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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1.

853/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the temples in the possession of the Department of Archaeology in the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vauniya in the Northern province;
 - (ii) of the temples which have been registered in the Department of Buddhist Affairs;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to protect these temples from treasure hunters and from organized criminals;
 - (iv) if so, of the said steps;
 - (v) whether it has been reported that these temples have been damaged by the above persons during the period from 2012-2014; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether measures have been taken to develop these temples; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

929/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Diplomatic Officers who get appointed to Sri Lankan Missions abroad are allowed to take persons abroad from Sri Lanka for the post of Personal Service Assistant;
 - (ii) separately, of the names, passport numbers and addresses of the Officers appointed to embassies and the Personal Service Assistants who were accompanied by them within the period from 01.01.2005 to 01.01.2015;

(2)

- (iii) of the dates on which the Officers and Personal Service Assistants returned to Sri Lanka after the completion of relevant duties and the date of expiry of the passport of each Personal Service Assistant separately;
- (iv) of the names of the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka when the Officers returned; and
- (v) of the steps taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in relation to the Personal Service Assistants who did not return to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

3.

991/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether persons who are not Members of Parliament have been appointed as Chairmen or Co-chairmen of Regional Development Committees;
- (ii) if so, their names and the Regional Development Committees in which they hold the chairmanship, separately;
- (iii) the powers vested on the aforesaid chairmen;
- (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid persons are appointed to the said posts;
- (v) the highest educational or professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons, separately; and
- (vi) the salaries, allowances and other facilities provided to the aforesaid Chairmen or Co-chairmen?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1014/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a new building has been rented out for the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (ii) if so, of the aforesaid date;
- (iii) whether tenders were called in that regard;
- (iv) if so, separately of the individuals who made offers for the tender and the bids they forwarded;

(3)

- (v) of the government valuation for the rented out building, the name and the address of the owner, monthly rent and the advance payment;
- (vi) whether the lease agreement, signed with the owner of the building, will be tabled; and
- (vii) of the date as to when the Ministry of Agriculture was shifted in to aforesaid building?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1110/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names and addresses of the current Board of Directors of the Bandarawela Multipurpose Cooperative Society;
- (ii) separately, their educational qualifications;
- (iii) separately, of the regional societies of the said multipurpose cooperative society, the regional societies that make profits and incur losses at present;
- (iv) whether there had been any complaint in respect of the recent election; and
- (v) if so, measures to be taken in that regard ?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1146/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the Oddamavadi West Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
- (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
- (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
- (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1276 / 16

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he recognises the perpetual survival of the fisheries industry which makes a contribution in fulfilling the nutritional needs of the people and earning foreign exchange?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to Matara district—
 - (i) the number of fisheries harbours and anchorages and their locations;
 - (ii) the number of multiday and single day fishing vessels registered with each Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (iii) the number of fishermen living in each Divisional Secretariat Division separately, according to the statistics of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in relation to Matara district from 2013 to 2016—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to enhance fisheries infrastructure facilities;
 - (ii) the number of multiday and single day fishing vessels that have been distributed on concessionary basis; and
 - (iii) the number of fishing gear sets, communication equipment and life jackets that has been distributed on concessionary basis in each Divisional Secretariat Division, in each year, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

1373/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether rack space in the private sector super markets were given at a reasonable rate as per proposal No. 126 of the Budget 2016 in order to promote sales of small and medium scale entrepreneurs;
 - (ii) whether a request was made by a Ministry to make such rack space available from the super markets of the private sector;
 - (iii) if such a request or order was made, will he present a copy of it; and
 - (iv) whether he will present a list of number of super markets of the private sector in Sri Lanka which are liable to pay taxes and the cities/villages in which they are situated?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1994/20 of 21st November 2016. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/50 of 09th December 2016. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/5 of 20th December 2016. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/85 of 06th January 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

(6)

*5.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2002/29 of 18th January 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2003/43 of 27th January 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/41 of 16th February 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/38 of 23rd February 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2007/44 of 26th February 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*10.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.10),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2009/05 of 07th March 2017. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1995/37 of 02nd December 2016)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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*12.

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties. which was presented on 04.04.2017, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/86 of 06th January 2017)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1999/23 of 27th December 2016 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/29 of 10th November 2016. which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/8 of 03rd January 2017 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1999/23 of 27th December 2016. which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2003/22 of 25th January 2017 amending the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2000/8 of 03rd January 2017. which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister Finance under 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. 1992/51 of 11th November 2016. which was presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*17.

Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*18.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,—Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 read with Section 477 of the said Act and Regulations made under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123) No. 16 of 1891 read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act, No.11 of 2005 relating to the Companies (Fees) and Societies (Fees) and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1990/12 of 25th October 2016, which were presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*19.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Companies Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce including the new sub-section (ix) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/11 of 20th December 2016, amending the Section 2(i)(b) relating to the Companies (Secretaries) Regulations under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 471/6 of 14th September 1987, which were presented on 24.03.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*20.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Order under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1987/23 of 05th October 2016, which was presented on 19.11.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 to read with Section 31 of the Sports Act, No. 25, of 1973 relating to National Associations of Sports and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1990/23 of 27th October 2016 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of 13th February 2017, which were presented on 05.04.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*22.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of the Section 16 (1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 for the appointment of a Director General to assist the Commission in the discharge of the functions assigned to it by this Act and for the payment of a salary to the Director General as determined by Parliament;

And whereas, Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, who served in the post of Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney General's Department, has been appointed to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as personal to him the monthly salary and all other allowances including the house rent allowance in case he is not provided with a government quarters (excluding the telephone allowance and fuel allowance) entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor General and to grant him the allowance of Secretary to a Ministry, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 24.11.2016;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Mr. Sarath Jayamanna President's Counsel, Director General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of the Section 16 (2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*23.

Foreign Exchange Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*24.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions)(Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*25.

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill — Adjourned debate on question.
(8th March 2017) [1].

*26.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*27.

Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*28.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*29.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*30.

The Minister of Ports and Shipping,—Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Verification of Container Gross Mass and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1979/30 dated 11th August 2016, which were presented on 21.02.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*31.

Resolution under the Constitution,—Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—“Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

32.

Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

33.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

34.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

35.

Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

36.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

Thursday, May 04, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

921/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether Ministry level investigations are conducted on frauds, corruptions and misuses of public property, taken place in Ministry of Housing and Construction during the period from January 2011 to January 2015;

(ii) if so, of the progress of each aforesaid investigation;

(iii) whether Ministry Officials who were alleged to have connections with aforesaid frauds and corruptions, have been identified ; and

(iv) if so, the disciplinary actions that have been taken against them?

(b) If not, why?

(11)

2.

992/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Sampath Weragoda, officer of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service, has been appointed as the principal of Richmond College, Galle;
 - (ii) the date on which the inquiries conducted on him in regard to the commission of a financial fraud during the period in which he functioned as the principal of Prince of Wales College in Moratuwa, was concluded;
 - (iii) if so, the decisions and the recommendations of the aforesaid inquiry;
 - (iv) whether the inquiry which is being conducted by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, against him is over; and
 - (v) if so the decisions and the recommendations of that inquiry?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1048/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the lease amount and service charge per square foot at the new building of Sethsiripaya Stage II and Suhurupaya in Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
 - (ii) whether a payment should be made for the parking spaces at these buildings;
 - (iii) if so, separately of the amount that should be paid for the parking space of each of the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to revise the aforesaid amounts that are charged;
 - (ii) if so, of the date from which such revision will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1075/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there are 3410 sub post-offices island-wide belonging to the Department of Posts;
 - (ii) finding buildings to house sub post offices has to be done by Sub Postmasters themselves;
 - (iii) only a sum of Rs.250/- is paid to a Sub Postmaster as the monthly rental to run a sub post office
 - (iv) most Sub Postmasters have to pay a large part of their salary as the monthly rental since buildings cannot be obtained at such a lower monthly rental;
 - (v) employees of sub post offices work bearing many hardships since the buildings rented for sub post offices do not even have sanitary facilities (toilets); and
 - (vi) there are sub post offices at which the aged, retired officers who come there to get their pension do not have enough space even to be standing rather than being seated, while waiting?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to construct buildings for sub post offices taking the aforesaid situation into consideration so that both employees and the public will be provided with adequate facilities; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to pay a sufficient amount for the monthly rental instead of the current monthly rental of Rs.250/- until building facilities are provided?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1143/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Vakara North Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

1242/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of roads in the Mullaitivu district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometers;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year separately to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a full report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1279/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people without inherited lands for their residential or cultivation or business purposes grab government land for their use without permission;
 - (ii) a policy of alienating and properly transferring the ownership of such grabbed lands with the passage of time, has been maintained by all successive governments?

(14)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) accordingly, of the number of deeds, grants, title certificates or licenses distributed in Matara district from 2013 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the number mentioned in (i) above separately in terms of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Matara district;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who utilize government lands in an unauthorized manner but lack any legal document, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide a grant or at least a license to the people mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1322/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the contracts regarding the small scale development schemes implemented by the divisional secretariats during the previous regime were awarded to the societies which functioned in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division, at the estimated rate;
 - (ii) nonetheless, whether he is aware that, at present tenders are called for the above mentioned development schemes and the said contracts are awarded to the lowest tender offered;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the aforesaid societies and the particular areas are deprived of the relevant benefits owing to the inability of the societies which functioned in the area to get the aforesaid contracts since the contracts for the aforesaid development schemes were offered to the lowest tender received;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to grant the small scale contracts to the aforesaid societies at the estimated rate as it was earlier done, without calling for open tenders in order to relieve the above mentioned societies from the injustice caused;
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1519/17

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house –
 - (i) the amount received by Anuradhapura district under the special scheme to provide a financial allocation of Rs.25 million in the year 2014;
 - (ii) tasks carried out spending that amount;
 - (iii) the quantity of items left in Divisional Secretariat Offices after being purchased for self employed persons under this scheme and their value, separately according to each Divisional Secretariat;
 - (iv) whether he admits that self employed persons were recommended by the Development Officer of Thulane;
 - (v) projected date of completion of distribution of remaining items to self employed persons?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1144/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Koralaipattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?

