken to protect the environment as heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead, etc. are added to the environment when fluorescent bulbs, telephones, mobile phones, electrical equipment, batteries, computers and parts of computers etc. are disposed to the environment as waste.

P. 105/'15

98.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of good Governance in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a plan be formulated and implemented towards the establishment of good governance in the country since it is evident that improper administration is visible in the country owing to the existence of features of improper administration like arbitrary policy formulation, bureaucracy, passive and unfair laws, abuse of executive powers, less contribution from the citizens towards politics and the spread of corruption in our country.

P. 106/'15

99.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reacquisition of Sri Lankan Ola leaf books which are available in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated and implemented in view of integrating the ancient knowledge included in Ola leaf books by obtaining them back to the country owing to the fact that many precious Ola leaf books belonging to Sri Lanka are available in many countries in the world including Europe and since the present Sri Lankan society is deprived of the knowledge included in the said books.

P. 107/15

100.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Using agriculture for the protection of bio diversity,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that directs farmers to protect the bio diversity of the country through popularizing mixed crop cultivation instead of single crop cultivation, removing chemicals that harm bio diversity from use in agriculture and promoting the use of integrated pest control systems in the country be implemented.

P.108/15

101.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Safeguarding the peoples' right to food,— That this Parliament resolves that, steps be taken to guarantee the basic right of the people to food, by formulating a formal programme, with the intervention of the Government, to ensure that prices of food are controlled and the people of the country receive a healthy meal, as the formulation and implementation of policies by the government is depriving the people of Sri Lanka the basic right to food in accordance with the system of human rights of the United Nations, whereas the responsibility of solving the food problem is fully vested with the Government as per aforesaid conventions.

P. 109/15

102.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Management of inorganic substances,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to manage the inorganic substances for the wellbeing and the safety of the ecosystem of the country by devising a mechanism to collect inorganic substances that are discarded after use, regularizing Environmental Laws with regard to utilization of inorganic materials, minimizing the utilization of inorganic substances and by recycling them.

P. 110/15

103.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and home remedies,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to make the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and the home remedies, by introducing a subject to the school syllabus, that embraces the orderly specifics of indigenous medicine and popular medicine, with the basic aim of creating a healthy nation and establishing the wellbeing of the Local Ayurvedic medicine.

P.111/15

104.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eradication of maternal and child malnutrition,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme which gives its priority to provide people with nutritious food that are necessary for the eradication of maternal and child malnutrition be implemented since the ratio of low-weight childbirths is as high as 25% in Sri Lanka and the main factor for it is the lack of nutritious food.

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105.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Building a healthy country by protecting the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that since it may be difficult even to diagnose the cause of certain diseases which people contract in the future in the face of the increased radiation in food and water due to increased environmental pollution in Sri Lanka, that the health of the people of the country be ensured through appointing a committee of academics to carry out further investigations in this regard, summoning a report from such committee, and implementing its recommendations.

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106.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting agriculture to ensure the security of the country,— That this Parliament resolves that the future of this country should be secured by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and establishing policies to protect farmers in the country with a view to rescuing Sri Lanka from the risks of environmental pollution, unhealthiness and lack of hygienic food which are the problems faced by the world population at present as the agricultural lifestyle has completely changed with the green revolution in the aftermath of the world war two which is the third period of capitalism.

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107.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

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108.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

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109.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting the Knuckles Forest Reserve,— That this Parliament resolves that the independent existence of the Knuckles Forest Reserve be ensured speedily by removing the threats posed to it by humans, because the Knuckles Forest Reserve which is a sensitive ecosystem that could affect the entire ecosystem of Sri Lanka is under serious threat by now as a result of human activities and because the safety of the present generation as well as the future generation will be compromised due to this destruction of the environment

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110.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about king Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about king Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on king Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that king Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

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111.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

P.119/'15

112.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping the use of expired pharmaceuticals,— That this Parliament resolves that an action plan should be formulated with the involvement of all relevant parties of the state sector to take action to remove expired drugs from the market and to stop the importation of such drugs due to the presence of the risk that such expired drugs would enter into the market and come to use in the government hospitals.

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113.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling the spread of AIDS,— That this Parliament resolves that a productive and appropriate project should be expeditiously initiated to identify cases of AIDS, to direct the identified patients for treatment and to prevent the spread of that disease as it has been reported that there are approximately 3000 unidentified cases of AIDS in Sri Lanka at present.

P.121/'15

114.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to women who are subjected to sexual harassments in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of experts and aggravated parties must be appointed in order to formulate and implement a formal methodology to resolve issues that have been created within the Sri Lankan society as a result of pregnancies that occur due to sexual harassments faced by Sri Lankan women who migrate as housemaids.

P.122/'15

115.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws to strengthen the security of forest reserves and sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme must be formulated to create an attitudinal change within the people, and that existing legal provisions must be amended to regularize them and make them more stringent, in order to prevent the destruction of forest reserves and sanctuaries since it has continued to increase in recent times and it is posing a grave threat to the ecological balance of Sri Lanka.

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116.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Studying the impact of the activities of various religious groups on the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of recognized religious leaders and scholars be appointed to carry out an examination into the activities of various groups, that have been integrated into society pretending to have organized for religious or other purposes and are integrating their own definitions and clarifications into society in the guise of sub divisions of mainstream religions while criticizing the ideologies of those religions and spreading new ideologies for mobilizing persons who support those ideologies, and to provide an assessment of their ideologies, activities and the impact exerted on society by such groups and implement the recommendations of that committee.

P.124/'15

117.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing high quality clay pots,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to plan and implement a national level programme to carry out research on producing clay pots which quickly absorb heat so that gas and electricity are not wasted on cooking and to introduce such clay pots to the market and to educate the public on the possibility of cooking hygienic food using clay pots.

P.125/'15

118.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exerting the influence of Buddhism on Parapsychology,— That this Parliament resolves that, as certain insights into the human mind defined by Lord Buddha are too deep to be captured by modern science, interventions be made by the government by appointing a committee consisting of local and foreign scholars to carry out research and to propose definitions and solutions to the issues that the field of parapsychology is currently facing and to popularize Buddhism locally and internationally, to enhance Sri Lanka's reputation and to bring about a revival in the sphere of Parapsychology through such measures.

