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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5092/'14

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government of Sri Lanka has made any financial aid or aid for projects to the government of Uganda over the last five years;
 - (ii) if so, the financial value of such aid;
 - (iii) if any construction project has been assigned to that country, the manner of selection of contractors for that project;
 - (iv) the objective of making that financial aid or aid for projects; and
 - (v) whether making an aid to a foreign country as mentioned above, when Sri Lanka has to payback a huge amount of foreign loans, is not a fruitless effort?
- (b) If not, why?

5774/'14

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) approval has been granted for the plan to construct a permanent building in the small plot of land with an extent of 2.8 perches belonging to Mr. Amarapala Jayaneththi, which is located facing the Mathugama-Aluthgama road in Horawala, Diyakithulagodawatta of the Horawala Sub-office area of the Mathugama Pradeshiya Sabha area; and
 - (ii) obstructions will be caused to the road that leads to the houses in the surrounding area and the adjoining building once the aforesaid building is constructed?

(2)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether granting approval to the aforesaid building plan has been done in adherence to government rules and regulations;
- (ii) if not, the procedure adopted to grant approval to the aforesaid building plan;
- (iii) on which party's necessity that such approval was granted; and
- (iv) the minimum extent of land that is required to grant approval for a building plan as per government rules and regulations?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 08, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5424/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that all skilled technicians have been absorbed into the Skilled Technician Service with effect from 01.01.1997 as per the basic service minute of the Department of Railway;
- (ii) whether a 6:1 ratio is adopted when promoting Technicians in the group 'A' to Class 1 based on the category and the promotion, which is a condition that is not imposed by any other service minute;
- (iii) whether he is aware that those in authority have agreed on a number of occasions to alter the aforesaid ratio when implementing the 6/2006 circular ;
- (iv) whether a promotion procedure has not yet been formulated as per the 6/2006 circular;
- (v) if so, the reasons for not doing so; and
- (vi) whether he is aware that a large group of employees who remain stagnant at the upper ceiling of their salary increment scheme are faced with injustice as a result of this issue?

(c) If not, why?

(3)

5448/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the profit generated by the National Lotteries Board during the five-year from the year 2009 to 2013?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the lotteries that are run by the National Lotteries Board;
 - (ii) whether the first prize of Rs. 5 covers and the other prizes consisting of 40 jeeps were given to the winners of the previous draw of the Mega Lottery as it had been published in the advertisements;
 - (iii) whether the number of winning chances declared and the amounts of the prizes offered for each of the other lotteries have been reduced at present; and
 - (iv) if so, the numerical value of such reductions?
- (c) If not, why?

5846/'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the trustees were appointed for the last time to the Jumma mosque registered under No. R/0682/T/036 in the Wakf Board of Sri Lanka in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those trustees?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of immovable property (land, houses and shops) belong to the aforesaid mosque;
 - (ii) whether the title deeds of the aforesaid property are in the name of the mosque;
 - (iii) whether agreements have been signed according to the provisions in the Wakf act when each of the aforesaid property were leased out or rented out; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which those agreements were signed and the names of the relevant leaseholders?
- (c) Will he state whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Wakf board and the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs have been given to rent out or lease out the property mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

(4)

5858/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, in litres, the average daily consumption of diesel, petrol and kerosene in the country as of now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the amounts of taxes levied on each type of the aforesaid fuel at present;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to withdraw such taxes in future so as to grant relief to the public; and
 - (iii) if so, separately, the prescribed market price of a liter of the said fuel accordingly?
- (c) If not, why?

5890/'15

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the roads in Sri Lanka that comes under the purview of the Road Development Authority, in kilometers;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid roads, of the length of the roads that have been developed completely to the date 01/01/2015;
 - (iii) of the total length of the roads that has to be further developed; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to develop the roads that are scheduled to be developed in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

5897/'15

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of super-grade post offices operating in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether building facility has been provided for the new super grade post office in Seethawakapura in the Avissawella Electorate; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to commission the aforesaid super grade post office before the upcoming Sinhala New Year and to provide its service to the public?

(5)

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to rename the Avissawella Postal Area as Seethawaka Postal Area; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a programme will be implemented to inform the public of the aforesaid new postal area in line with the opening of the post office mentioned in (a)(ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

5859/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) extensive changes have taken place in the education system of the country in recent past; and
 - (ii) 1000 secondary schools and 5000 primary schools are being developed at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Mahindodaya laboratories constructed as of now;
 - (ii) of the said laboratories, the number vested with students; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to vest with students the remaining Mahindodaya laboratories expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, April 09, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5118/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of electricity generators at the Kukuleganga Power Plant; and
 - (ii) the electricity generating capacity of each power plant?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all electricity generators mentioned above functioned throughout 2013;
 - (ii) if not the number of electricity generators that defunct;
 - (iii) of the period for which each of those generators were defunct separately;
 - (iv) of the reasons for those electricity generators to fail; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the machines of that power plant will not fail in future?
- (c) If not, why?