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(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether administrative or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
- (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and the official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?

(d) If not, why?

11.

1243/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total number of roads in the Jaffna district as at 1983;
- (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
- (iv) the amount of money spent in each year to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
- (v) whether a full report is submitted in this regard?

(b) If not, why?

12.

1296/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of education administrators serving in the Matara district;
- (ii) the said number, separately, in respect of each education zone
- (iii) separately, the number of vacancies that exists in the Zonal Education Offices of the Matara District;
- (iv) the measures to be taken to fill vacancies, if there exists a shortage of education administrators;

(17)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether retired education administrators have been recruited on contract basis for the Matara district;
 - (ii) if so, their names and addresses;
 - (iii) the procedure adopted in recruiting them;
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1444/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost of construction of Hambantota Mahinda Rajapakse International Conference Hall;
 - (ii) the funding sources of the above construction;
 - (iii) the income earned by the Hambantota Mahinda Rajapakse International Conference Hall from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2016;
 - (iv) the institution by which its administration is done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made by the government to allocate further funds for the development activities of this Conference Hall;
 - (ii) if so, in which manner that is?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1244/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Batticaloa District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;

(18)

- (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015
- (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1448/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether plans have been formulated to develop Ragama town;
- (ii) if so, of the projected expenditure ;
- (iii) of the date on which the development activities would be commenced?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the new features that would be added to the town when developed;
- (ii) whether tenders have been called for the aforesaid constructions;
- (iii) if so, the date on which it was done?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, May 05, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

807/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) blasts carried out for the construction of the Hambantota Port had caused severe damages to the house in which Mrs. A.W. Ummu Saleema of No. 24/5 Magam Road, Hambantota and her elderly husband lived;
- (ii) having informed the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the Hambantota Divisional Secretary of it, they moved out of the house and settled in a rented house as per the assurance given by the Divisional Secretary that compensation would be paid for the damaged house and land, instructing the immediate evacuation of their house, and promising payment of rent for house until compensation would be made available; and

(19)

- (iii) a one-off payment equivalent to six months' rent was paid by the authority after numerous requests but no more monthly payments were made by now, contrary to what was promised?
- (b) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the date on which the agreed monthly rent will be made available with arrears; and
 - (ii) the date on which compensation will be paid for the lost house and land?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

854/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) foreigners enter the Patna forest belonging to Deniyaya range in the Matara district in an unauthorized manner from the point near the waterway through Viharahena road;
 - (ii) the Pitadeniya Entrance Point opened by the Forest Conservation Department to visit Sinharaja forest is not utilized by them when visiting the forest;
 - (iii) it is the tourists who get accommodated in star level hotels in the close proximity of Sinharaja forest located in Matara district, who enter the forest in that manner;
 - (iv) there is a possibility to damage the bio diversity of Singharaja forest and genetic ravaging as a result of entering the forest through this access route; and
 - (v) a huge loss is incurred on the part of the government owing to this situation?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a proper programme will be formulated to enter tourists to Sinharaja forest; and
 - (ii) if so, from which date will it be?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been discovered that the star rated hotels in the proximity of the Sinharaja forest, in the Matara district have made routes or constructions within the forest; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against the aforesaid institutions?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1045/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an appeals committee has been appointed to take into consideration the appeals regarding demarcation of boundaries in local government wards as per the Local Authorities Elections Act No.21 of 2012;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Local Authorities related to which the Committee has completed the consideration of appeals as at 31 October 2016;
 - (iii) of the names of the Local Authorities mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (iv) as to why elections have not yet been held in the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1253/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Batticaloa District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1297/'16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of principals in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service with Principal Grades, serving in National and Provincial Schools of the Matara District;
 - (ii) separately on per grade basis, of the number mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether any person without principal grades in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service are serving as principals in any national or provincial school in the Matara District;

(21)

- (iv) if so, of the names of such schools;
 - (v) of the number of persons serving in national and provincial schools in the Matara District in positions other than the post of Principal with Principals' Service grade;
 - (vi) of the reasons identified as causes of (v) above;
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1312/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to the state institutions situated within the Vakara Divisional Secretariat Division in Koralai Paththu North in the Baticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether residents of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions have submitted applications for obtaining lands belonging to the state on grant / licence basis;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of such applications that have been received; and
 - (iv) of the total extent of lands that have been provided to the aforesaid applicants on grant / licence basis?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1344/'16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of appointments of additional temporary employees made outside the cadre provision approved by the Ministry of Finance to the local bodies in Eravur Urban Council, Kattankudy Urban Council and Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha, since the dissolution of these local bodies on 15.05.2015 separately;
 - (ii) the number of such appointments made with the recommendations of the present Chief Minister of the Eastern Province;
 - (iii) whether each of the local authorities have sufficient funds to remunerate such appointments; and
 - (iv) the nature of services of such temporary employees?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether such appointments were in accordance with the requirements of each local authority;
 - (ii) whether it has result in over-staffing and financial constraints, and if so why;

(22)

- (iii) any such temporary employees presently under-paid or unpaid, and if so why; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to increase the cadre provision to absorb these temporary employees?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

1370/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a “regulatory authority” required for regulating the small and medium scale enterprise sector was established as per the budget proposals for year 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such authority was established;
 - (iii) whether a fee of Rs.25,000/- should be paid when registering a microfinance company in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether an advisory committee was established for the purpose of studying the difficulties experienced by the small and medium scale enterprise sector;
 - (v) if so, of the names of the members of the aforesaid committee;
 - (vi) whether an initial fund of Rs.500 million was provided by the government for the implementation of a credit guarantee scheme for small and medium scale enterprises in the year of 2016;
 - (vii) whether a credit facility of Rs.100 million was received from the Asian Development Bank to assist the programme for providing financial facilities to the small and medium scale enterprise sector under concessionary interest rates; and
 - (viii) whether a list containing the names and addresses of the small and medium scale entrepreneurs who were provided with loans that were granted under the credit facility of the Asian Development Bank would be presented to this House?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1541/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any compensation has been paid as of now to the people of the Badulla District affected due to the Uma Oya development project;

(23)

- (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the recipients of compensation; and
- (iii) if not, as to what action will be taken to expedite the payment of compensation?

(b) If not, why?

10.

1047/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of foreign trips made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 10-01-2015 and 31-10-2016;
- (ii) of the objective, destination country and the amount spent for each of the aforementioned trips; and
- (iii) whether image of Sri Lanka has been boosted by the aforementioned trips?

(b) If not, why?

11.

1053/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the punishments given to the persons who kill wild elephants are not adequate;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to amend the laws in this regard;
- (iii) whether he admits that the compensation paid for the relevant persons for the damages caused to the property by wild elephants is not sufficient;
- (iv) if so, whether action will be taken to increase the amount of money given as compensation?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government has taken action to control the elephant–human conflict;
- (ii) if so, what those steps are;

(c) If not, why?

12.

1254/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Ampara District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been done with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1299/'16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house separately in relation to the Matara district;
 - (i) the number of national and provincial schools;
 - (ii) the number of teachers serving in each school;
 - (iii) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each subject; and
 - (iv) the number of teachers serving in schools in respect of each education zone?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number students studying in national and provincial schools in the Matara district;
 - (ii) that number separately as national and provincial schools;
 - (iii) the student –teacher ratio, separately in respect of each subject; and
 - (iv) the ratio in (iii) above separately in respect of each education zone?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1313/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Oddamawadi Divisional Secretariat Division in Korale Pattu West in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division has applied to obtain state lands on grants / permits;

(25)

- (iii) if so, the number of applications received for it;
- (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/permits by now?

(b) If not, why?

15.

1543/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that serious damages have been caused to houses of the people of the Badulla District owing to the Uma Oya development project;
- (ii) separately, in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division, the names and addresses of persons whose houses have been damaged;
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to repair or reconstruct the houses damaged;
- (iv) if so, whether he submits the details thereof?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

855/16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Polgahawewa tank (Ihalagama) in Ihalagama village in the 181F Ketagewatta Grama Niladhari Division in the Ja-ela Divisional Secretariat Division is faced with the risk of deterioration owing to lack of proper maintenance; and
- (ii) some organised groups are planning to fill the tank and take possession of the lands in the reservation of the tank?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate the Ihalagama tank;
- (ii) if so, the date it will be done;
- (iii) whether funds had been allocated by the 2016 budget to renovate the tank; and
- (iv) If so, the amount of money so allocated?

(26)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken against the illegal filling of the tank and acquiring lands belonging to the tank;
 - (ii) if so, the names of persons involved in those illegal activities;
 - (iii) the steps taken against them;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to acquire back the lands of the tank which have been filled and cultivated with Kohila; and
 - (v) of the steps to be taken against those persons who have cultivated Kohila?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1007/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an extent of about 30 acres from the land known as ‘Osu Uyana’ located in the security zone of the Katharagama sacred city was cleared using the Army causing the destruction of medicinal plants in July 2016;
 - (ii) people of the area and by Buddhist clergy have expressed their protest regarding this matter; and
 - (iii) the President has transferred the aforesaid land to the National Physical Planning Department through the Letter No. SEI/289/465 dated 30.01.1990?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) who are responsible for the destruction mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) what steps have been taken against such persons;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid destruction was caused to build a branch of the Thirupathi shrine of India; and
 - (iv) whether approval of any institution under the purview of the Ministry has been granted for the construction mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1102/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. Nalinagandi Vimalendran, teacher at Bt/Navatkerny Kannaki Vidyalaya completed her training from Batticaloa Teachers College in 2008 and posted to Kaiveli Ganesha Vidyalaya in Mullaithivu district;
 - (ii) she was asked to sit for the final examination in April 2009 which was held at Batticaloa Teachers College;
 - (iii) as war was at its climax during that period and nobody was allowed to leave out of Mullaithivu;
 - (iv) she sat for the examination with her junior batch and the effective date of her certificate is given as 01.01.2011; whereas juniors were given as 01.08.2009; and
 - (v) she has appealed to the President about this injustice and the Coordinating Secretary to the President has sent a letter No. SL/EDU/APP/0043 dated 05.08.2016 to then, Secretary, Ministry of Education to rectify this irregularity?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions be given to change the effective date of her certificate as 01.08.2009?
- (c) If not why?