P.126/'15

119.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularizing Archaeology among scholars,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to formulate a well-planned, long-term national programme to basically include the subject of Archaeology in the school curriculum and to further expand the scope of the subject of Archaeology at universities, while making arrangements to upgrade the required facilities with the objectives of obtaining a productive service from the scholars who are thus produced through the expansion of the subject of Archaeology throughout the country.

P.127/'15

120.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a special standards institute to carry out studies on poisonous substances mixed with food items,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the non-availability of a special standards institute to carry out studies on the poisonous substances mixed with food items in Sri Lanka, such an institute be established as poisonous substances are added to food items as a result of extensive use of chemicals in agriculture.

P.128/'15

121.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rehabilitating children who are being used for begging by beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be planned and implemented in order to prohibit beggars from engaging in begging together with children, to rehabilitate the children who are being used for begging by beggars and to integrate them into society as good citizens.

P.129/15

122.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a systematic programme for the continuation of the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should commence a due dialogue under the guidance of all parties including the Mahanayaka theras of the three Nikayas in order to provide due recognition to the Indian Bhikkuni Sasana commenced by Maha Prejapathigothami theri, which was re-established by the Rangiri Dambulu Chapter of the Shyamopali Maha Nikaya recently, due to the fact that the aforesaid Bhikkuni Sasana became defunct later though it was duly established in Sri Lanka with the arrival of Sangamiththa theri to Sri Lanka and a programme should be formulated at the end of the aforesaid dialogue in order to continue the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka, through a systematic methodology.

P.130/'15

123.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formalising the Bhikku society of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to devise a system to create uniformity within the Bhikku society, as the Bhikkus in Sri Lanka are structurally disorganized as they belong to various sects, and that the lack of unity among them reflects harmfully on Sri Lanka at national and international rituals.

P.131/'15

124.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation a profitable venture,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to create the environment to appoint a panel of experts to formulate plans to develop the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a pro-people and profitable venture and make it an efficient public institution by solving the problems of fraud, corruption and administrative issues based on the recommendations of the above panel.

P.132/'15

125.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners to cultivate cannabis to the extent needed for medicines,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary legislation shall be amended in order to grant permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners registered with the Government who use cannabis as an essential ingredient in producing Ayurvedic medicines, to cultivate cannabis within certain restrictions since the quality of indigenous medicines produced using chemically contaminated cannabis smuggled into the country through unlawful means from India adversely affect the quality of the indigenous medicines.

P. 133/'15

126.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that a market free from undue influences shall be created with the intervention of the state sector trade institutions with the prime objective of ensuring a reasonable price for the farmer since the plans implemented hitherto for providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers have failed owing to the organized trade monopolies built through activities such as extortion and the price determination in the wholesale marketing of vegetables.

P.134/'15

127.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Raising the awareness of society about the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to plan and implement a national level programme to explain to the parents, teachers, sports coaches and school van drivers, the value of children in simple terms, through sociological and psychological methods and conduct a dialogue on how the child should be protected from social challenges for the future benefit of the country and the society.

P.135/'15

128.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing oppression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to alleviate the oppressive environment and provide relief for the benefit of Sri Lankan women, as various forms of oppression of women within the current global society such as subjection to labour and sexual exploitation, evolution of the private property system in a male focused manner, discrimination and obstruction of labour mobility as a result of being trapped within the family are common to Sri Lanka women as well.

P.136/'15

129.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting the Department of Archaeology,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the Government to take necessary steps to provide the required resources after looking into the needs of the Department of Archaeology through a panel of experts, since the Department of Archaeology is unable to preserve the artifacts located in Sri Lanka due to the scarcity of human and physical resources.

P.137/'15

130.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Facilitating the passengers traveling in long distance buses to get healthy food,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be planned and implemented by the Government to enable the conduct of constant follow-ups in order to uplift the standards of the restaurants, since the standard of the restaurants where the long distance buses stop for refreshments is at a very low level and since it is harmful to public health.

P.138/'15

131.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting the state-owned Plantation Companies into profit earning entities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to increase profit of the said companies having formulated recommendations which are required to increase profit of the said entities by appointing a committee of experts and through implementing said recommendations, since the state owned plantation companies have become loss incurring entities.

P.139/'15

132.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping illegal activities taking place in forest reserves,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to establish a forest protection police unit which is specially empowered to carry out raids on human activities such as illegal cultivations, various construction activities, clearing of forest areas and altering the boundaries of reserves which occur in forest reserves of Sri Lanka causing the destruction of forests.

P.140/'15

133.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conserving coral reefs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to formulate and implement new regulations required for protecting coral reefs in the coastal waters surrounding Sri Lanka and for creating eco systems conducive for the formation of new coral reefs since coral reefs are facing the threat of destruction as a result of the increase of ocean temperature and human activities.

P.142/'15

134.

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Completing the constructions of the Oluvil, Palamunai Harbour,— That this Parliament resolves that the breakwater of the Oluvil, Palamunai Harbour be completed and that this fisheries harbour cater to the people in the area, and since an extent of 400m of settlement lands have been subjected to sea erosion and the drainage system in the area remains clogged and as a result of this situation more than 10 villages have become subject to dangerous diseases such as dengue and since the lighthouse and the harbour guest house are in a perilous state due to sea erosion.

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135.

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Reserving suitable grazing land for cattle,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable grazing land in the Trincomalee district be declared, reserved, and published in the Gazette, since there are roughly 250,000 animals there that need grazing land and the Government policy of increasing the milk production is hindered by the non availability of dedicated grazing land in the district.

P.144/'15

136.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Making religious school education compulsory,— That this Parliament resolves that attending Sunday morning Dhamma School, Ahadiya (Religious) School must be made compulsory to pupils as a long term remedy to curb abuse and juvenile offenses which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self discipline.

P.145/'15

137.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishing an institution to look into the harassments that are inflicted to the public by the Government institutions,— That this parliament resolves that a Government institution with legal authority, be set up in order to look in to the harassments and the injustices that are caused to the public who visit Government institutions to get various services done and to examine aforesaid injustices.

P.147/'15

138.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

P.149/'15

139.

