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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 8, 14 and 30 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Fees) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/6 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 143 of the aforesaid Act relating to Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/8 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 215A of the aforesaid Act relating to spot fine Regulations and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/9 of 15th January 2018, which were presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2044/6 of 06th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2044/25 of 07th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2044/26 of 08th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2046/3 of 20th November 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2049/20 of 13th December 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2049/32 of 14th December 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2051/45 of 31st December 2017, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2054/40 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 9),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2056/33 of 31st January 2018, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 10),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media 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. 2058/30 of 15th February 2018, which was presented on 22.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2051/38 of 29th December 2017 amending the order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1867/5 of 16th June 2014, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/59 of 15th December 2017 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2062/47 of 16th March 2018, which was presented on 23.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Tuesday, June 05, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

135/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of convicted persons of the 4 billion rupee VAT fraud;
 - (ii) the punishments given to each person separately; and
 - (iii) whether those persons have paid the fine imposed on them?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a large number of persons connected to the aforesaid VAT fraud;
 - (ii) high officials of the Department of Inland Revenue are connected to this fraud; and
 - (iii) certain groups have fled the country by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations are carried out on all the persons involved in the VAT fraud;
 - (ii) if so, names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of persons revealed from the investigations; and
 - (iii) the measures taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

1197/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Jaffna District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1402/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in terms of the proposal No. 169 of the Budget 2016, whether an expenditure record will be submitted regarding the manner in which Rs. 5 Million allocated for the researches on cinnamon and related researches, was spent;
 - (ii) of the number of researches performed with state financial allocations in 2016, of the names of the researchers who conducted aforesaid researches and of a performance report on the output; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred in Sess tax revenue in 2016, by reason of the Sess tax removal on spice (Pepper, Clove and Nutmeg) Exports?
- (b) If not, why?

1508/'17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015; and
 - (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

1575/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name and address of the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (iii) of the name and address of the Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iv) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (v) of the reasons for the same person is holding both the posts mentioned above;
 - (vi) whether the Ministry of Finance has informed that it is not appropriate for one person to hold two positions; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for not adhering to aforesaid instructions?
- (b) If not, why?

1639/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the company named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said coal company in payment of these quantities;
 - (iii) the duration for which the operation of the Norochcholai Coal Power Station was interrupted for failure on the part of the said company to supply coal in time; and
 - (iv) the loss caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to interruption of generators in this manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the local representatives separately in respect of tenders numbered LCC/09/T/02, LCC/01 and LCC/13T/01 obtained by the Noble Resources Limited; and
 - (ii) the reasons for awarding the supply of coal to the said company without following the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

1647/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme to grant land deeds;
 - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the current Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his appointment to the post of Chief Minister;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

1669/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the locations where refuse and garbage is dumped by the Local Authorities in the Puttalam District which comes under the North-Western Province;
 - (ii) whether a project for the management of solid waste has been introduced to the above Local Authorities; and
 - (iii) if so, of the facilities provided and financial allocations made to each of the above Local Authorities for the abovementioned project from year 2010 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

1690/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on conditions from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it; and
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status; and
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it?
- (c) If not, why?

1695/17

Hon. Mohamed Navavi,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Puttalam District has given approval to set up a Children's Park in Norochcholai village in year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, whether such a Children's Park has been set up?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of funds received for the purpose; and
 - (ii) who has received that amount of funds?
- (c) If not, why?

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a contract or a letter of agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the "Google Loon" Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this;
 - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project;
 - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company;
 - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard;
 - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project;
 - (viii) if so, the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement; and
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies?
- (b) If not, why?

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1743/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (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?

1749/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio channels;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio channels and the dates on which each radio channels have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio channels?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio channels;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio channels are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio channels broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

1842/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the tile factory located in the Oddusudan Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District is no longer functioning;
 - (ii) what provision was allocated from the Budget 2016 for this factory;
 - (iii) through whom those funds were spent; and
 - (iv) of the details of the activities carried out using these funds?
- (b) If not, why?

1874/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Kurinjakkerny bridge in Kinniya area got destroyed owing to severe floods which occurred in Trincomalee District in December, 2014; and
 - (ii) this bridge has not hitherto been completely reconstructed but was only subjected a temporary reconstruction?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry of Disaster Management for the reconstruction of this bridge which is utilized by a large number of people daily;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not reconstructing this bridge up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this bridge expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 06, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

838/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the basic facilities such as toilets and cafeterias in most of the railway stations like Colombo Fort, Maradana, Kandy, Jaffna, Matara, Galle, Hikkaduwa, Trincomalee and Kurunegala are at a minimum level ;
 - (ii) food and beverages of inferior quality are sold in aforesaid railway stations at exorbitant prices; and
 - (iii) this situation has a direct impact on the tourism industry of the country as foreign tourists mostly use these railway stations?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures will be taken to improve the facilities of aforesaid railway stations;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures; and
 - (iii) whether the financial allocations are available for aforesaid improvements?
- (c) If not, why?

1517/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (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?

1738/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (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,e and f 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; and
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (b) If not, why?

1750/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(4)

- (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; and
 - (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 channels;
 - (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?