4.

1128/16

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of overseas trips made by the present Chief Minister of the Western Provincial Council, after his appointment to the said post;
 - (ii) the countries visited and the amount spent on those trips separately;
 - (iii) the objects of each of those visits separately; and
 - (iv) the progress achieved in relation to the expected objects of the said overseas trips?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1132/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Dr. Neville Fernando Investment Pvt. Ltd. has been granted permission by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to start a Higher Education Institute;
 - (ii) if so, of the degrees awarded by it;
 - (iii) of the date of entering into the agreement with that institution;
 - (iv) whether that agreement would be tabled;
 - (v) whether that company has met the condition of getting prior approval of the Ministry of Health in granting approval to award the Nursing Degree and Health Science Degree within Sri Lanka;
 - (vi) if so, whether the letter issued by the Ministry of Health granting approval would be tabled; and
 - (vii) if not, of the measures taken against that company which had breached the agreement with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1147/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Kattankudy Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?

(29)

- (c) Will he state this House —
 - (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1255/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Trincomalee District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were died due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will Table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1300/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the previous government implemented a programme to provide motor cycles on concessionary basis to the field officers;
 - (ii) the number of motor cycles given to the public officers in Matara district under the said programme in respect of their profession and each Divisional Secretariat Division separately;
 - (iii) the contribution of the government and the public officer for one motor cycle separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the present government promised to refund the subscription and all the government employees will be given motor cycles free of charge;
 - (ii) the number of public officers who were refunded in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division level;

(30)

- (iii) the number of public officers who owned motor cycles under the full sponsorship of the government in 2015 and 2016 in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the number of remaining public officers who are entitled to motor cycles;
 - (v) the date on which they will be given motor cycles free of charge;
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1375/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether he accepts that, according to Budget Proposal No. 129 for 2016, 1,000 million rupees had been allocated for encouraging healthy co-operation between the private and public sectors;
 - (ii) of the manner in which this 1,000 million rupees, which had been allocated for development of agriculture, was utilized;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a list of beneficiaries of the financial resources flowing from this 1,000 million rupees allocated from the Budget Proposals; and
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1538/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of teaching appointments that have been given for the schools of Uva provincial council to date, since the incumbent Chief Minister assumed the office;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of aforesaid appointees and the names of the schools that they were assigned to; and
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted in providing aforesaid appointments?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1558/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount allocated in 2016 for the payment of distress loans to the teachers of the national schools in Sabaragamuwa Province;

(31)

- (ii) whether that total amount has been provided to the provincial council within the relevant year;
 - (iii) were made to provide the total allocation for Kegalle district to Kegalle, Mawanella and Dehiowita education zones;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount provided to each zone?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of teachers of national schools who have applied for loans;
 - (ii) the number of teachers who have been paid distress loans;
 - (iii) the value of the loans provided;
- separately with relevance to Kegalle, Mawanella and Dehiowita education zones?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether action would be taken to provide the distress loan to teachers who were not provided that loan despite applying for it;
 - (ii) whether imprest would be released to the offices for that purpose;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

856/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) an irregularity has taken place in admitting students to grade 6 of the Godapitiya National School in Akuressa in Matara district in the year 2016; and
 - (ii) a group of students have been faced with an injustice owing to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of students who were admitted to grade 6 of Godapitiya National School from other schools in the year 2016;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted in admitting students in relation to each student, separately; and
 - (iii) whether a list of selected students has been submitted to the Ministry of Education by the principal; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the Ministry has given its recommendation to that list?

(32)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct an inquiry in that regard;
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be done; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken for the students who faced injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1256/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Puttalam District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 up until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will Table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1301/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many customers from the Matara District redeemed their gold jewellery in the years 2015 and 2016 separately as per the pledge to write off the interest charged on redemption of gold jewellery pawned at state banks given as a Budget Proposal side by side with the One-Hundred-Day Programme of the present regime;
 - (ii) what it is worth in terms of the monetary value of the government's subsidy for it;
 - (iii) what the values of the portions of the subsidy referred to in (ii) above were, separately in respect of each state-owned bank in operation in the Matara District; and
 - (iv) what the interest rates on gold loans are, separately in respect of each year from 2013 to 2016?

(33)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the promise to waive interest on gold loans, which had been made a campaign platform during the last Presidential Election, has not gone beyond a mere propaganda campaign; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to grant the interest-waiver concessions at redemption of pawned gold jewellery as promised?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1399/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he would table a detailed list that contains the names of the villages among which the provision of Rs.21,000 million that had been allocated for the year 2016 was distributed under the programme to provide Rs.1.5 million per village for the development of rural economy as per proposal No.171 of the budget proposals for the year 2016 and details of the projects that have been completed in each of those villages;
 - (ii) whether he would table a list that contains separately the names of authoritative institutes which implemented the aforesaid budget proposal in the said 14,022 Grama Niladhari Divisions and the amounts of money that have been obtained by those authorities during the year 2016 for the purpose of implementing the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) whether he would table a list that contains the names of Grama Niladhari Divisions which have not received the financial provision of Rs.1.5 million that is allocated per village as per the aforesaid proposal or those which have received only a part of that provision; and
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 24, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

860/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the officer named, Dick-Ella Lekamge Chamith Anjula Kumara Lekamge, who serves in 06th Artillery Regiment in Sri Lanka Army under the number 65954, has contravened the discipline of the Army;
 - (ii) the investigations on him were not conducted in a proper manner;
 - (iii) an injustice has been caused to his wife, Sri Mali Lasanthika Nawaratne, who has been prejudiced by this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation has been carried out on the aforesaid officer;
 - (ii) if so, since when;
 - (iii) whether the Army makes an intervention to provide some relief in regard to the injustice caused to Sri Mali Lasanthika Nawaratne; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1163/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the government is taking action to increase the height of the Minipe dam of Mahaweli River by 12 feet;
 - (ii) as a result of this, around 22,500 acres of lands in Seruvila, Muttur and Werugal areas will be affected and about 80,000 farmers will suffer due to the unavailability of water;
 - (iii) the farmers in Seruvila, Muttur, Vijithapura and Verugal areas are not in a position to cultivate the two seasons as the height of this dam was increased by 3 meters previously;
 - (iv) there will be a shortage of drinking water for the people in this area if the height of this dam is increased by 12 feet;
 - (v) 42 farmer organizations have conducted a press conference on 04.09.2016 at the Town Hall – Trincomalee on the above matter?

- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the government to provide relief if the farmers are suffered in this manner?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1257/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Mannar District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will Table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1302/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kilometers of roads that come under the purview of the Southern Provincial Road Development Authority, in respect of each district separately;
 - (ii) that length, according to the gradings of the Provincial Road Development Authority, separately;
 - (iii) the number of kilometers of roads in the Matara district that come under the Southern Provincial Road Development Authority that were carpeted in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, separately;
 - (iv) the sources that provide funds for the development and maintenance of roads coming under the purview of the Southern Provincial Council; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent for the development of the provincial roads in the Matara district under the above sources in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 in relation to each source, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1314/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Eravur Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division have applied to obtain state lands on grants or permits;
 - (iii) if so, the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/permits by now?
- (b) If not, why ?

6.

1338/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grow the natural forest in Kahalla forest reserve by removing the invasive plants in it and also to renovate the ancient tanks there;
 - (ii) if so, when it will be done;
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to complete those activities;
 - (iv) whether the voluntary organizations in the area have agreed to contribute their labor for this task;
 - (v) whether a programme of work will be prepared for this?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1372/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a 'fund of funds' has been established with the view to providing business capital to small and medium scale entrepreneurs as per proposal No.124 of the budget proposals for year 2016;
 - (ii) whether requests were made to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank seeking their contributions to the aforesaid 'fund of funds';
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of the responses received from those institutes;
 - (iv) whether the Inland Revenue Act was amended in relation to reduction of corporate income tax for venture capital companies by 50%;
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1559/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount allocated to provide uniforms to school children for 2017;
 - (ii) the amount provided to a student in the primary grades (Grade1-5) for uniforms;
 - (iii) the amount provided to a student in the secondary grades (Grade6-13) for uniforms;
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the amount provided is not sufficient to purchase uniform material;
 - (ii) the parents have to bear an additional expenditure as a result of providing a coupon instead of providing uniform material at school level;
 - (iii) owing to the said situation, a different methodology has to be followed to provide uniform material?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1570/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of Divisional Secretary Divisions functioning administratively as Tamil and Sinhala separately;
 - (ii) the names of officers in Sri Lanka Planning Service functioning as Assistant Directors of Planning; and
 - (iii) the names of officers functioning under supernumerary basis, divisional secretariat wise in terms of Ministry of Finance Circular No. MF13/cc/Absorb dated 28.6.2009 and Public Service Commission Circular No. A4/6/24/2007 dated 23.5.2007;in the Ampara District?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) Whether the offices where supernumerary officers are functioning be considered for vacancies in these posts; and
 - (ii) If so, whether such vacancies be filled by transferring officers from Sinhala medium divisional secretaries offices in Ampara District?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1608/17