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Introducing a proper standard for early childhood development centers,— That this parliament resolves that a national programme be implemented to improve the standards of the early childhood development centers, with the intention of providing an invaluable service to the future generation, since the majority of early childhood development centers in Sri Lanka are not in a proper standard due to the absence of qualified matrons, unfavorable location and children are taught inappropriate subject matter, and since the intervention of provincial councils to develop the centers is not favorable.

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140.

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Developing a proper methodology to provide employments to graduates,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be developed for serving justice to graduates in Sri Lanka in giving them employments in place of the system that has been in existence so far of taking into consideration the political parties they supported and that action be taken to adopt it as a policy in order to ensure that graduates are not belittled before politicians.

P.151/15

141.

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Improving the living standards of the Tamil people living in estate areas,— As facilities like electricity, water supply and other infrastructure facilities available in the living environments of the Tamil people in the estate areas are at a minimum level, and as this situation has affected the education of the children and the private life of the people in those areas, that this Parliament resolves that a programme be commenced expeditiously to build new housing schemes consisting of separate houses for those people putting an end to the existing culture of line houses.

P.153/15

142.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Providing speedy relief to those who have been deprived of Divineguma benefits on political grounds,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to provide “Divineguma” benefits to all poor people who deserve them, irrespective of differences, as a sizably large number of people, who deserve the ‘Divineguma’ allowances being paid under the Divineguma programme operational throughout the Island, have been deprived of those allowances on political grounds.

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143.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Establishing a Multi-Storey Housing Scheme in the Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that a programme to provide houses to the houseless middle class people in the Kandy District should be implemented by initiating a multi-storey housing scheme on uncultivated land belonging to plantation institutions of the government in the Kandy District, as a solution to the shortage of land and houses throughout the Kandy District.

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144.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Granting pension to members of the three armed forces who have been engaged in operational duties for 12 years,— That this Parliament resolves that since a retirement scheme is in operation for service personnel of the three armed forces after the completion of 22 years in service, and since those who have been engaged continuously for a period of 12 years in operational duties in the North and East and left the service are in a state of despair at present, that a scheme shall be formulated forthwith to grant them a semi pension in order to grant relief to such members of the three armed forces and police.

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145.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Minimizing traffic congestion in the Kandy town,— That this Parliament resolves that an immediate solution shall be offered to minimize the traffic congestion in Kandy, since Kandy which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka is a tourist centre of local and foreign visitors and since the large number of people visiting Kandy daily are immensely inconvenienced by the heavy traffic congestion on the roads in and around Kandy.

P.157/'15

146.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Starting a Muslim Boys' School within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made to establish a Muslim Boys' School in the city of Kandy as a large number of Muslims live in the Kandy district and also because that a Muslim Boys' School be established has been a long standing request of the Muslims.

P.158/'15

147.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Construction of new buildings for the grade one pupils of the popular schools situated within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that new buildings be speedily constructed to hold the grade one classes of the prominent schools within the city of Kandy, as admission of children to those schools have become very difficult despite the large number of applications for admission to grade one, due to the limited space available in those schools.

P.159/'15

148.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Systematic expansion of the Free Industrial Parks of Pallekale, Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that since a large number of youth are affected by unemployment in the Kandy District and it is necessary to arrange employment opportunities for them without delay, the two Free Industrial Parks located in Pallekale, Kandy should be streamlined expeditiously in order to make opportunities for more people to get employment.

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149.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Re-establishing the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made expeditiously to re-establish the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission in a streamlined manner in order to remedy the injustices caused to Up-country people as the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission which was established for the purpose of granting relief to residents of Up-country areas who were rendered destitute during the imperial regime reached an inactive state in the period of the last Government.

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150.

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— Providing appointments in the field of education to the sportsmen and sportswomen who have achieved victories at all island level,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to provide appointments after providing training, as sports teachers and sports officers in the Ministry of Education to the sportspersons who have achieved first, second and third places and the sportsmen and sportswomen who have achieved championship or have become runners up in team competitions at all island level in sports meets such as All Island School Sports Meet / Youth Council Sports Meet / National Sports Meet.

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151.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Filling the vacancies of the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service prevailing in the Northern Province Department of Education, based on the seniority and merit and placing the selectees in Grade III exempting them from the competitive exam,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper analysis should be made in regard to the filling of vacancies in the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service in the Northern Province Department of Education, and the officers in Sri Lanka Principals Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service who are engaged in the relevant duties should be appointed to the aforesaid positions based on their seniority and merit, and they should be placed in Grade III of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service exempting them from the requirement of sitting for the competitive exam.

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152.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Appointment of the acting principals serving in the schools under the Provincial Council of the Northern Province to Grade III of Principals' Service after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals,— That this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid officers be appointed to Grade III of the Principals' service of Sri Lanka after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals taking the seniority and competency of the acting principals belonging to the Teachers service of Sri Lanka who have been thus serving for a long time in the schools coming under the Northern Provincial Council into consideration.

P.167/15

153.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— Introducing a Haj Pilgrimage Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a "Haj Pilgrimage Act" in order to resolve issues faced by pilgrims who go on annual Haj pilgrimages from Sri Lanka and to establish an institutional structure and formulate legal provisions for the same

P.168/16

154.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—Advancement of national reconciliation among nationalities,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium section should be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

P.169/16

155.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Introducing a New Sports Act,— That this Parliament resolves that a new Sports Act should be introduced for the uplift and development of sports in Sri Lanka by introducing a new methodology instead of the system of electing officers to the Boards of Control for Sports by the vote of district sports societies and thereby make the conduct of the aforesaid officers be responsible to the public or Parliament.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

114/15

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the permanent and contractual staff attached to the Ranaviru Seva Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the said Authority to provide uniforms to the permanent and contractual staff in 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the uniform of a single person when the permanent and contractual staff are categorized as men and women?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) the uniform material selected was low in quality;
 - (ii) the officers have rejected the uniforms because of that reason; and
 - (iii) the chairperson of the Authority has acted arbitrarily?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to solve the uniform issue of the Ranaviru Seva Authority; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

238/15

2.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that after the preceding Presidential Election, a former minister who obtained a defender vehicle, from Janatha Estate Development Board bearing the registered number GB-2865, for three months' short term use, had used it for 06 years illegally with another former minister and had dumped only the chassis, in the State Entrepreneurship Development Ministry premises which brought on a recovery vehicle, without informing anyone, removing 4 wheels and many other parts?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the Minister in whose name the defender, bearing the registered number GB-2865 had been officially released by the Ministry of Plantation Industries;
 - (ii) of the period of illegal use;
 - (iii) of the measures that had been taken in the institutional level;
 - (iv) of the loss incurred due to the removal of the parts of aforesaid vehicle;
 - (v) of the measures that had been taken by the Janatha Estate Development Board to recover the loss;

(56)

(vi) of the current progress of the investigations of Criminal Investigation Department, on the criminal misuse of public property; and

(vii) of the measures taken in this regard, in the capacity of the Subject Minister?