5500/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a statement was made in Parliament on 23.03.1990 by the then Minister in charge of that Board to the effect that the River Valley Development Board will be closed down with effect from 31.03.1990 having paid a compensation ranging from Rs. 96,000/- to Rs. 265,000/- to each of its employees;
 - (ii) in spite of the statement made, only an amount of Rs. 50,000/- had been paid to those workers; and
 - (iii) they have been rendered destitute under the aforesaid circumstance?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which action will be taken to pay the compensation dues in arrears to those workers who had worked in the River Valley Development Board?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether provision of houses and lands to all the workers has been completed by now, as per the statement made to the effect that ownership of official quarters which belonged to the River Valley Development Board by then would be transferred to the workers residing in them at the moment and that land would be provided to the other workers who are without houses; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the provision of title deeds for the aforesaid houses and lands has been completed by now?
- (d) If not, why?

5847/'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether—
 - (i) an investigation on the corruption and malpractices alleged to have taken place in the use of immovable property (lands, houses and shops) of the Jumma mosque registered under R/0682/T/036 of wakf board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs will be conducted; and
 - (ii) an audit will be conducted under a special new board of trustees on the income received by the mosque from its property the balance of expenditure?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) there are properties that have been transferred by fraudulently making deeds in the names of individuals in the use of the wakf properties mentioned above; and
 - (ii) instructions would be issued to ban the use of such properties and institute legal action against the individuals concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

5865/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) rice is consumed by the majority of Sri Lankans; and
 - (ii) accordingly, there is a great demand for rice in the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the expeditious measures that will be taken to reduce the prices of rice?
- (c) If not, why?

5894/'15

Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of teachers required for the government school system;
 - (ii) the number of teachers available in government schools as at 01.01.2015;
 - (iii) if there is a surplus or a shortage of teachers, the details of the same; and
 - (iv) the action that will be taken if there is a shortage of teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

5898/'15

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena, — To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the construction work of the pavilion, Phase II of the Philip Gunwardena sports complex, in Seethawakapura Urban Council area in the Avissawella electorate has been completed;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid pavilion will be commissioned; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to transfer the ownership of the aforesaid sports complex to the Seethawakapura Urban Council after the sports complex has been commissioned as per the request that has been made by that Council for such transfer in order to make improvements to and carryout the maintenance of the sports complex by that Council?
- (b) If not, why?

5904/15

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been proposed by the interim budget presented for the year 2015 to provide a fixed price of Rs. 50.00 for a kilo of paddy;
 - (ii) if so, the month and the date when the implementation of the aforesaid proposal will be commenced in the year 2015; and
 - (iii) whether all paddy purchasing institutions and private paddy purchasers will be ordered to purchase every kilo of paddy at the aforesaid price itself when the proposal mentioned above is implemented?
- (b) Will he state the action that will be taken against those who do not purchase paddy at the stipulated fixed price?
- (c) If not, why ?

5914/15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order, Disaster Management and Christian Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Indrarama Maha Vihara at Phase II, Mahadivulwewa, Morawewa, was subject to an emergency search at night on or around 23.01.2015 by Police?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the objective of searching even the houses of bodyguards of the member of the Karaka Sabha of the Nikaya and honorary member of the Sangha Council Venerable Polhengoda Uparathana Thero residing in the said temple;
 - (ii) the names of persons who authorized the above search; and
 - (iii) the officers who took part in that search?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Buddhist temples searched by officers attached to Police or other security divisions following the election of the present government on the basis of 'good governance' policy;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those temples;
 - (iii) the objective of conducting such searches; and
 - (iv) whether this objective has been realized;
 - (v) of the temples searched, the number against which cases have been filed; and
 - (vi) what they are ?
- (d) If not, why?

5867/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it is more appropriate for the Divisional Secretary who plays a pivotal role in divisional administration to remain residential within the Division for the performance of duties;
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretary of Alawwa has not been able to reside in his Division for a long period due to the absence of residential facilities?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to make necessary facilities available for the Divisional Secretary of Alawwa to remain residential in his Division?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, April 10, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5120/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Higher Education has entered into agreements with any institution to construct 60 hostels for university students in the years 2013/2014;
 - (ii) if so, the institutions with which agreements have been entered into in relation to those constructions;
 - (iii) whether the accepted tender procedure was followed in selecting the construction institutions; and
 - (iv) if not, the factors that formed the basis for the selection of those institutions?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of hostels assigned to each of the above institutions for construction and the sum of money agreed upon in relation to those constructions, separately;
 - (ii) the dates, each agreed party is due to complete the construction of hostels;
 - (iii) the number of students that can be accommodated in each of the hostels so constructed; and
 - (iv) the sum of money spent by the Ministry of Higher Education on the construction of each such hostel?
- (c) If not, why?

