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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.  
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports and Shipping,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 relating to Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1987/19 of 04<sup>th</sup> October 2016 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2018/3 published on 08<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which were presented on 17.10.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1687/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there are no principals in 331 schools in the Eastern Province; and 252 persons function as Acting Principals;
- (ii) requests have been made to absorb the aforesaid acting principals into Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
- (iii) there are no 1A and B schools in Poratheevuppaththuwa division in Paddiruppu education zone; and
- (iv) there is a shortage of Maths and Science teachers in the aforesaid division?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the steps that have been taken to appoint principals to the 331 schools mentioned above;
  - (ii) the situation of the 252 acting principals;
  - (iii) whether a 1A and B schools can be provided to the Poratheevuppaththuwa division; and
  - (iv) the steps that have been taken to eliminate the shortage of Maths and Science teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

2121/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 09.01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Army camps established in Jaffna district;
  - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who were attached to those camps;
  - (iii) the name of each camp, the name of the Divisional Secretariat Division in which the camps have been established, the officers and the soldiers attached to those camps separately?
- (b) Will he state this House from 09. 01.2015 to 30. 06. 2017—
- (i) the number of Army camps that have been removed;
  - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who have been removed from those Army camps?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that the removal of Army camps and the officers and the soldiers who are serving in those camps in Jaffna district has a negative impact on the national security?
- (d) If not, why?

2125/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the study centre of the Open University of Sri Lanka commenced in Mannar district in March 2016 has been functioning in a temporary building up to now;
  - (ii) even though a land has been allocated for the construction of a permanent building, construction has not been commenced up to now;

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- (iii) a written request has been made by me on 20.06.2017 to allocate provisions to commence the construction;
  - (iv) there is no permanent building for Mannar district alone while there are permanent buildings for the regional centres/study centres of the Open University of Sri Lanka in the four districts of Vavuniya, Mulativu, Jaffna and Kilinochchi in the Northern Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken in future to allocate provisions from your Ministry for the construction of a permanent building for the study centre of the Open University of Sri Lanka which currently functions in a temporary building in Mannar district?
- (c) If not, why?

2188/17

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga, — To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether provisions have been made for the construction of new buildings in schools within the Minuwangoda Education Division in the year 2017;
  - (ii) if so, for which school plans have been made for the construction of new buildings and what amounts have been allocated in respect of each such school separately;
  - (iii) whether there are partially-completed buildings in the schools of Minuwangoda Education Division; and
  - (iv) if so, whether he will give a description of those schools and the buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether plans have been made to establish a new school named Minu/Meth Vijaya Model School within the Minuwangoda Education Division;
  - (ii) if so, how much has been allocated for the purpose;
  - (iii) whether that allocation is adequate to construct a school which will conduct classes from Grade 6 to Grade 13;
  - (iv) within what length of time the construction work of the proposed school is expected to be completed; and
  - (v) of the manner in which the provisions are expected to be allocated for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

2194/17

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that telecasting teledramas, films or advertisements with visuals of drinking alcohol or smoking is prohibited in terms of National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) on episode of the “Swetha Gantheera” teledrama telecast on Independent Television Network controlled by the Ministry of Mass Media between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on 11.02.2017 showed very clearly an actress was smoking;
  - (ii) such scenes, specially scenes of women smoking might be a stimulation for smoking;
  - (iii) government controlled media institution has violated the provisions of an Act passed by Parliament?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a formal investigation would be conducted on that episode of the teledrama and steps taken to prevent such things from happening in future?
- (d) If not, why?

2216/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) a volunteer organization named Tamil Rehabilitation Organization had been functioning in the North and East of Sri Lanka until year 2006;
  - (ii) the activities of that organization was banned in Sri Lanka after 2006; and
  - (iii) when this organization was banned in Sri Lanka, the banks in Sri Lanka suspended crores of rupees that belonged to this organization?
- (b) Will inform this House—
  - (i) of the period of time during which Tamil Rehabilitation Organization was functioning in Sri Lanka as an approved volunteer organization;
  - (ii) of the names of the banks in which this organization had operate accounts; and
  - (iii) separately of the amount of money that had been deposited in each of those banks?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which this volunteer organization was banned in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the value of the movable, immovable, and liquid assets that belonged to this organization at the time it was banned; and
  - (iii) as to what happened to such assets?
- (d) If not, why?