(c) If not, why?

357/15

3.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the Sri Lankans who have applied for citizenship in foreign countries as refugees are accepted as Sri Lankans;

(ii) if so, whether a circular is available to the effect that the services of embassies should be provided to such persons;

(iii) whether it is expected to repeal the aforesaid circular; and

(iv) if so, the date on which it is expected to repeal the aforesaid circular ?

(b) If not, why ?

423/16

4.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, the number of homicides, rapes and accidents reported in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and

(ii) separately, the number of deaths caused by accidents in the above years?

(b) If not, why?

438/16

5.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether sufficient financial allocations have been issued to Divisional Secretariats for Senior Citizen Allowances for the year 2016;

(ii) what amount was issued for the year 2015; and

(iii) what amount is to be issued for the year 2016?

(57)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the allowance concerned will be provided to all the senior citizens who have applied for it;
 - (ii) if not, whether any restrictions have been placed;
 - (iii) if so, why; and
 - (iv) if no restriction has been made, whether he will take action to make sufficient allocations and grant this allowance for all the senior citizens who have applied for it?
- (c) If not, why?

439/16

6.

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of appointments given under the National Housing Development Authority in the year 2015;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the appointees separately;
 - (iii) the manner in which the appointments have been distributed among the Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the recruitment procedure followed in giving these appointments; and
 - (v) the educational qualifications considered as criteria in recruiting for each post separately?
- (b) If not, why?

442/16

7.

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the persons who functioned as the members of the Board of Directors of Lanka Hospitals in the year 2014;
 - (ii) the number of meetings conducted by the Board of Directors of Lanka Hospitals from 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2014; and
 - (iii) the allowances paid to each member of the said Board of Directors for attending the meetings of the Board of Directors separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the persons who function as the members of the Board of Directors of the Lanka Hospital from 08.01.2015 to date; and
 - (ii) the number of meetings conducted by the Board of Directors of Lanka Hospitals, the names of the persons who attended these meetings and the allowances paid to each member for attending the meetings separately?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of bank accounts maintained by the Sri Lankans in overseas banks;
 - (ii) the value of each account in respect of each country separately;
 - (iii) whether the holders of those bank accounts have deposited money violating the laws in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether legal action will be taken with regard to those accounts;
 - (v) if so, the way in which it will be done;
 - (vi) whether the government has made any requests at diplomatic level to get information on all those accounts from the relevant governments; and
 - (vii) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House that—
- (i) whether the Minister of Finance stated in his response to my question raised in this House on 03.03.2015 about the bank accounts in the HSBC in Switzerland, that action would be taken to amend the laws relating to the financial intelligence and necessary action would be taken in this regard in the next cabinet meeting; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken and the progress achieved after the amendments were made?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) whether he is aware that the tax revenue loss incurred through 407 vehicles imported to Sri Lanka as a result of the action to underestimate the value of the vehicle model TRJ 150W by 8836 dollars from 36,800 USD on 15th August 2014 to 27944 USD (3,375,000 Japanese Yen) on 23rd March 2015, is approximately 3000 million rupees?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) as to who should be held responsible regarding this tax revenue loss;
 - (ii) of the measures that are taken pertaining to any loss that has incurred in the state revenue, if any; and
 - (iii) of the number of motor vehicles imported to the country under the duty free permit as a result of the underestimation of prices from the previous valuation?
- (c) If not, why?

457/16

10.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a report was called from the Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs by the letter number MOJ/L2/2/3/12 dated 30.05.2014 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice with pertinence to the appeal made for the transfer of the person by the name of M.M.M. Bistham who is imprisoned in Maldives to a Prison in Sri Lanka (Case File No.175/2009-Court No.194 JC-2009), as per the Exchange Treaty signed between the governments of Sri Lanka and Maldives?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps taken in relation to the transferring process of the aforesaid prisoner to a Prison in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) what its current progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

470/16

11.

Hon. Gamini Lokuge,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of male and female students studying at schools in Sri Lanka separately on district basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the district-wise number of male pupils and female pupils who obtained vouchers for uniform material in 2016; and
 - (ii) separately of the district-wise number of male pupils and female pupils who did not obtain vouchers for uniform material in 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

125/15

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Wharf Clerk Institutions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those Institutions; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees working in each of the said Institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the fees to be paid by Wharf Clerk Institutions to the government in renewing their registration;
 - (ii) value of each of the categories of fees;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each institution, the value of security bond paid by Institutions indicated in (a) (ii) above in renewing registration for the year 2014;
 - (iv) whether this security bond is a bank guarantee or a cash guarantee; and
 - (v) if it was a cash security the bank to which the deposit was made, the name of the institutions holding the account and whether it was a current, savings or fixed deposit account?

- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to Wharf Clerk Institutions as a result of the revision of the security bond fees;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to amend the said security bond fees; and
 - (iii) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the percentage of growth of the All Share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Net Foreign Purchases in the years 2014 and 2015, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the investors have lost confidence in the economy of Sri Lanka and the economic policy of the government as the All Share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange has moved downwards within last year;
 - (ii) the foreign investors have lost confidence in the economy of Sri Lanka and the economic policy of the government as Net Foreign Purchases of the Colombo Stock Exchange within last year indicated a minus value?
- (c) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to the years 2014 and 2015—
 - (i) of the number of occasions, in which Wakf Board was summoned;
 - (ii) of the number of cases/applications heard by the Wakf Board; and
 - (iii) of the number of cases/applications for which the solutions were provided by the Wakf Board?
 - (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the Numbers and dates pertaining to aforesaid cases/applications of (a) (ii) and (iii); and
 - (ii) of the number of cases to be heard before the Wakf Board by now?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 18, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/15

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware, that the services performed by Sri Lanka Navy such as providing security to domestic and foreign ships and surveillance activities in Ocean, Prevention of Piracy, have been entrusted to Avant-garde with effect from 18th September 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House the agreement and its main conditions among Sri Lanka Navy, Avant-garde company and Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd., institutions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the service relationship between Avant-garde company and Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) whether the weapons and personnel of Sri Lanka Navy are provided for the security of the Avant-garde company; and
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which it is done?
- (d) Will he also state separately—
 - (i) the income received by Avant-garde company; and
 - (ii) the amount of tax paid to the government; during the period from the year 2012 up to 2015?
- (e) Will he also inform this House, whether action will be taken to revamp the decision taken by the then Secretary of Defence to remove from Sri Lanka Navy the Marine Security Service which earns a huge profit, and to misappropriate public property?
- (f) If not, why?

102/15

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the volume of water expected to be channeled to the District of Hambantota as planned by the project of carrying water of Nilwala Ganga and Gin Ganga to the Maha Hambantota Development Zone;
 - (ii) whether the plan of the aforesaid project will be presented;
 - (iii) whether an environment report has been prepared on the environmental impact of this project to the environment of the Districts of Galle and Matara;
 - (iv) if so, whether the aforesaid report will be presented; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken to control the risk of sea water being mixed with the water of Nilwala Gnaga owing to this project?

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- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the estimated expenditure of the Maha Hambantota Water Project;
 - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid money will be obtained;
 - (iii) whether tenders have been called for the construction work of this project;
 - (iv) if so, the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the companies by which the tenders have been submitted and the countries to which they belong in case of foreign companies;
 - (v) the values of the tenders that have been submitted; and
 - (vi) the company to which the tender has been awarded and the reasons for the same?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of persons who will lose their property including houses owing to the Maha Hambantota Water Project; and
 - (ii) of the reliefs that will be provided to them?
- (d) If not, why?

360/15

3.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders were called to provide shoes to schoolchildren in 2015;
 - (ii) the companies which applied for this;
 - (iii) whether these companies have satisfied basic qualifications;
 - (iv) separately, the prices quoted by companies;
 - (v) whether the tender which was awarded to several companies in previous years has only been awarded to DSI company this year;
 - (vi) whether the highest tender was submitted by DSI Company; and
 - (vii) whether the approval for the DSI tender has been obtained citing it as the lowest price?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether this tender had been awarded to several companies in previous years;
 - (ii) if so, why;
 - (iii) whether the four hundred thousand pairs of shoes procured from DSI company last year were provided by that company itself;
 - (iv) if not, whether 50,000 pairs of shoes had been provided by another company;
 - (v) under such circumstances as to why the tender was awarded to a single company;
 - (vi) whether an assurance can be given that no financial fraud or loss to the government had occurred through the awarding of the tender to DSI company; and
 - (vii) if it is revealed that a fraud had taken place, whether action will be taken against the culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

390/15

4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a housing project was initiated with the help of Arabic Development Fund, on behalf of the people of Ampara District who had been affected by Tsunami devastation in Norochholei village of Akkareipaththu;
 - (ii) during the final phase of the constructions of aforesaid housing project, the distribution of houses was stalled, ahead of the distribution of aforesaid houses among the beneficiaries, going by the Supreme Court Order No. 178/2008;
 - (iii) although five years have been lapsed since the aforesaid court order issued on 02.12.2009, as houses have not been distributed accordingly, aforesaid entire asset has fallen down to a dilapidated condition and inappropriate for human use?
- (b) Will he inform the House whether early measures will be taken to abide by the ruling of aforesaid (a) (iii)?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the Actual Gross National Production or the Estimated Gross National Production of year 2015;
 - (ii) of the projected Gross National Production for the year 2016;
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the budget for Education and Health from the year 2013 to 2016, as a percentage to the Gross National Production, going by the traditional method of budget estimation; and
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the budget for Education and Health from the year 2013 to 2016, as a percentage to the Gross National Production, based on the modern method of budget estimation introduced by the 2016 Budget?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether National Machineries Institute has been removed from State Engineering Corporation and placed under the purview of National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) if so, whether he is aware of the fact that the employees will be deprived of the allowances like attendance allowance of Rs. 4,000/=, the year end bonus and the death grant of Rs. 40,000 /=- which were paid until now;
 - (iii) whether it is agreed to provide those allowances by the new institution or to reimburse, otherwise;
 - (iv) if not so, whether it is accepted that a grave injustice is caused to the employees;
 - (v) of the measures taken to avoid aforesaid injustice?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there is any plan underway to re-establish the aforesaid Institute, having 50 depots, instead of having a single entity, once it is removed from the state Engineering Corporation;
 - (ii) if so, whether it is accepted that a huge cost will be required, in order to operate those 50 depots, bearing the costs for electricity, water, telephone and other expenses, afresh;
 - (iii) whether alternative measures will be taken, instead of bearing aforesaid costs?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a housing programme that costs Rs.250,000/= was implemented under the Housing Development Programme of the National Housing Development Authority?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the locations of the land in which the aforesaid programme is being implemented;
 - (ii) whether the relevant plots of lands have been identified by the district land use committee when those lands were distributed;
 - (iii) separately, the number of beneficiaries selected based on each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those beneficiaries and the methodology adopted to select them;
 - (v) the names of the public officers who participated to select the beneficiaries; and
 - (vi) whether the qualifications of the beneficiaries who were selected to own a land are at a satisfactory level?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the electricity charges have been increased from January 2015 without any prior notice; and
 - (ii) the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been received for it?
- (b) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the electricity bill (Account No. 3195478318) of Mr. C. Hettiarachchi residing at Welmilla Junction, Alothiyawa was Rs. 892/40 for 94 units in January 2015 and the electricity bill was Rs. 1,308/55 for 90 units in February 2015, thus registering an increase of Rs. 416/15 within one month; and
 - (ii) similarly, the electricity bill of Mr. M.B.S.P. Fernando residing at Horambawa, Kuliypitiya was Rs. 283/15 for 62 units in December 2014 and it has increased to Rs. 571/= for 61 units in January 2015?
- (c) Will he also inform this House as to how this increase in electricity bills has taken place?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 7000 pine trees are being felled and removed in Samanalagama in Nawalapitiya range under the Department of Forest Conservation in Kandy district;
 - (ii) arrangements have been made to fell and remove through private traders the pine trees in 200 acres in Mapakanda, Nawalpitiya and in 50 acres in Malgolla, Dolosbage; and
 - (iii) eventhough permission had been obtained to remove only 2500 trees in Paragala section of Dolosbage, nearly 12000 trees have been felled and removed by now without authorization?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the procedures followed in granting approval for the removal of all the trees mentioned above and the names of the officers involved;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a huge amount of money due to the government has been lost as a result; and
 - (iii) of the legal action that would be taken against the officers involved in those fraudulent actions?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Senor Superintendent of Police Mevan Silva and Inspector of Police Gunathilaka of the Special Investigation Unit of the Department of Police made a tour in Australia in December 2015 in order to obtain a statement from the person named Brian Shadik, who made a complaint to the effect that a fraud had occurred in a company in which he holds a director post;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that tour;
 - (iii) whether it is public money that was spent for that tour;
 - (iv) the instances in which the officers of the Special Investigation Unit have toured overseas earlier to obtain a statement from the complainant of a personal dispute, if there are any?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the Inspector General of Police transferred the investigations into the aforesaid complaint mentioned in (a) (i) above to the Special Investigation Unit from the Crimes Division upon a request made by the complainant;
 - (ii) the reasons which caused the transfer of the aforesaid complaint in that manner;
 - (iii) the previous instances in which investigations into a complaint were transferred to the Special Investigation Unit from the Crimes Division upon a request made by the complainant?
- (c) If not, why ?