5848/'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that an unauthorised construction on the access road close to assessment numbers 59 and 59/8 on Maligakanda lane in the No. 32 Kuppiyawatta West Division in the Colombo Municipal Council area is causing numerous inconveniences to the residents of the area; and
 - (ii) steps will be taken to develop the access road of the residents by removing the aforesaid unauthorized construction erected on the sponsorship of some officials of the Colombo Municipal Council?
- (b) If not, why?

5868/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a huge amount of money has to be paid to foreign countries for the importation of petroleum; and
 - (ii) if so, the approximate amount spent annually for the importation of all types of fuel?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any truth in the statements made to the effect that there are oil deposits within land or sea territory of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the areas where such oil deposits are located; and
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken by now to excavate those oil deposits?
- (c) If not, why?

5905/'15

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a proposal has been made by 2015 interim budget to offer a fixed price of Rs. 350.00 for a Kilogram of Rubber;
 - (ii) if so, of the month and the date that the implementation of the aforesaid proposal will be initiated in the year 2015;
 - (iii) whether the rubber purchasing institutions will be ordered to purchase each kilogram of rubber at the aforesaid exact price by the time of the aforesaid proposal is implemented?

(11)

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the action taken against the owners of the institutions who do not purchase rubber at stipulated fixed price;
- (ii) whether relief will be provided to recover the losses incurred by the buyers in purchasing rubber at the aforesaid fixed price at the times that Sri Lankan rubber prices fall in relation to the rubber price drop in the world market;
- (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted in providing the aforesaid subsidies;
- (iv) whether there are other relief measures provided for the aforesaid buyers in addition to providing subsidies; and
- (v) what such subsidies are?

(c) If not, why?

5915/15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. Vijith Dharmasena, Depot Manager of the Sri Lanka Transport Board's Trincomalee Depot, who worked to enhance its income through an excellent administration, has been verbally abused with filthy words and chased away from his place of work; and
- (ii) this verbal abuse and chasing away have been exerted for political reasons by the intervention of a Minister whose portfolio does not encompass the subject of transport?

(b) Will he advise the House on—

- (i) whether justice will be accorded to the Depot Manager so affected by holding a Ministry level inquiry with regard to the incident referred to above;
- (ii) the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board Depot Managers who have been kept away from their places of work through acts of coercion, intimidation or other methods and later removed from their posts treating them to have vacated posts;
- (iii) their names, addresses and telephone numbers and the depots in which they had been serving; and
- (iv) the steps that have been taken already with regard to these callous acts of injustice and those to be taken in future?

(c) If not, why?

5574/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called as regards operating the main cafeteria of the Fort Railway Station for the year 2013;
 - (ii) if so, the tenderers who submitted tenders;
 - (iii) separately, the quotations submitted by each tenderer;
 - (iv) the tenderer who was selected for the relevant purpose from among the above tenderers; and
 - (v) the basis on which such selection was made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the person who run the said cafeteria as of now; and
 - (ii) the basis on which the said person was granted opportunity to run the said cafeteria?
- (c) If not, why?

5849 /'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that vacancies do exist in the posts of Lecturer, Clerk and Clerical Assistant at the Department of Arabic and Islamic Civilization, which was started within the Faculty of Arts of the University of Colombo in the year 1995?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to fill all those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

5869/'15

Hon. Shantha Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families who do not have permanent houses in the country at present;
 - (ii) of the number of the aforesaid families as per each district separately;
 - (iii) whether a programme to provide houses for families who do not have houses will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a proposal has been made by the year 2015 interim budget to offer a fixed price of Rs. 80.00 for one Kilogram of green tea leaves;
- (ii) if so, of the month and the date that the implementation of the aforesaid proposal will be initiated; and
- (iii) whether the tea purchasing factories will be ordered to purchase each kilogram of green tea leaves at the aforesaid exact price when the aforesaid proposal is implemented?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the action taken against the owners of the factories who do not purchase green tea leaves at stipulated certified price;
- (ii) whether relief will be provided to recover the losses incurred by the buyers in purchasing green tea leaves at the aforesaid certified price at the times that Sri Lankan tea prices fall in relation to the tea price drop of the world market;
- (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted in providing the aforesaid subsidies;
- (iv) whether there are other relief measures provided for the aforesaid factory owners in addition to providing subsidies; and
- (v) what such subsidies are?

(c) If not, why?