2233/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether two companies had made proposals for the privatization of the Hambantota port;
  - (ii) if so, the basis on which one out of those two companies was selected;
  - (iii) of the recommendations made by the Technical Evaluation Committee and the Cabinet Procurement Committee to select that company;
  - (iv) of the two agreements signed with the selected company;
  - (v) the manner, the shares of the two companies establish in terms of that agreement get divided;
  - (vi) the tasks entrusted to those two companies, separately;
  - (vii) the sources of income of those companies;
  - (viii) the steps that are to be taken to ensure the security of employment of the persons employed at present;
  - (ix) the company that will be entrusted with the maintenance of the Port;
  - (x) the sources of income for the government and the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka through this privatization?
- (b) If not, why?
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(6)

**Wednesday, December 06, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

690/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people who have made their living on cane products industry are currently leaving that industry;
  - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and
  - (iii) this industry could bring a huge amount of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether cane products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from it in the year 2015;
  - (iii) if the aforesaid products are not exported, whether action will be taken to export those products; and
  - (iv) if so, when it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the market required for the cane industry in the country; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

1738/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an audit query dated 18. 10. 2016 has been issued on Department of Education of Uva Province in respect of year 2015 and 2016 ;
  - (ii) if so , whether he submits the particulars in section 2 b, c ,d and e and the paragraph 3 of the audit query in respect of the school based management and teacher training programs which were held in Thailand and Philippine ;
  - (iii) whether measures will be taken against the officials who are connected with certain malpractices , corrupt activities and illegal activities occurred there ;
  - (iv) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (b) If not , why ?

(7)

2169/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of persons to be paid compensation for the houses, dry lands and paddy lands acquired for the Uma Oya project in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) the number of persons who have not been paid compensation from October 2014 to date though their properties have been acquired in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iii) the reason for not paying compensation until now;
  - (iv) the basis on which compensation is deposited in the court;
  - (v) whether the advice of the Attorney General's Department is sought for the deposit of compensation in the court;
  - (vi) if so, the time to be taken for that purpose;
  - (vii) the basis for referring to the Attorney General's Department;
  - (viii) whether steps will be taken for the speedy payment of compensation to those aggrieved due to non-receipt of compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

2187/17

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he accepts the fact that teacher training programs are very helpful in nurturing the teachers in new knowledge;
  - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education organized teacher training programs in zonal levels on subject basis, in year 2015, 2016 and 2017 ;
  - (iii) separately, of the number of teacher training programs so organized, the subjects and the costs incurred?
- (b) Will he also state —
  - (i) separately, in respect of each school of the number of teachers in Minuwangoda Education zone of Western province by the date of 06.06.2016;
  - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the number of teacher training programs held and the costs incurred in year 2015, 2016 and 2017;
  - (iii) whether the number of teacher training programs conducted and the amount of money allocated are adequate;

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- (iv) whether he is aware that the funds can not be allocated for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the Members of the Parliament;
- (v) whether a policy decision enabling the allocation of funds for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the members of the Parliament will be taken, considering same as a national requirement ?

(c) If not, why?

2192/17

Hon.Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the aviation services carried out under Mihin Lanka Ltd. have been acquired by the Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. since 30.10.2016;
- (ii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees enrolled to Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. in parallel to it and their names and positions;
- (iii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees whose service was terminated and their names and positions;
- (iv) of the amount paid as compensation to each employee separately, whose service was terminated;
- (v) of the names and positions of the persons who have been employed after 31.12.2016;
- (vi) of the number of persons who served as consultants till 31.12.2016;
- (vii) of the group of persons mentioned in (vi) above, how many have been paid with salaries for the upcoming months, the compensations, wages or allowances paid to them;
- (viii) of the number of employees who have appealed due to not receiving adequate compensation;
- (ix) whether they will be provided with outstanding compensation ?

(b) If not, why?

2196/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the Employees' Provident Fund contributions, Employees' Trust Fund contributions and Gratuity Payments deducted from the salaries of the workers of the estates belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board and state Plantation Corporation had not been paid to the workers even at the end of 2016;
- (ii) the number of workers employed in these estates and the outstanding amounts to be paid to them separately;



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- (iii) whether he admits that a grave injustice has been caused to the family members of some of the workers who were to receive the payments and are now dead as a result of not making those payments;
- (iv) whether steps would be taken to make those payments to the workers immediately;
- (v) if so, when?