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) on or around 21.11.2016 at a TV interview he said that a circular has been sent to all banks to give 15% interest to senior citizens for their fixed deposits up to Rs.1.5 million; and
 - (ii) in the alternative, he said that he sent the circulars to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka with the necessary instructions and that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed to carry out the said directive?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) all banks including state banks have not effected such circular up to 31.01.2017; and
 - (ii) the loss caused thereby to senior citizens is in Rupees hundreds of thousands?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason and on what basis the Minister's circulars disregarded by the banks;
 - (ii) from what date should this arrangement has been given effect according to the Hon. Minister's budget proposal made in November 2015; and
 - (iii) will the Hon. Minister indemnify the senior citizens, from the date the said directive of the Hon. Minister was issued?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

1050/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the Ministries that run their offices in state owned buildings, within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) the state owned buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each building, the ministries that pay lease and do not pay lease;
 - (iv) separately, in terms of each building, amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, by aforesaid ministries;
 - (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of this buildings;
 - (vi) if so, aforesaid amount;
 - (vii) the method of payments that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1258/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Kilinochchi District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been taken with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will Table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1304/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) Mr. Dillimuni Upali residing at “Ariya Nivasa”, Karaputugala, Kamburupitiya has sought assistance from the Matara office of the Legal Aid Commission to obtain legal advice required for the settlement of ownership of a land belonging to him;
 - (ii) he has handed over the originals of the deed, plan, archives and other documents of the land in question required for obtaining legal advice to the aforesaid office;
 - (iii) he has made a request that the file he handed over be returned to him as he was no longer in need of legal aid nor was there a need to constitute judicial action;
 - (iv) the Matara regional office of the Legal Aid Commission has repeatedly refused to return the file or brief him on the future course of action?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to return the file handed over by Mr. Upali?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1315/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Koralaipattu, Valaichchenai Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District ;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretarial Division has applied to obtain state lands on grants permits;
 - (iii) if so , the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/ permits by now ?
- (b) If not, why ?

15.

1379/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether 44,000 metric tons of rice was purchased for distribution among Samurdhi Beneficiaries as per Proposal No. 134 of the Budget 2016;
 - (ii) if so, at what prices and from which parties;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for the implementation of the proposal referred to above;
 - (iv) of the ratio at which the 44,000 metric tons of rice was distributed among Samurdhi Beneficiaries; and
 - (v) of the time of distribution?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, May 25, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

902/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a committee has been appointed or a programme has been arranged to grant relief to employees of the National Housing Development Authority who were subjected to political victimization;

(41)

- (ii) if so, whether the appointment of such a committee or the arrangement of such a programme was done under a Cabinet approval, and if so, the date on which approval was received; and
 - (iii) of the time period taken into consideration when granting relief for political victimization;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the programme implemented to grant relief to those who were subjected to victimization;
 - (ii) separately the names of the persons who, having been subjected to victimization, received relief and have been given promotions, along with the reason for vengeance and the relief they received;
 - (iii) whether they will be paid their salary in arrears along with their promotions; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which it will be made effective?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

928/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately the names, dates of birth, addresses in Sri Lanka, educational qualifications, service experience, appointed countries, posts of the persons who were appointed to Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Sri Lanka from 08.01.2015 to 01.08.2016 and who are not officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (ii) of them, the persons holding statuses of dual citizenship/foreign citizenship; and
 - (iii) the duties entrusted to these persons who were political appointees?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the tender procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity done up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

945/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Charge de Affaires, Deputy High Commissioners, and other officers of same rank who are belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service appointed during the period from 09.12.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
 - (ii) the names, professional qualifications, highest educational qualifications and the present positions of the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and in the positions mentioned in above (i) as at 30.09.2016;
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1004/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether a large quantity of gold belonging to Tamil people who are living in Refugee Camps after the war, was deposited anywhere in a trust;
 - (ii) whether these deposits were enumerated;
 - (iii) whether there are complaints that their gold has not been returned to them so far;
 - (iv) of the available details regarding (i) above; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the government to settle these claims?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1051/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the Ministries that run their offices within the limits of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) the state owned buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;

(43)

- (iii) separately, in terms of each building, the ministries that pay lease and do not pay lease;
 - (iv) separately, in terms of each building, amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, by aforesaid ministries;
 - (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings;
 - (vi) if so, the aforesaid amount;
 - (vii) the method of payment that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the Ministries that run their offices in private buildings within the limit of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council area ;
 - (ii) the buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located ;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each building, of the amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, of aforesaid buildings ;
 - (iv) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1134/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a report had been submitted to Lanka Sathosa to the effect that a scarcity of rice would occur in the country during the latter part of the year 2014;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of rice imported accordingly;
 - (iii) of the periods in which rice was imported;
 - (iv) whether cabinet approval has been obtained for it;
 - (v) whether procurement process was followed in this regard;
 - (vi) if so, the names of the companies which submitted bids;
 - (vii) the value of the aforesaid amount of rice;
 - (viii) the government and private warehouses in which the aforesaid stock of rice was stored;
 - (ix) the amount of money spent for storing rice; and
 - (x) whether procurement procedure was followed in obtaining warehouse facilities from the private sector?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1235/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of roads in the Batticaloa district as at 1983;
 - (ii) the number of tarred roads and the extent of those roads in kilometres;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the previous governments to construct the roads in that district during the period from 1983 to the end of war in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year to construct the roads in this district in the aftermath of the war; and
 - (v) whether a comprehensive report is submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1306/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of private institutions in the Matara district that have been registered to subscribe for the Employees Provident Fund;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions in above (i);
 - (iii) the number of employees in the Matara district who have obtained the membership of the Employees Provident Fund in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division separately; and
 - (iv) the minimum requirement needed to be registered in the Employees Provident Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1316/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Koralaipattu, Kiran South Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division have applied to obtain state lands on grants or permits;
 - (iii) if so, the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/permits by now?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1380/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Rs. 100 million allocated to the National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA) as per proposal 150 of the 2016 budget, the amount granted by the Treasury during the year;
 - (ii) whether the National Aquaculture Development Authority had drawn up specific projects to spend the said financial provision;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a programme description indicating as to how the aforesaid Rs. 100 million allocated for the year 2016 was spent ?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1707/'17

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the loan scheme named SMILE III was implemented for the small and medium scale industries and micro industries on a concessionary interest rate and with a two years grace period in order to empower entrepreneurs;
 - (ii) the project director published newspaper advertisements on 10th July 2016 and gave publicity regarding granting loans;
 - (iii) eventhough ten commercial banks came forward to grant loans under this scheme and nearly five thousand applicants applied for those loans, granting of loans has now been stalled;
 - (iv) eventhough most entrepreneurs have completed the signing of deeds of security and deeds of mortgage by making the preliminary expenses, loans have not been granted; and
 - (v) this situation has resulted in improving businesses and emerging businesses being stalled while being a blow to the national economy?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why people were inconvenienced by publishing newspaper advertisements on 10.07.2016, if granting of loans is not possible?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1052/'16

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

- (a) Will he accepts that —
 - (i) issues have been surfaced in selling the products of the registered seed paddy farmers ;
 - (ii) a proper price is not given for aforesaid products ;
 - (iii) they have become discouraged due to aforesaid reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a methodical program will be implemented in order to purchase the products of seed paddy farmers;
 - (ii) of so , of which manner ?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1259/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Vavuniya District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been done with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will Table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1381/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Rs.100 million was allocated as per proposal No.149 of the 2016 budget proposals to set up agricultural, livestock and fish processing zones in the districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) of the persons who prepared the feasibility reports for these three projects;

(47)

- (iii) of the total estimated cost for these three projects accordingly;
 - (iv) of the total financial allocations made by the General Treasury for the said projects by the end of 2016;
 - (v) of the total financial allocation that can be made available for the said projects for 2017?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, May 26, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

903/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of permanent positions in the National Housing Development Authority as per its cadre;
 - (ii) the designations mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) the number of positions currently covered on acting basis;
 - (iv) the designations of positions referred to above; and
 - (v) the reasons for not recruiting permanent officers for the positions currently covered on acting basis?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

976/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, —To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether there is a transmission centre known as “Voice of America” at Iranawila area, Chilaw in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land given to it;
 - (iii) whether that land has been given on free hold basis or lease basis;
 - (iv) if it is on lease basis, the amount of money paid to the Government of Sri Lanka as lease rent in each year separately; and
 - (v) whether all Laws of Sri Lankan Government are in force within this land?

(48)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) what agreements had been entered into between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of the United States of America or Voice of America with regard to the establishment of the transmission centre known as ‘Voice of America’;
 - (ii) whether all those agreements will be tabled;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankans and foreigners employed at this centre, separately;
 - (iv) of the activities conducted and programmes broadcast by this centre; and
 - (v) what state institutions of Sri Lanka monitor those activities and programmes?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1008/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, the Minister of Foreign Affairs made a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department on 14.01.2015 regarding a conspiracy to withhold the results of the Presidential Election on the night of 08.01.2015, requesting that the investigation be prioritized in consideration of the threat to national security and to democracy; and
 - (ii) in response to a question for oral answers raised by me in Parliament, the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development stated on 09.03.2016 that taking further action has been halted because remarks of the Attorney-General have not been received?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which a report on the aforesaid investigation was received by the Attorney-General;
 - (ii) of the date on which remarks of the Attorney-General regarding the aforesaid investigation were sent to the Police; and
 - (iii) if Attorney-General’s remarks have not been sent yet, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1167/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent by the Urban Development Authority at the end of 2014 for the Kandy city Development Project started by the previous government;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been received at that time out of the money allocated through foreign funding for this project, during the period of the previous government; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that no development activity has been taken place in this project during that period although about 20 months have been passed since this government of good governance came into power?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the Ministry has taken action to suspend the city development project in Kandy, one of the major cities in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1260/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Jaffna District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been done with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will Table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1307/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kilometers of the roads belong to the central government in the Matara district;
 - (ii) Separately the classifications of those roads according to the Road Development Authority;
 - (iii) the number of kilometers of the carpeted roads in the district of Matara from 2013 to 2016 in respect of each year separately; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated to develop and maintenance of the roads in the Matara district from 2013 to 2016 in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1317/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Koralaipattu, Central Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division has applied to obtain state lands on grants or permits;
 - (iii) if so, the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/ permits by now ?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1326/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Sri Lankans who were named as traitors during the Dutch rule in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the reasons for naming the particular individuals as traitors?