503/16

11.

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the examination to promote officers of the Government Translators' Service to the Special Grade of the Translators' Service has not been conducted after 1999;
 - (ii) owing to that, all positions of the said special grade have fallen vacant at present; and
 - (iii) these officers have been subjected to severe injustice for over 16 years as they have been deprived of the only promotion opportunity available to them?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the special grade of that service was down graded with effect from 01.01.2006 by the Public Administration Circular of 06/2006;
 - (ii) accordingly this grade which was at the level of island-wide Service was placed even below the supra grade of the Management Assistants' Service from 2006; and
 - (iii) this situation has resulted in officers vacating the service thereby creating a severe dearth of officers?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the relief to be granted to those officers who lost promotion opportunities;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant this special grade of the service, the status that prevailed prior to 2006 through the new draft service minute;
 - (iii) if so, whether those provisions will be implemented forthwith?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Canada and America from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Canada and America from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reasons for those people become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which a cabinet paper was submitted to purchase school uniform materials for the year 2016;
 - (ii) as per the said cabinet paper, the volume of uniform materials to be purchased;
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be allocated for this purpose;
 - (iv) the date on which the said cabinet paper was approved;
 - (v) whether public tenders were called accordingly;
 - (vi) if so, the names of suppliers who submitted tenders and the prices quoted by them separately;
 - (vii) the suppliers from whom the Ministry of Education purchased uniform materials for the year 2016 ; and
 - (viii) the volume of materials purchased and the amount paid?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House-
- (i) the date on which it was decided to grant a voucher for school uniforms instead of purchasing uniform materials; and
 - (ii) whether the report of the survey which is alleged to have revealed that 25% of school uniform materials are misused according to the Minister of Education will be tabled?
- (d) If not, why?

399/15

14.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether you are aware of the fact that Polipto Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that presently, comes under the purview of your ministry, which was founded in 2009, going by a concept of Hon. Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka, was successful in producing petrol, by using polythene in the year 2010;
 - (ii) as to why the petrol produced with polythene, couldn't be made available in the market, although six years were lapsed since the aforesaid production; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that the petrol produced with polythene is expected to be made available in the market?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, May 19, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

104/15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Australia and Japan from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Australia and Japan from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for these people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

420/16

2.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of students that had been specified to be enrolled for each course of study at state Universities in Sri Lanka in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 separately according to the hand book issued by the University Grants Commission pertaining to the University admission;
 - (ii) the actual number of students that were enrolled for such courses of study in the years concerned;
 - (iii) if number of students lower than the number specified for each course have been enrolled, the reason for it; and
 - (iv) if number of students higher than the number specified for each course have been enrolled, the reason for it?
- (b) If not, why?

427/16

3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names, designations, professional qualifications and the Educational qualifications of the police officers who served in Financial Crimes Investigations Division as at 31st December 2015;
 - (ii) of the number of Chartered Accountants, Management Accountants and the members of the Association of Accounting Technicians who worked for aforesaid Division as at 31st December 2015;
 - (iii) whether he accepts the fact that there should be officers with professional knowledge in Auditing and Accounting, in order to conduct investigations on financial crimes, properly;

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- (iv) of the reasons led not to recruit officers with the qualifications mentioned in aforesaid (iii) so far; and
- (v) whether there is any mechanism in place so as to recruit officers with aforesaid qualifications in future?

(b) If not, why?

476/16

4.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) officials holding various positions and employees serving in certain depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been subjected to various injustices, harassment and oppression ever since the Yahapalana Government came to power;
- (ii) some employees have been removed from the posts held by them; and
- (iii) such employees have been assigned to other services not relevant to them?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he acknowledges that this process is against the policies of the present Yahapalana Government; and
- (ii) if so, as to what measures will be taken to mete out justice to such employees subjected to injustices, harassment and oppression?

(c) If not, why?

493/16

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of overage vehicles imported under the permits issued by the Department of Imports and Exports and registered by the Department of Motor Traffic in the year 2015; and
- (ii) the names of the persons who registered those vehicles along with their addresses and the registered numbers separately?

(b) If not, why?

6. Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an order has been issued to the Criminal Investigations Department on 21.07.2007 to start an investigation on the matters raised by the ruling given in relation to the petition filed at the Supreme Court under No. SEFR 209/2007 regarding the irregular sale of the assets of Lanka Marine Services Ltd. (LMSL); and
- (ii) the advice in that regard has not been received up to now, even though the investigations were carried out and the relevant extracts were referred to the Department of the Attorney General for legal advice on 08.12.2008?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether action will be taken to obtain such advices; and
- (ii) whether such information would be intimated to this House?

(c) If not, why?

510/16

7. Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately in relation to each of the years from 2005 to 2015—

- (i) the value of foreign reserves Sri Lanka possessed; and
- (ii) the nature of the composition of those reserves (i.e., foreign borrowings, issuing of foreign treasury securities and other) in each of the aforesaid years?

(b) If not, why?

512/16

8. Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he accept that the Crude Oil prices have come down to the lowest in the world market in these days?

(b) Will he admit that with the present lowest price of the Crude Oil, the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation can supply a Diesel litre at Rs. 31/= and a Petrol litre at Rs. 52/= to the consumers with a reasonable profit margin?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the government going to decide to reduce the prices of Diesel and Petrol in compliance with the promise given during the recent election period; and
 - (ii) the anticipated reduction of the prices in terms of this ever lowest prices of Crude Oil?
- (d) If not, why?

142/15

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
 - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons relevant for each institution, separately
 - (iv) Whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

421/16

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of judicial proceedings in connection with the Sri Lanka Cricket during the period of three years 2013, 2014 and 2015;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the law firms to which each case was handed over; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money that has been paid to each of the aforesaid law firms for each case?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the average price of a barrel of crude oil purchased on or around 01 December 2015;
 - (ii) the various products made from a barrel of crude oil and their production cost, separately; and
 - (iii) the selling price of a barrel of crude oil purchased on or around 01 December 2015, taking into consideration the selling price of various products made from a barrel of crude oil?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the average price of a litre of petrol at the market where Sri Lanka purchases petrol, on or around 01 January 2015;
 - (ii) the cost that has to be borne per litre of petrol up to the issuing of same to filling stations, separately;
 - (iii) the first date on which a litre of petrol purchased on 01 December 2015 is issued to the market; and
 - (iv) the retail price of a litre of petrol mentioned in (ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Mawanella office of the Water Supply and Drainage Board in the Kegalle District does not extend consumer water service connections and pipeline services at present;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for same;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the people of the Mawanella area hoping to have water connections are inconvenienced due to this reason; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will state the timeframe for the provision of water connections to the people thus inconvenienced?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, May 20, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

156/’15

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the extent of forest lands that comes under the Department of Wildlife Conservation;
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid forests; and
 - (iii) separately, the extent of each forest, in acres?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether boundaries of aforesaid forests have been demarcated;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which aforesaid demarcation was done;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to demarcate aforesaid forests; and
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether there are houses , hotels or other constructions, connected with tourism, within the forests that were mentioned in aforesaid (a) ii;
 - (ii) if so, whether a study has been conducted, on the environmental impact caused by aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

429/’16

2.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the fact that Colombo District is the district with comparatively largest population;
 - (ii) 04 schools from the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat division and 03 schools from the Kesbewa Divisional Secretariat have been selected under the “Nearest School is the Best School” Programme launched in December 2015; and
 - (iii) it is only the Kumara Maha Vidyalaya of Colombo North and the Hemamalie Vidyalaya of Colombo Central have been earmarked under this programme from the Colombo Divisional Secretariat?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) it is not enough to select only two schools from Colombo Central and Colombo North Electorates ;
 - (ii) since the fact that nearly 70% of population in the Colombo Divisional Secretariat divisions speak Tamil language, it is unreasonable that no Tamil medium school has been selected;
 - (iii) if it is not so, the reasons for that selection; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to correct the above mentioned facts in (i) and (ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

432/16

3.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of official and private foreign tours including trainings and seminars in which each officer of the Financial Crimes Investigation, Division participated in the year 2015, separately;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to which each officer made the official tours mentioned in (i) above along with the number of days that they stayed in the aforesaid countries, separately ;
 - (iii) the Embassies / High Commissions and Non-Governmental Organizations which provided trainings , technical knowledge and awareness to the officers of the Financial Crimes Investigation Division in the year 2015; and
 - (iv) the institutions which will sponsor the foreign and local trainings and seminars which have been arranged to be provided to the aforesaid officers in the year 2016 ?
- (b) If not, why ?

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4.

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) whether a Housing Loan Scheme of Rs. 50,000/= and Rs. 100,000/= is implemented by the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) the number of recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division who have received that housing loan in 2015;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of those recipients;
 - (iv) criteria considered in the disbursement the loan; and
 - (v) whether he is aware of the fact that the recommendation of a branch union of a political party is requested to consider for the loan?
- (b) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the schools in the island in which more than 3000 students learn ;
 - (ii) the number of students in the aforesaid schools , who have passed the grade five scholarship examination in each year during the period from 2011 up to 2015, separately;
 - (iii) the cut off marks of the grade five scholarship examination in the aforesaid schools in each year of the aforesaid five years, separately; and
 - (iv) the number of students enrolled in each year based on the aforesaid cut off marks, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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6.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform of whether the monthly allowance of Rs: 2000/= granted to the senior citizens over 70 years of age by the National Secretariat for Elders and National Council for Elders under the national re-awakening programme of the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for future, was carried out continuously throughout 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the year 2015 of —
- (i) the number of senior citizens who were granted that allowance; and
 - (ii) the amount spent for granting that allowance in each District, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he accepts the fact that the above mentioned allowance has been reduced to Rs. 1900/= since the beginning of 2016?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the year 2015—
- (i) of the total quantity of sugar that was consumed by the Sri Lankans in year 2015 in metric tons;
 - (ii) of the quantity of sugar that was imported out of the total quantity consumed;
 - (iii) of the value of the quantity of sugar that was imported; and
 - (iv) of the quantity of sugar that was manufactured at local sugar factories?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the quantity of sugar manufactured at local factories in years 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) whether there was an increase in the production of sugar in year 2015 when compared with year 2014?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a three member committee was appointed to look into the Treasury Bond issue by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015;
 - (ii) the relevant advice has not been received up to now, even though those investigation files were referred to the Attorney General on 30.03.2015 to get advice as to whether a criminal charge is disclosed through the matters mentioned in the report of the said three member committee; and
 - (iii) it has not been possible to take further legal action accordingly, as such advice has not been received up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to obtain such advice immediately and take legal action?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the extent of acres in which pines and eucalyptus have been grown in the forests that come under the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) of the advantages and disadvantages that the environment experience owing to aforesaid afforestation; and
 - (iii) of the benefits that Sri Lankan economy achieve through pines and eucalyptus afforestation ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to grow a variety of local trees instead of pines and eucalyptus;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid types of trees;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to grow local trees, in time to come; and
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to that effect?
- (c) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of Cabinet and Non Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the Sri Lankan Government as at 01st January 2006 and 01st January 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