(b) If not, why?

2283/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the acquisition of lands carried out by the Divisional Secretary of Kotapola under the acquisition of lands for a public purpose through Gazette Notification No. 2006/11 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 has been finalized;
- (ii) if not, the progress of relevant acquisition activities as of now?

(b) If not, why?

2433/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total extent of lands that would be awarded through the agreement to privatize the Hambantota Port and of the basis on which the lands would be awarded;
- (ii) whether a rental will be charged for the lands that are leased for the operations terminal under this agreement;
- (iii) whether either of the companies with which the agreement has been entered into will be given the right to construct the third and the fourth phases of this port;
- (iv) if so, of the basis on which such right will be given;
- (v) whether the 110-acres island that was built at the second phase of the Hambantota Port will be given to either of these companies;
- (vi) if so, of the basis on which it will awarded;
- (vii) whether a valuation has been obtained for this either from a local company or an international company; and
- (viii) if not, of the basis on which the value of that island was determined?

(b) If not, why?

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**Thursday, December 07, 2017**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

691/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,- To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people whose livelihood in reed industry are quitting the industry at present;
  - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market;
  - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether reed products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting reed products in 2015;
  - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
  - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the reed industry;
  - (ii) if so, what these steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

1233/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many places of archaeological interest are located in the Mullaitivu District;
  - (ii) in how many places conservation activities are being carried out of the aforesaid sites;
  - (iii) what amounts were allocated in the years 2015 and 2016 for this purpose, separately;
  - (iv) what places of archaeological interest were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists;
  - (v) if an assessment of such destructions has been done, what the estimated value is in respect of each site separately.
  - (vi) whether legal measures have been taken in respect of these destructions; and
  - (vii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

(11)

1378/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of Budget proposal No. 132 of budget 2016 , whether he accepts the fact that Rs. 1000 Million has been allocated to construct three massive warehouses in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi and Rathnapura (Embilipitiya) districts and to complete the construction of a warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district;
  - (ii) whether the original cost estimate and the current progress report on the warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district, will be submitted?
  - (iii) of the progress made at the constructions of three warehouse complexes in Kilinochchi, Embilipitiya and Polonnaruwa; and
  - (iv) of the manner in which Rs. 1000 millions that was allocated for the proposal No. 132 of budget 2015, was spent ?
- (b) If not, why?

1517/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total cost borne by the government on the Public Representations Committee on Constitutional Reforms;
  - (ii) the names of the members of that Committee;
  - (iii) the criteria that were taken into consideration in appointing the members to that Committee;
  - (iv) the number of Committee members who have recommended that the Chapter II of the Constitution regarding the status of Buddhism should not be changed?
- (b) If not, why?

1898/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No.SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?

(12)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 3(a)(i) to 3(a)(x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the foreign study tours of the public representatives and staff-grade officers of the Uva Provincial Council;
  - (ii) whether observations of the report that have been presented in paragraphs from (b)(i) to (b)(iii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

2189/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of Cabinet Ministers in the present government according to the last Cabinet reshuffle;
  - (ii) of the number of State Ministers and Deputy Ministers, separately;
  - (iii) how many Members of Parliament are assigned with Ministerial monitoring tasks;
  - (iv) of the total amount of money spent for each Cabinet Minister annually;
  - (v) whether the National Budget for the year 2017 has allocated funds for the Ministries newly added during the Cabinet reshuffle; and
  - (vi) if so, what amount of money was allocated for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

2198/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a programme has been drawn up to develop rural roads on which bus services are operated in the plantation areas of the Kandy, Nuwaraeliya and Badulla districts by carpeting or tarring;
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated for this purpose in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
  - (iii) whether he will submit a list of roads to be constructed under this programme;
  - (iv) the measures taken to develop roads in the plantation areas in future?
- (b) If not, why?

2217/17

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

- (a) Is he aware –
    - (i) of the village of Muhamalai that belongs to Pachchilaipalli Divisional Secretariat Division in the Killinochchi District;
    - (ii) of the extent of the area of land and the population of that village; and
    - (iii) of the fact that landmines have been buried in that area, and of the persons who are providing financial assistance for the programme that is being implemented to demine that area?
  - (b) Will inform this House –
    - (i) of the period of time that will be taken to completely demine that area;
    - (ii) of the date on which those lands are expected to be handed over to the people enabling them to settle there; and
    - (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide those people with facilities such as resettlements and housing schemes?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, December 08, 2017**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

692/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the people whose livelihood is brass industry are quitting the industry at present;
  - (ii) there are problems relating to raw materials and market;
  - (iii) this is an industry that can bring in a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether brass products are exported;
  - (ii) if so, the income earned from exporting brass products in 2015;
  - (iii) if not exported, whether steps will be taken to export such products; and
  - (iv) if so, the date from which it will be done?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has taken steps to expand the domestic market for the brass industry;
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

1245/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) how many households within the Ampara 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;
  - (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?