(51)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the privileges that an individual is deprived of when named as a traitor;
 - (ii) whether the deprivation of such privileges has any effect on the family members of the particular individuals ;
 - (iii) if so, in which manner?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to remove the names of the Sri Lankans who have been named as traitors by the Dutch from the aforesaid registers;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to name them as national heroes?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

1383/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the contribution made to the government revenue by the increase of the special commodity levy on fish and fish products to Rs. 50/- as per proposal No. 147 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) separately the quantities and import values of fish and fish products imported to Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now;
 - (iii) whether a list of importers who engage in importing fish and fish products will be submitted as per customs data;
 - (iv) whether the government has a plan for the reduction of fish importation to Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if so, of the aforementioned plan?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1546/'17

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.G. Cyril Perera residing opposite the filling station at Kalmunai Road, Ampara has been a resident of that address continuously for 17 years;
 - (ii) It has been recommended to allocate him 20 perch plot of land by a land kachcheri held as per Circular 2008/4 by the Ampara Divisional Secretariat consequent to a long term request made by him seeking legal entitlement for the said plot of land;

(52)

- (iii) subsequent to him making submissions to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the non allocation of the said land citing various reasons, it has been recommended at the conclusion of the inquiry conducted by the said Commission that the land on which he has been residing should be handed over to him legally;
- (iv) the entitlement of the said land has still not been granted to him?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to what measures will be initiated to offer relief to the prejudice and injustice caused to Mr. Perera?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1043/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
 - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1261/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Police Stations had been established within the Mullaitivu District as at 1983;
 - (ii) how many Police officers had been serving at those Police Stations;
 - (iii) how many Police Stations were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after the year 1983 until the end of the war in 2009;
 - (iv) how many Police officers were killed due to terrorist attacks;
 - (v) whether an assessment has been made with regard to the destruction of properties referred to in (iii) above; and
 - (vi) whether he will table a full report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1308 / 16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there have been reports which say that a retired intelligence officer in Kegalle had committed suicide claiming in a confession that it was he who killed the journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga; and
 - (ii) the Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy had stated in a special media release that it is suspicious whether the death of the aforesaid retired officer is an act of committing suicide or a murder?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a post-mortem has been carried out on the dead body of the aforesaid retired intelligence officer;
 - (ii) if so, of the conclusion reached by the doctors about the aforesaid death;
 - (iii) of the cause of the death of the intelligence officer if it was not an act of committing suicide; and
 - (iv) of the nature of legal action that has been taken against those who are responsible for the death of the intelligence officer?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether an inquiry would be conducted about the statement that has been made by the aforesaid Deputy Minister as a responsible citizen; and
 - (ii) of the present situation of the investigations carried out into the killing of Journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1328 / 16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Windmills installed in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) The price at which a unit of electricity is obtained from those power plants by the Ceylon Electricity Board separately in relation to each power plant; and
 - (iii) out of those Windmills, the power plants that belong to the L.T.L. Holdings Private Limited

(54)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the price at which a unit of electricity is supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the new Windmills being erected at Elephant pass;
 - (ii) whether the government has taken steps to obtain a unit of electricity from Windmills at a lowest rate; and
 - (iii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?
- 15.

1384/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Rs.300 million allocation was provided to Lak Sathosa to promote domestic fish canning by the private sector as per proposal No.146 of the budget proposals for 2016;
 - (ii) of the canned fish producers who may be provided benefits through this promotion scheme;
 - (iii) of their annual canned fish production within the past few years;
 - (iv) of the quantity of canned fish imported annually to this country and the amount of foreign exchange spent on that from 1977 up to now, separately with respect to each year;
 - (v) whether he admits that the controlled price of Rs.125/= imposed on canned fish by the government is not fully implemented within the market?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, May 26, 2017

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

925/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the posts held by the person named Piyadasa Kuda Balage in Sri Lanka Insurance and in the institutions affiliated to it;
 - (ii) the period of time for which he held each post separately;
 - (iii) his educational and professional qualifications; and
 - (iv) the monthly salary and the allowances that he received for each post, separately?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, June 06, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

387/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
 - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
 - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
 - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
 - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1101/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the number of houses built by National Housing Development Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money granted as housing loans when building the houses; and
 - (iv) the amount of housing loans provided as per each district separately?

(56)

- (b) Will he also inform this house—
 - (i) the number of beneficiary houses built by the Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iv) the amount, in district wise separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this house—
 - (i) the number of house villages built by the authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) such villages, in each district separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for it; and
 - (iv) the amount, in district-wise separately?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

1123/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether his Ministry has initiated a project titled “Samurdhi Model villages”;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of that project;
 - (iii) the villages in the Badulla district which have been selected for that project;
 - (iv) the steps which are proposed to be taken to develop those villages?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1310/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. P.M. Nandasena residing at “Jayanadee”, Kiralawella, Devinuwara, is a member of the Fishermen’s Pension Scheme;
 - (ii) he has submitted a formal application bearing reference No.MT/3279 for obtaining the pension that he is entitled to receive as he has completed 60 years of age;
 - (iii) reminders have been sent to the Director, Agrarian Insurance Board, Matara, by the Assistant Director (සිසිවැරි) of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources through the letter bearing reference ඉ/න/05/2/82 dated 05.11.2014; and

(57)

- (iv) Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board has decided to pay back to Mr. Nandasena only the net premiums and the interest on the net premiums instead of paying the pension despite that he had duly paid all the premiums and the Assistant Director, Matara, had certified that he had duly paid all the premiums?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to pay to Mr. P.M. Nandasena, who is 62 years old now, the pension that he is entitled to receive?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1318/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the extent of land which belongs to the public institutions located in Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) whether the occupants in that Divisional Secretariat Division has applied to obtain state lands on grants / permits;
 - (iii) if so , the number of applications received for it;
 - (iv) the extent of land provided to the aforesaid applicants on grants/ permits by now ?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1360/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the students of the district of Rathnapura who have studied in the stream of Bio system technology and have obtained excellent results at the first shy in the year 2015 have not hither to been admitted to any university;
 - (ii) although the university of Sabharagamuwa has been included in the university admission handbook provided to these children as the university from where the degree course relevant to the said stream can be followed, no student has been so far admitted to the said university as well;
 - (iii) as per the information received by these students, around 80-90 students with lower Z scores from districts with more facilities such as Colombo have got the opportunity to enter universities?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that no justice has been meted out although appeals have been sent to the President, Prime minister, subject minister and the University Grants Commission regarding this unfair situation faced by these students up to now;
 - (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to admit the students mentioned in a(i) above to universities?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1364/16

Hon.(Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that the education of students was disrupted on account of displacement as well as loss of homes, guardians, parents and properties in the Northern Province due to the thirty-year war situation;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the completing of the degree by students was delayed for these reasons; and
 - (iii) whether he will act to elevate the age limit to 45 years for recruitment to the Provincial Public Service based upon those reasons?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1366/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the “Thriposha” nutritional supplement was provided to expecting mothers, lactating mothers and low weight children below the age of five by the Department of Health;
 - (ii) the “Thriposha” nutritional supplement which was thus previously provided has not been provided to many areas including the upcountry areas for the period of more than last 03 months ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing Thriposha;
 - (ii) whether there is any authenticity in the reports published through media recently to the effect that arrangements are underway to sell Thriposha which was so far provided by the government free of charge through private super markets ;
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to provide Thriposha to the relevant recipients
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

1371/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the “Mini Industrial Parks” project which function as an incubator to assist micro, small and medium scale industries, according to the proposal No.125 of the budget 2016;
 - (ii) whether lands have been earmarked in Monaragala, Puttalam, Jaffna, Wannai and Ampara districts where those parks are proposed to be established;
 - (iii) whether the District Secretaries of the above mentioned districts have been made aware of this Mini Industrial Parks project;
 - (iv) if so, whether the reports received from the above public officials of those districts be submitted; and
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1481/16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the WP/Mathu/Navana Primary School in the Palindanuwara Divisional Secretariat Division of Kalutara District where more than 50 students study, has been identified as a location prone to the risk of landslides;
 - (ii) that it has been informed by the Zonal Director of Education of Mathugama that the aforesaid school should be closed in the event of three consecutive days of rainfall to the Navana area and that classes should be held on weekends to cover the missed school days?
 - (iii) that the parents have to resort to educating their children in the same school despite this dangerous situation since they are not in a situation to take their children to other schools owing to transport problems and economic difficulties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a perilous situation does not arise pertaining to conducting classes in the school in the event that three days’ rainfall is received within a single day;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to re-locate the Nawana Primary school in some other appropriate location in the said area in order to safeguard the school children from this dangerous situation?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1482/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Education has a national policy to give annual transfers to the teachers and the employees in the non academic staff who have served in the same national school for about a period of 10, 15, 20 and 30 years;
 - (ii) if so, whether the transfer methodology for the year 2017 has been planned accordingly;
 - (iii) according to that plan, transfers of the teachers have been finalized by now;
 - (iv) if not, whether there is a plan to accelerate that process;
 - (v) the date on which those transfers are given?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1506/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the private sector employment in terms of the number of active accounts of Employees Provident Fund as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) of the increase of employment as at 31. 12. 2016 relatively to 31. 12. 2014 and 31.12 .2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

547/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(5)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a large number of persons are engaged in gold and silver crafts industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) this industry is collapsing due to escalation of prices of gold and silver and other reasons; and
 - (iii) those engaged in the industry face the risk of losing their livelihoods?