450/16

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which National School of Business Management (NSBM) was commenced;
 - (ii) the names of the members of its first Director Board;
 - (iii) the period of time for which the two persons by the names of Oshadi Jagath Kumara Alahapperuma and L.P.Jayathissa worked as members of its director board?
 - (iv) the salaries and allowances they have received during that particular period separately;
 - (v) the names of the members of the present Director Board of this institution?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the road from Mawanella to Rambukkana is a 'B' grade road that is very old;
 - (ii) part of the aforesaid road has been laid with carpet and developed; and
 - (iii) the remainder of the road is in a dilapidated condition?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent which has been laid with carpets and developed in the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to lay carpets and develop the remainder of the aforesaid road; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

*1.

Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and report on the suppression of escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and evading the delays in implementing law,—

Whereas it has turned out to be a prime necessity of the people of this country to suppress the escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and to evade the delays in implementing the law,

And whereas the Parliament is vested in the responsibility to draw its concern and interest in that regard and remedy the situation,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into the following matters and make suitable recommendations:—

- (a) on the nature of the crimes that took place in recent times, the reasons that were led for the occurrence of such crimes, the measures that should be taken to minimize the criminal acts and necessary legal provisions and/or amendments;
 - (b) on the appropriate procedures that should be adopted in evading the delays with regard to civil and criminal matters and on the laws that should be newly introduced and /or amended; and
 - (c) on any other matters incidental thereto and the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matter under consideration by the Committee.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
(b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
3. 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 present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Gamini Lokuge
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Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
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Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage

Hon. Kumara Welgama

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, Parliament shall have full control over public finance;

And whereas the annual budget is the main instrument in the fiscal management;

And whereas it is the duty and the responsibility of the Minister of Finance to present the statistics relating to financial values of the budget, which is presented to this House as the Appropriation Bill, in a detailed, transparent, trustworthy and accurate manner;

And whereas Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, has presented a budget for the year 2016 to this august assembly with misrepresentations which mislead the Parliament and the general public;

And whereas page 85 of the Annual Report of 2014 presented to this august assembly (on 20th April 2015) by the Hon. Minister in terms of the Section 13 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003 states thus “the total investment on the fields of general education, higher education and vocational education is Rs. 164 billion and it is an increase of 7 billion as against the Rs. 157 billion allocated in 2013”;

And whereas the government investment made on general education in 2014 was Rs. 117 billion and it is an increase of 8% as against the Rs. 108 billion allocated in 2013;

And whereas according to pages 218 and 219 of the budget estimates of 2016, in the Volume II, capital expenditure for general education has been increased by a very small amount of Rs. 0.5 billion from Rs. 17.8 billion in 2015 to Rs. 18.3 billion in 2016;

And whereas recurrent expenditure for general education in year 2016 has been rocketed by an extraordinary 278% in comparison with the year 2015 by Rs. 123 billion from Rs. 44 billion to 167 billion in the year 2016 marking an unusual and astonishing change in the history of budget in Sri Lanka;

And whereas the main reason for this extraordinary and astonishing increase in recurrent expenditure is the entry of Rs. 121 billion i.e. Rs.121,352 million in the accounts as “Public investment maintenance cost – Land and buildings”, cost which has never been mentioned in any budget throughout the history of post independence in Sri Lanka;

And whereas although this is depicted as recurrent expenditure, it is not a sum of money that it intended for actual spending;

And whereas as a complete breach of the confidence of this House has occurred as a result the submission of inaccurate information and statistical data by way of falsely “inflating” the vote of the Ministry of Education through indicating an amount that exceeds Rs. 1210 crores as recurrent expenditure on education although such a sum is not going to be spent on education in year 2016;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the capacity of the Minister of Finance to execute duties of the aforesaid office.

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Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas Parliament shall have full control over public finance in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, and whereas in passing the 2016 budget, the Minister of Finance misled the Parliament and the general public through misrepresentation and made the budget a mere fabrication even though it is the primary duty and responsibility of the Minister of Finance to present the annual budget, the key instrument in the management of public finance, in a highly detailed manner with transparency, maximum credibility and accuracy when it is presented to this august Assembly;

And whereas an arbitrary, inflexible and capricious public finance management policy is followed causing seriously damaging impact on the macro economic variables of the country such as the total output, income, employment, price levels, balance of payment, savings and investments, leading the entire economy towards total destruction;

And whereas an import inflationary pressure is building as the Sri Lankan rupee continues to depreciate and a vulnerable situation has been created with the overheating of the economy as a result of severe depletion of the official foreign reserves held by the country;

And whereas Sri Lanka has been dragged into a vulnerable situation in relation to the debt repayment capacity of the country with the B+ negative outlook (minus) rating of Sri Lanka in the sovereign credit rating (Fitch Rating);

And whereas the financial and banking market states that no massive influx of foreign exchange to the banks took place even though a statement made by the Minister of Finance published in the national newspaper “Dinamina” of 30th January 2016 on the front page with the headline “Pleased with the financial policy of the government – Foreign investors have deposited 1.2 billion dollars in local banks” has been given worldwide publicity;

And whereas the Minister of Finance has intentionally or unintentionally violated the provisions of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act through the serious statement “Over another hundred thousand crores taken by the Mahinda’s government has not been accounted”, made by holding a special press briefing;

That this Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the competence of the Minister of Finance to function further in that office as the Minister of Finance, Hon. Ravi Karunanayake has totally lost credibility in this august Assembly.

* *Indicates Government Business*