1750/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of television channels operated in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) separately, the institutions that run those TV channels;
  - (iii) the names of the owners of those TV channels and the dates on which each TV channels have been started;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are TV channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now;
  - (ii) if so, the names of those TV channel;
  - (iii) the name of the institution that regulates the TV channels;
  - (iv) whether he admits that regulation of those TV channels are not implemented in a proper manner;
  - (v) whether a proper procedure to regulate TV channels will be prepared to prevent certain TV channels telecasting revengeful and satirical programmes harmful to the society; and
  - (vi) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

2069/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) people of Urani area in Walikamam North within the Telippalai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Jaffna District have been resettled since last January;
  - (ii) as such, 20 families live there;
  - (iii) these people have been severely affected due to lack of tools to be engaged in entrepreneur for earning their livelihoods; and
  - (iv) they had been promised at the time of resettling that they would be provided with tools to conduct their occupations?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) what steps have been taken so far to provide people with tools for work; and
  - (ii) on which date such tools will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?

2122/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the import tax levied by the government on a litre of petrol when importing petrol;
  - (ii) whether the government levies any other tax on a litre of petrol other than the import tax;
  - (iii) if so, what those taxes are;
  - (iv) the amount levied as taxes on a litre of petrol separately in relation to each type of tax?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the total amount levied by the government as taxes on a litre of petrol, as the percentage of the retail price of a litre of petrol;
  - (ii) the retail price at which a litre of petrol can be made available to the customer if all taxes imposed on a litre of petrol are lifted?

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(c) Will he admit that—

- (i) the imposition of various types of taxes on a litre of petrol by the government has resulted in the price of goods and services increasing;
- (ii) the prices of goods and services can be brought down if all taxes imposed on a litre of petrol by the government are lifted?

(d) If not, why?

2141/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of anchorages in the district of Puttalam and the places in which they are situated;
- (ii) the number of multi day and one day fishing boats that have been registered in the Puttalam district in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division separately;
- (iii) separately the number of fishermen in each Divisional Secretariat Division;

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money that have been spent to develop the infrastructure facilities in the fisheries sector;
- (ii) the number of multi day and one day boats that have been distributed on subsidy basis;
- (iii) the details about the fishing gear, message communication machines and life jackets that have been distributed on subsidy basis;

from 2010 up to now in the Puttalam District?

(c) If not, why?

2174/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) he acknowledges that being a dual citizen is a disqualification for becoming a Member of Parliament as per the Constitution;
- (ii) the methodology adopted by the government to determine whether a certain individual is a dual citizen?

(b) If not, why?



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

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) of the Paravipanjan area situated in the Killinochchi Town Grama Niladhari Division in the Killinochchi District;
  - (ii) that resettlement activities in that area are yet to be completed;
  - (iii) that, after a long time, people were, step by step, resettled in that area, which was under military control;
  - (iv) that, it has been informed by the President that the lands belonging to the people living in this area will be released from the control of the military and will be given to those people;
  - (v) that, an extent of lands of 17.2 acres is yet to be released; and
  - (vi) that, for this reason, 56 families to whom those lands belong have been rendered destitute because they do not have any other place to settle in?
- (b) Will inform this House —
- (i) whether those lands have been completely released as informed by the President;
  - (ii) of the date on which the lands that are in extent of 17.2 acres will be released;
  - (iii) of the date on which action will be taken to resettle the 56 families referred to in (a)(vi) above; and
  - (iv) of the nature of the action that has been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Saturday, December 09, 2017**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the sleeping compartments of certain long-distance, intercity express trains have fallen into disrepair;
  - (ii) certain trains do not have cafeteria facilities;
  - (iii) the cafeteria that are already available are not properly run;
  - (iv) substandard food and beverages are sold at very high prices in such cafeteria; and
  - (v) railway passengers are greatly inconvenienced due to these reasons.