(61)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons engaged in the above-mentioned industry;
 - (ii) whether the government has acted to grant concessions enabling them to develop new industries; and
 - (iii) if so, what those concessions are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will take measures to control gold and silver prices; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1215/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government institutions in the Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1407/16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many of the Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones proposed to be established according to Budget Proposal No. 183 in the Budget 2016, as mentioned in the manifesto of the Hon. Prime Minister, were established in the year 2016 and where they have been located;

(62)

- (ii) of the total expenditure borne by the government separately for each of the zones so established according to the aforesaid proposal;
 - (iii) what government agency bears the responsibility for these Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones; and
 - (iv) what export income was earned through each such zone if such zones have been established in the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, June 07, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

859/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Consumption of liquor has increased; and
 - (ii) Consumption of liquor is a main reason for the deterioration of health of people?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken action to reduce the consumption of liquor;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid courses of action;
 - (iii) approximately, the amount of money spent by the government annually to treat the diseases caused by consumption of liquor; and
 - (iv) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the amount spent by the government for health?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1263/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the northern railway line running up to Jaffna was constructed;
 - (ii) The number of trips the Yaldevi train made to Jaffna in the northern railway line by 1983;

(63)

- (iii) the number of passengers who travelled from Colombo to Jaffna and from Jaffna to Colombo annually by 1983;
 - (iv) the annual income generated from 1980 to 1983 separately in relation to each year;
 - (v) the date on which the railway line was destroyed by terrorists;
 - (vi) the location of the attack;
 - (vii) whether the damage has been estimated; and
 - (viii) If so, what that estimate is?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated to reconstruct the northern railway line in each year after the conclusion of the war in 2009;
 - (ii) the number of trips being made at present;
 - (iii) the number of passengers who have travelled in the northern railway line each year from 2009 up to date; and
 - (iv) the income generated in each year mentioned in (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1339/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the details of the persons who lost their lives, houses or property or affected in any other manner as a result of the attack made by the LTTE terrorists on the villages of Palliyagodella and Akbarpura in Polonnaruwa district in 1992;
 - (ii) the number of persons who had been identified as Head of Household who were among those who died as a result of that terrorist attack;
 - (iii) whether he admits that a serious injustice has been caused to those who were under the age of 18 at the time of that disaster due to the methodology specified by the Ministry to be followed in providing houses to the displaced families with its common criterion of considering as sub families;
 - (iv) if so, whether he would advise the recognition as a sub family those underage persons at the time of disaster who now live as a family, in selecting the recipients of houses for resettlement in villages that were under threat that is implemented under DPS/DD-3/ Housing Proj/2016;
 - (v) whether steps would be taken to provide housing for those sub families?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1350/16

Hon Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to reduce the opportunities that existed for the Sri Lankan students to study for external degree courses;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female students who have been approved to be enrolled for the external degree courses in 2016;
 - (iii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE(A/L) and got qualified for the University entrance in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the number of students who were admitted to Universities;
 - (iv) separately, the number of students who are studying in Foreign Universities that are functioning in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately;
 - (v) the degree courses followed by the students mentioned in above (iv) separately;
 - (vi) the number of students who follow each of the aforesaid degree courses separately;
 - (vii) if answers are not given for the above (v) and (vi) the reason for that?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1365/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether he admits that action is being taken island-wide to create one Additional District Secretary (Development) post for each district and one Assistant Divisional Secretary (Planning and Development) post for each Divisional Secretariat and to appoint officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service to these posts;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Sri Lanka Planning Service is one of the all island services prevailing in Sri Lanka and as suitable posts have not been created for these officers most of the Grade-I officers are performing duties in posts belonging to Grade II and III; and
 - (iii) whether he will therefore act to award these posts, which are to be newly created, to the officers of the Sri Lanka Planning Service?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1367/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 1837 families are presently living in the village named Ponnai Neeram in Kandavalai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Killinochchi District;
 - (ii) 780 of the aforesaid families have not received permanent houses to date and 391 of the families are female headed ones;
 - (iii) the aforesaid village needs to be provided with a lot of basic facilities;
 - (iv) having no land permits has become a grave problem for many of the villagers of the aforesaid village; and
 - (v) the livelihoods of the female headed families, particularly have been adversely affected?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the nature of the steps that have been taken so far to fulfill the needs of the people of the aforesaid village;
 - (ii) if steps have already been taken to fulfill the aforesaid needs, of the date of commencement and date of completion of such measures; and
 - (iii) if no step has been taken so far, of the nature of the steps that will be taken in future to address this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1388/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that it was opined as per proposal No.142 of the budget of 2016 to provide the underutilized government lands to private investors who can invest a minimum of 25 million rupees in local milk production ;
 - (ii) the number of companies and persons that requested government lands as per the aforesaid proposal and their names;
 - (iii) whether a list of the unutilized or underutilized government lands will be tabled;
 - (iv) the number of acres given out of the aforesaid lands to grow grass, which is of higher productivity, through outside farmers;
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1483/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of complaints that have been received against the principals, teachers and the non academic staff in the government schools;
 - (ii) the number of complaints that the investigations have been completed;
 - (iii) the number of ongoing investigations;
 - (iv) the number of cases on which investigations have not been started;
 - (v) the reasons for not to commence the investigations;
 - (vi) the date on which the investigations that have been piled up will be finalized;
 - (vii) the reasons for the delays in investigations;
 - (viii) the names of the persons on whom the investigations have been completed and the actions that have been taken against them separately;
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, June 09, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

863/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of to the quantity of dates that was imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which dates are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the quality of dates is inspected when they are imported;
 - (ii) if so, how it is done; and
 - (iii) what amount of money was spent for importing dates during the year 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1266/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) The date on which the L.T.T.E. terrorists launched an attack targeting five police stations in the Eastern province;
 - (ii) the number of police officers who died of that attack;
 - (iii) the number of police officers who went missing in that attack;
 - (iv) If an estimate has been made of the damage caused to property by that attack, what it is;
 - (v) whether the terrorists responsible for that attack have been arrested;
 - (vi) whether legal steps have been taken against the persons responsible for that attack; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report about that incident be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1362/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of private institutions in the Matara District registered for making contributions to the Employees Trust Fund;
 - (ii) the names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District, the number of employees who have obtained the membership of the Employees Trust Fund;
 - (iv) the minimum conditions to be satisfied to be eligible for the registration in the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1368/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Kalmunai Education Zone in the Ampara District in the Eastern Province has eight national schools including the recently upgraded Thampiluvil Central College;
 - (ii) so far, permanent principals have not been appointed to the aforesaid national schools;

(68)

- (iii) false information which says that the aforesaid schools have permanent principals have been provided to the Ministry of Education; and
- (iv) Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Officers Union has alleged that the aforesaid schools are functioning without proper supervision by the Ministry of Education?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether action will be taken to appoint permanent, qualified principals to the aforesaid national schools as per the directive of the Public Service Commission which stipulates that the principals of national schools should compulsorily be graduates; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which such action would be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

5.

1389/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he admits the fact that it was proposed as per 141st proposal of the budget of 2016 to provide a subsidy to local milk producers, which is 30 rupees per packet;
- (ii) whether he will explain the manner in which the 1000 million rupees allocated by the budget for the aforesaid milk production subsidy was utilized;
- (iii) the names of the persons or institutions to whom the aforesaid milk production subsidy was provided and of the Ministries through which it was provided;
- (iv) the number of liters of milk in millions produced in Sri Lanka in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to now, separately?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1393/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the farmers belonging to Kalutara and Walallawita Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been asked by the relevant officer to produce a photo-copy of the National Identity Card along with the application for fertilizer when they came to obtain the fertilizer subsidy; and
- (ii) they have been informed that a circular to this effect has been sent, when it was explained that the majority of the farmers do not possess National Identity Cards ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to instruct the Officers to accept the Elders' Identity Cards, Passports and Driving Licenses owned by the farmers of the area in place of National Identity Cards?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1507/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) amount of total debt obtained by the government in the year 2016;
 - (ii) weighted average interest rate due for the debt obtained in the year 2016;
 - (iii) the amount which weighted average interest rate in the year 2016 has fluctuated, in comparison to years 2014 and 2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1560/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the mobile marketing programme named 'Gamata Saviya -Sathosa Badiya' commenced by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment Corporation is operative at present;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles deployed for this programme ;
 - (iii) the period of time for which this programme was operative;
 - (iv) whether a report of the total cost incurred for this programme will be submitted;
 - (v) whether a proper feasibility study has been done before this programme was commenced ;
 - (vi) if not, the requirement of commencing this programme?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1569/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sources from which moneys were allocated for the development of Thopur stadium in the district of Trincomalee;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money allocated out of each of the aforesaid sources; and
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for that development activity?

- (b) Is he aware—
- (i) that this stadium was declared open in January, 2017; and
 - (ii) and that its plaque contains only the names of the members of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the basis on which these names have been included;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not including the names of the members of Parliament and members of Provincial Councils who represent the government, in spite of the fact that such members are available in the District of Trincomalee;
 - (iii) whether the relevant procedures have been adopted with pertinence to the name given to this stadium;
 - (iv) whether the promotion and prioritization of a certain party in development activities conducted through public funds is accepted as a feature of Good governance ;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to rectify this fault?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

1574/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of students who received the Mahapola Higher Educational Scholarships out of the total number of students enrolled to the state universities in the last five academic years;
 - (ii) of the value of a monthly installment of Mahapola Scholarship?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the methodology adopted in selecting students for offering Mahapola scholarships on merit basis;
 - (ii) separately on the academic year and the subject stream basis, of the number of students who were offered the Mahapola scholarship on merit basis in bio-science, mathematics, commerce and arts subjects in the past five years as given in (i) above;
 - (iii) as per the results of the G.C.E. (A/L) examination, of the district rank and the island rank of the student (who had the minimum qualification) in each of the subject streams mentioned in (ii) above in the last five academic years?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1673/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. A.L.M. Mukthar, officer in class II of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service functioning as Deputy Director of Education of Ampara zone; and
 - (ii) Zonal Director of Education of Ampara zone is an officer junior to Mr. Mukthar in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a higher graded senior officer allowed to work under a junior officer;
 - (ii) whether instructions be issued to rectify this anomaly by either transferring Mr. Mukthar to a post in accordance to his grade and seniority or posting a senior officer above Mr. Mukthar as Zonal Director of Education, Ampara; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (c) If not why?

12.

891/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the areas which are traditionally occupied by craftsmen who engage in gold, silver and iron craft;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) of the number of families which traditionally engage in aforementioned industry in the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iv) whether a study has been carried out regarding the main issues faced by those craftsmen; and
 - (v) if so, of the issues faced by those craftsmen?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to provide those craftsmen with new technologies and training they require;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which it has been done;
 - (iii) whether the government has intervened to find them the market to sell their products; and
 - (iv) if so, of the manner in which it has been done?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there is a programme to provide foreign employment opportunities to these craftsmen;
 - (ii) if not, whether such a programme will be formulated;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid products are exported;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the countries to which the products are exported; and
 - (v) the income earned in the years 2015 and 2016 through exporting these products?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

1267/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families beneficial by Samurdhi relief in the Moneragala district;
 - (ii) the number of such families, in terms of the value of the stamps they receive, separately;
 - (iii) whether any categorisation has been made on the information of the last Samurdhi survey;
 - (iv) the number of appeals received after that survey in relation to each Divisional Secretariat division separately; and
 - (v) the steps to be taken in future in regard to those appeals?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

1369/'16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the Ilamarudankulam village is located 7 kilometers to the east of the Omanthai junction which belongs to the Vavuniya-South Divisional Secretariat Division of the Vavuniya District and that the Semamadu village is located 3km from the aforementioned village;
 - (ii) that 500 families lived in these villages before the war situation and that after the end of the war, 19 families reside in the Ilamarudankulam village and that 65 families occupy the Semamadu village by now;
 - (iii) that before the war, approximately 1100 acres of land was cultivated in these villages but the threats posed by wild elephants at present have made it impossible to engage in cultivation activities there;
 - (iv) that no housing scheme was implemented for the benefit of the aforementioned people?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether projects have been carried out for the wellbeing of the people of Ilamarudankulam and Semamadu by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such projects;
 - (iii) if not, of the names of projects which are expected to be implemented in future?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1390/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a register of persons who obtained the fertilizer subsidy which was provided to paddy farmers subjected to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- per year as per budget proposal No. 136 of budget 2016 along with the financial allocations granted for each of the aforesaid persons;
 - (ii) separately of the expenditure borne by the government for the fertilizer subsidy for each year from 2005 – 2016;
 - (iii) of the amount of remaining money, if any, out of the grants of Rs. 35,000/- million and Rs. 37,500/- million allocated for the fertilizer subsidy in the years 2015 and 2016 respectively?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P.9/'15

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.

2.

P.10/'15

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.

3.

P.11/'15

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.

4.

P.12/'15

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.

5.

P. 13/15

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.

6.

P. 14/15

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.

7.

P. 15/15

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.

8.

P.16/15

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.

9.

P.17/15

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.

10.

P.18/'15

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.

11.

P.19/'15

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.

12.

P.21/'15

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.

13.

P.22/'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.

14.

P.23/'15

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.

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P.24/'15

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.

16.

P.25/'15

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.

17.

P.26/'15

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.

18.

P.27/'15

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.

19.

P.28/'15

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.

20.

P.29/'15

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.

21.

P.30/'15

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.

22.

P.31/'15

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.

23.

P.32/15

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.

24.

P.33/15

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.

25.

P.34/15

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

26.

P.35/15

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.

27.

P.36/15

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.

28.

P.37/15

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.

29.

P.38/'15

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.

30.

P.39/'15

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.

31.

P.40/'15

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.

32.

P.41/'15

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.

33.

P.42/'15

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.

34.

P.43/'15

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.

35.

P.44/'15

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.

36.

P.45/'15

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.

37.

P.46/'15

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.

38.

P.47/'15

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.

39.

P.48/'15

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.

40.

P.49/'15

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.

41.

P.50/'15

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.

42.

P.51/'15

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.

43.

P.52/'15

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.

44.

P.53/'15

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.

45.

P.54/'15

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.

46.

P.55/'15

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.

47.

P.56/'15

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.

48.

P.57/'15

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.

49.

P.58/'15

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.

50.

P.59/'15

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.

51.

P.60/'15

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.

52.

P.61/'15

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.

53.

P.62/'15

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.

54.

P.63/15

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.

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P.64/15

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.

56.

P.65/15

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.

57.

P.66/15

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.

58.

P.67/15

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.

59.

P.68/15

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.

60.

P.69/'15

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.

61.

P.70/'15

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.

62.

P.71/'15

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.

63.

P.72/'15

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.

64.

P.73/'15

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.

65.

P.74/'15

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.

66.

P.76/15

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.

67.

P.77/15

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.

68.

P.78/15

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.

69.

P.79/15

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.

70.

P.80/15

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.

71.

P.81/15

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.

72.

P.82/'15

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.

73.

P.83/'15

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.

74.

P.84/'15

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.

75.

P.85/'15

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.

76.

P.86/'15

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.

77.

P.87/'15

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.

78.

P.88/'15

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.

79.

P.89/'15

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.

80.

P.90/'15

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.

81.

P.91/'15

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.

82.

P.92/'15

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.

83.

P.93/'15

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.

84.

P.94/'15

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.

85.

P.95/'15

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.

86.

P.96/'15

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.

87.

P. 97/'15

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.

88.

P. 98/'15

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.

89.

P. 99/'15

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.

90.

P. 100/'15

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.

91.

P. 101/'15

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 ‘න, ණ, ට, ට්’ are controversial.

92.

P. 102/'15

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.

93.

P. 103/'15

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, Devadharmā Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

94.

P. 104/'15

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.

95.

P. 105/'15

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.

96.

P. 106/'15

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.

97.

P. 107/'15

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.

98.

P.108/'15

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.

99.

P. 109/'15

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.

100.

P. 110/'15

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.

101.

P.111/'15

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.

102.

P.112/'15

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.

103.

P.113/'15

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.

104.

P.114/'15

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.

105.

P.115/'15

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.

106.

P.116/'15

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

107.

P.117/'15

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.

108.

P.118/'15

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.

109.

P.119/'15

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.

110.

P.120/'15

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.

111.

P.121/'15

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.

112.

P.122/'15

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.

113.

P.123/'15

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.

114.

P.124/'15

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.

115.

P.125/'15

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.

116.

P.126/'15

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.

117.

P.127/'15

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.

118.

P.128/'15

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.

119.

P.129/'15

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.

120.

P.130/'15

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.

121.

P.131/'15

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.

122.

P.132/'15

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.

123.

P. 133/'15

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.

124.

P.134/'15

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.

125.

P.135/'15

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.

126.

P.136/'15

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.

127.

P.137/'15

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.

128.

P.138/'15

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.

129.

P.139/'15

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.

130.

P.140/'15

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.

131.

P.145/15

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.

132.

P.150/15

Hon. Heshan 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.

133.

P.151/15

Hon. Heshan 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.

134.

P.155/15

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.

135.

P.156/15

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.

136.

P.157/15

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.

137.

P.158/15

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.

138.

P.159/15

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.

139.

P.160/15

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.

140.

P.178/16

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 as Sri Lankans, 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.

141.

P.168/16

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.

142.

P.169/16

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.

143.

P.177/16

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

144.

P.163/15

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.

145.

P. 179/16

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— Establishment of an Authority to rehabilitate the drug addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that an Authority should be established in order to rehabilitate drug addicts with the initiative of religious leaders and by using Buddhist spiritual meditations, indigenous medicine and other remedies, since the absence of a proper programme or procedure for rehabilitation has become a severe burden for youths who wants to abandon their drug addiction.

146.

P 180/16

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, — Implementation of Island-wide Combined Schedule to operate S.L.T.B. and Private buses at night, — That this Parliament resolves that the Sri Lanka Transport Board and Road Passenger Transport Authorities established under the Provincial Councils should develop and implement a combined schedule for S.L.T.B. and private buses to operate at night throughout the Island as passengers are severely inconvenienced owing to S.L.T.B. and private buses not operating in a proper manner after 6 p.m. throughout the Country .

147.

P.181/'16

Hon. Abdullah Marhooff,— Resettlement of the Muslim community, forcibly evicted from the Northern Province, — That this Parliament resolves that it is the responsibility of the government to identify and remove all the stumbling blocks to resettle the Muslim community lived in the Northern Province for centuries who were forcibly evicted within forty eight hours, to leave their assets and belongings behind and without a guarantee for their lives in 1990, even though this minority local populace continue to live in the country without going abroad or betraying this country and they even cast 95% of their vote during the Presidential and General Elections, but they are still unable to return to their original places, therefore, they must be allowed to resettle in their original places with all the rights.