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the steps that will be taken to improve the facilities in the aforesaid trains;
  - (ii) whether an estimate of the expenditure required for that purpose has been made; and
  - (iii) if so, of the value of the estimated expenditure?
- (c) If not, why?

1386/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he submits a list containing the annual quantity of fish exports and export value of Sri Lanka since 1977 to date, as the proposal No. 144 of 2016 Budget states that the annual value of fish exports of Sri Lanka, is of 150 million US Dollars;
  - (ii) of the reasons led for the European market ban on fish exports;
  - (iii) of the measures taken by the then Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Rajitha Senarathna, to get the ban lifted;
  - (iv) of the measures taken by Sri Lanka to get the European market ban on fish exports, lifted; and
  - (v) of the major changes that took place in fish exports sector?
- (b) If not, why?

1469/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Badulla District;
  - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
  - (iii) of the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions which have a permanent Grama Niladhari at present along with the name of the respective Grama Niladhari; and
  - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the Grama Niladhari vacancies that exist in the Badulla District;
- (b) If not, why?

1743/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitments for the post of Jailors;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016;
  - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
  - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process,;
  - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
  - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
  - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

1872/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the work of a jogging track being constructed around the reservoir located south to Bandaranaike Mawatha, Katubedda was suspended midway;
  - (ii) the work of the jogging track was resumed and having completed most of the work, the work has come to a standstill as the contractor on 12.09.2016 removed all machineries;
  - (iii) as a result of garbage being dumped to the said reservoir and surrounding area, a massive environmental pollution has taken place occasioning an increase in the mosquito density;
  - (iv) the renovated reservoir and the canal are overgrown with weeds owing to the suspension of the construction of the jogging track?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action be taken to construct the jogging track and depollute the heavily polluted reservoir;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the work thereof will be resumed;
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to recoup the expenditure incurred on the work done hitherto?
- (c) If not, why?

2109/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) over four hundred students are studying up to the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) at Kalaimagal Tamil Vidyalaya in Matugama Educational Zone of Kalutara district;
  - (ii) a foundation stone was laid two months before to develop this school under the “The Nearest School is the Best School” programme?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the development work mentioned in (ii) above will be commenced;
  - (ii) whether plans have been made to commence General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) classes in the said school;
  - (iii) if so, the date on which those classes will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2148/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) how many irrigation projects were launched in the North Western Province after the present good governance regime assumed power;
  - (ii) what the names of those projects are;
  - (iii) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and number of families who benefit under each project, separately;
  - (iv) of the objectives of the projects; and
  - (v) what projects the Ministry intends to implement for the sake of people of the North Western Province who have been suffering due to scarcity of water?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
- (i) of the date that the examination to recruit graduates for grade 3(1) of the Sri Lanka Teacher's Service, was held in 2017;
  - (ii) whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid examination which was held on district basis with the intention of filling the vacancies available in national schools, was in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums;
  - (iii) Therefore whether he accepts that the candidates were allowed to answer in any of the aforementioned languages;
  - (iv) whether the candidates who answered in Sinhala had not been allowed to be qualified for English teaching posts;
  - (v) if so, whether there was any prior notice by way of the gazette by which the applications were called or otherwise, to the effect that the Sinhala medium question paper also should be answered in English medium;
  - (vi) whether he accepts the fact that an injustice has been caused for the candidates who answered in Sinhala medium in a backdrop that there had not been a prior notice to the effect that answering in Sinhala medium amounts to a disqualification for English teaching posts;
  - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard ?
- (b) If not, why?

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

P.199/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial the economy of the country

P.200/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places of archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

P.201/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Introducing a broad Social security network embracing all sectors,— That this parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors should be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

P.202 /17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching an expeditious programme to preserve the costal belt of Puttlam district,— That this parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be launched to protect the coastal belt of Puttlam district even though the Puttlam district has been endowed with a very beautiful coastal belt, it has been polluted owing to sea erosion, destruction of mangrove and illegal constructions.

P.203/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in Volleyball,— That this parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme should be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

P.204/' 17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for the enhancement of the standards of cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for the enhancement of the standards of the cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels in view of finding out competent players for the national team as Cricket in Sri Lanka has encountered a serious collapse since the past few years .

P. 205/' 17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

P. 206/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishing a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory to be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

P.207/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake should be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the present Good Governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

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