148.

P.182/'16

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Recruitment of graduates as counseling officers to schools, — That this Parliament resolves that an action plan to employ officers to guide the primary, secondary and advanced level students in parallel to their academic activities in all schools island-wide, whose functions are similar to that of counseling officers currently attached to the Divisional Secretariats to be implemented in order to eradicate the abuse of women and children, taking place island-wide by way of absorbing the graduates as the officer mentioned above to each and every school by means of providing them with special appointments which shall effect from 2016 and which would also generate employment opportunities to the graduates.

149.

P.183/'16

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Priority to be given to the youths in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces, when the implementation of one million employments project,— That this Parliament resolves that during the implementation of one million employments project, the priority should be given to the youths between the age of thirty five to forty years live in the Northern and the Eastern provinces, and to take necessary steps to offer permanent status to those who dropped out from schools at primary, secondary and senior secondary levels and have been employed as volunteer teachers at schools for more than twenty years with the G.C.E. (O/L) qualifications, without considering higher educational qualifications

150.

P.184/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Sunday School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Sunday School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self discipline.

151.

P. 185/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, – Establishing a Centre for Parliamentary Studies, – that this Parliament resolves that a Centre for Parliamentary Studies be established within the Parliament Complex in order to facilitate schoolchildren, youths and other scholars to study the parliamentary procedures, history of parliament and political systems of Sri Lanka and of various countries in the world.

152.

P. 186/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,— Amending the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Law,— This Parliament resolves that the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Law that is currently operative in Sri Lanka be amended to accord with the recognized fundamental principles of Islam.

153.

P. 189/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Naming the Puttalam District as the District of National Coexistence and Reconciliation,— As the different community groups of Buddhists, Catholics and Muslims of the Puttalam District live in utmost peace and amity, this Parliament resolves that it be named as the District of National Coexistence and Reconciliation in order to further promote coexistence, which is one of the foremost objectives of the present Good Governance Regime.

154.

P.190/17

Hon. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, - Formulating a Methodical Course of Action to uplift Pre-School Education,— As there seems to be an element of degradation in children's personality development, value structure and fundamental educative streamlining in early childhood development due to lack of proper standard and methodology in running early childhood development centres, which are the foremost places for the creation of perfect individuals useful for the country, despite the presence of a large number of such centres throughout the island, this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated to uplift preschool education by making available the necessary physical resources at the early childhood education centres, by appointing qualified pre-school matrons, by sending them for training courses with a view to ensuring the quality of the educative process and by ensuring their job security through specified salaries / allowances.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

892/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the group of people called 'Wanni Sinhala' living in the Thula Welliya village of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the other Grama Niladhari Divisions in which people belonging to the aforesaid group live, in addition to the Grama Niladhari Division mentioned above;
- (iii) whether he admits that the basic amenities in the villages of these people who were subjected to various suffering during the war are minimal;
- (iv) whether steps have been taken to provide those facilities expeditiously; and
- (v) if so, what those steps are?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to improve the economic status of the aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to safeguard the traditional heritage of these people by the government; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1112/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Departments, Authorities, Corporations and other Statutory institutions coming under the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation ;
 - (ii) the total number of staff attached to each such institution, separately;
 - (iii) the total number of staff recruited to each of the above institutions after the present government of good governance came into power in 2015, separately;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of persons mentioned in (iii) above;
 - (v) whether there are vacancies in these intuitions at present; and
 - (vi) if so, the methodology to be adopted to recruit persons in future?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1268/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of teachers serving at national schools;
 - (ii) of the total number of teachers serving at other schools belonging to the provincial council;
 - (iii) of the total number of pupils studying at schools;
 - (iv) separately of total number of teachers available for each subject ; and
 - (v) separately of the dearth of teachers for each subject at each of the schools as per (iv) above;
- in the Monaragala District?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1391/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money provided by the general treasury as at the end of the year, out of the provision of Rs.100 million allocated as per proposal No. 151 of budget 2016, for the initial arrangements of the mega project to establish an aquaculture zone in the district of Batticaloa;
 - (ii) of the extent of land that has been allocated for the above project;
 - (iii) whether the project report regarding this project will be tabled;
 - (iv) whether aquaculture zones will be established in the other areas of the island as well in the year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1509/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankans who are employed overseas as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) of the increase of the number of Sri Lankans who are employed overseas as at 31.12.2016 in comparison with the numbers as at 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015 separately;
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1548/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) the financial allocations made for the Trincomalee district for developing small irrigational tanks in 2012, 2013 and 2014, in relation to each Agrarian Service division and year separately;
 - (ii) the tanks developed by utilizing those allocations and the amount of money spent on them, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there has been an increase in the paddy harvest owing to these development activities;
 - (ii) if so, the volume of increase;
 - (iii) whether this increase is commensurate with the financial allocations spent;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any follow up has been made on those development activities as the farmers complain that the programmes that were carried out during the above years have not been done in the proper manner;
 - (ii) if so, the details of such follow up;
 - (iii) if not, whether steps will be taken to follow up on these development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1681/'17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a road parallel to Batticaloa-Valachchenai Road along the sea shore from Batticaloa Bar Light house junction to Kalkudah partly constructed up to Eravur exists;
 - (ii) this road ease traffic congestion on the Batticaloa-Valachchenai road and will also be convenient to the public, as the Batticaloa District Secretariat and some other institutions nearby this road are also under construction;
 - (iii) it is easy and convenient to the local and foreign tourists to travel along the coast up to Pasikudah Bay on this road;
 - (iv) it is convenient for deep sea fishermen for their fishing activities easily;
 - (v) the residents of re-settled village of Thiraimadu will be benefitted; and
 - (vi) this will encourage investors to construct tourist hotels and other establishments along this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions be given for the expedition of the construction of this road considering the above facts and needs at the earliest?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

893/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Sinhala and Tamil communities living in the village of Panama in the Eastern Province live in absolute harmony; and
 - (ii) the aforementioned people have to face a number of issues when getting their basic requirements fulfilled?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to resolve water and land related issues faced by people of the Panama area; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether state patronage has been extended so that the aforesaid people are able to live safeguarding their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it has been done?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

1125/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of bus terminals in the Badulla district which were developed from 2010 up to now on the allocations of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government;
 - (ii) the names of the bus terminals which were developed;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each bus terminal separately;
 - (iv) the other bus terminals in the Badulla district which are proposed to be included in the project?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

1270/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there had been politically victimized teachers at each education zone level in the Monaragala district prior to 08 January 2015;
 - (ii) If so, their number;
 - (iii) whether recommendations relevant to victimization have been issued in respect of persons referred to in (i) above;
 - (iv) whether he will table a full report of that document?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

1394/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Cinnamon development authority was established utilizing the provisions of Rs.50 million as per proposal No. 167 of budget 2016 ;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was established and where it is located;
 - (iii) of the timely requirement of establishing a Cinnamon Development Authority;
 - (iv) of the Ministry vested with the responsibility of the establishment of a Cinnamon Development Authority and the formulation of plans with relevance to that;
 - (v) of the measures that have been adopted in the year 2016 by the aforesaid Ministry with a view to making the said budget proposal a practical reality ;
 - (vi) of the amount of financial allocations made to proceed with the proposed Cinnamon Development Authority through Budget 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1510/17

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 shooting incidents and murders reported within the year 2016;
 - (ii) the increase in shooting incidents and murders recorded in the year 2016 in numbers in comparison to years 2014 and 2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

1549/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Elilarangu stadium, Kinniya is being developed over the past few years;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for its development activities;
 - (iii) the work carried out;
 - (iv) the public officers in Kinniya are not aware of the above activities?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately in respect of each year from 2011 to 2015, the financial provision allocated for the development activities of Elilarangu stadium;
 - (ii) the development activities carried out with the said provisions;
 - (iii) the reason for the Ministry directly carrying out the above development activities without the knowledge of the Trincomalee District Secretariat and the Eastern Provincial Council;
 - (iv) the contractor carrying out the development activities;
 - (v) the basis on which the works was assigned to the said contractor;
 - (vi) the reason for not completing the development activities up to now despite the lapse of a lengthy period of time?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether transparency in all development activities carried out under the government of good governance is guaranteed?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

1686/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) names of all the National Schools in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) number of students in each national school, grade-wise;
 - (iii) number of available teachers category-wise in each national school;
 - (iv) approved cadre of teachers, subject-wise in each national school;
 - (v) number of teacher vacancies, category-wise in each national school;
 - (vi) names of the subjects for which teacher vacancies exist in each national school; and
 - (vii) names of national schools which have been provided with facilities such as technical laboratories and language laboratories?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
- (i) steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education to fill these vacancies; and
 - (ii) date on which the aforesaid vacancy will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

1049/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of Ministries that operate at private buildings situated within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the buildings at which the aforesaid Ministries operate;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of the lease and the service charge that are paid per square foot of each of the aforesaid buildings; and
 - (iv) whether a payment is made for the parking spaces available at these buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministries housed in buildings that are situated within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council will be shifted to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
 - (ii) if so, whether buildings required for housing such Ministries will be constructed; and
 - (iii) separately of the names of Ministries that will be shifted from the Colombo Municipal Council area to Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte and of the names of those that will not be shifted?
- (c) If not, why?

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. Dinesh Gunawardena
 - Hon. Gamini Lokuge
 - Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
 - Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
 - Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
 - Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
 - Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
 - Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
 - Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
 - Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella
 - Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
 - Hon. Johnston Fernando
 - Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
 - Hon. D. V. Chanaka
 - Hon. Dilum Amunugama
 - Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana

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Hon. Sisira Jayakody
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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.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