1814/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Biology and Mathematics streams; and
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the required number of teachers, available number of teachers and the teacher vacancies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led for the shortage of teachers in G.C.E (Advanced Level) science stream?
- (c) If not, why?

1979/'17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether surveying the lands that are coming under the Girihadu Seya sacred site in Thiriyaya of Trincomalee district, has been concluded;
 - (ii) if so, whether survey marks have been placed on the surveyed land;
 - (iii) of the extent of land that is coming under the sacred site; and
 - (iv) of the reasons led for the delay in handing over respective plans to the Ministry of Buddhasasana?
- (b) If not, why?

1981/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, in respect of each Grama Niladhari division, of the number of small tanks and weirs which are fed only by rain water presently, and which are situated in low elevation of the main canal in the downstream of 20 Kilometers through Dambulla and Galewela Divisional Secretariat Divisions and coming under the Wayamba Canal project operated by the Department of Irrigation under the “Mahaweli Suraksithatha” investment programme;
 - (ii) whether Wayamba canal feeds all aforesaid tanks and weirs systems;
 - (iii) whether plans have been made in that regard by now;
 - (iv) separately, of the names of the tanks that are fed and not fed by Wayamba Canal project;

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- (v) whether it doesn't cause an injustice on the farming communities of Dambulla and Galewela when water is provided to North Western province without feeding the tanks and weirs that are located in low elevations of the main canal;
 - (vi) as a remedial action whether plans will be prepared and implemented in order to supply water to the tanks that are not fed; and
 - (vii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (b) If not, why?

1991/'17

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there are certain legal provisions relevant for Pradeshiya Sabhas which have barred the Pradeshiya Sabhas situated in the estate areas carrying out their services properly;
 - (ii) proposals have been presented to amend them; and
 - (iii) a cabinet memorandum has also been submitted in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the current progress of those amendments;
 - (ii) whether there is any obstacle to amend the legal provisions; and
 - (iii) of the date these amendments will be tabled in the Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, June 07, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

889/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the Gaadi community, living in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Grama seva Divisions in which aforesaid people live; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families and individuals?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has intervened in to the housing and land issues of aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, in which manner; and
 - (iii) whether government has supported aforesaid people to live, securing their cultural identities and traditional heritage?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether government has taken steps towards the upliftment of economic conditions and livelihood development of Gaadi people; and
 - (ii) if so, in which manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1199/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kilinochchi District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately on per year basis —
 - (i) from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1403/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of proposal No. 174 of the Budget 2016, whether he explains of the manner in which Rs. 2000 Million that was allocated for supplementary programmes under National Environmental conservation programme, was spent in year 2016 ;
 - (ii) of the “supplementary programmes” for which financial allocations were made, in terms of the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) of the institutions which held the responsibility in aforesaid supplementary programmes?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House in terms of aforesaid budget proposals, separately, of the amount of money spent on—
 - (i) protection of environmental equilibrium, sustainable land management;
 - (ii) conservation of biological resources;
 - (iii) environmental pollution control; and
 - (iv) protection of forest resources?
- (c) If not, why?

1879/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

1997/'17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of complaints received by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division from 2015 to 30th June, 2017 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he state separately in respect of each year from 2015 to 30th June, 2017—
 - (i) the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed, investigations are being conducted and investigations are yet to be commenced;
 - (ii) the number of complaints which cases have been filed in courts;
 - (iii) the number of cases referred to the Attorney-General for legal action or advice;
 - (iv) the number of complaints which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney-General; and
 - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

2073/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) about 270 families in five villages named Puduvilankulam, Pootkulam, Kunjukulam, Mannakulam and Kollar Puliyankulam in the Mankulam Grama Niladhari Division in Nedunkerni Divisional Secretariat Division in Vavuniya have been resettled in 2010;
 - (ii) these villages are bordered to Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts;
 - (iii) these people have faced severe hardships due to the lack of basic facilities from the day they were resettled; and
 - (iv) these people have faced various difficulties due to the non-existence of access roads to the A9 road and unavailability of guarded level crossings for the roads that run across the railway tracks in the village?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide basic facilities to those villages; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which those facilities will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

2120/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

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

2126/17

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a private road has been constructed by reclaiming the paddy field named Jambugahamuladeniya belonging to the Giriulla Temple within the Ganga Ihala Agrarian Division in the Kandy District without obtaining proper permission;
 - (ii) government's funds have been spent for forging false documents for this purpose;
 - (iii) the above-mentioned road has been constructed as an access road to a house of an Agricultural Research Production Assistant;
 - (iv) even the initial part of the said road has been constructed without permission; and
 - (v) not even a footpath had existed in this place and neither does it belong to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House what steps will be taken against such officers who misuse public funds?
- (c) If not, why?

2175/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of deaths;
 - (ii) the number of people who were disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid to the victims by the government;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid for a deceased person by the government;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses have been given for all the people who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the closest date on which a permanent house was given to a displaced family;
- in the Meeriyabedda landslide that occurred in Badulla District in 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

2187/17

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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 years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (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 years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iii) whether the number of teacher training programs conducted and the amount of money allocated are adequate;
 - (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; and
 - (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?

2189/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (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?

2192/17

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (ix) whether they will be provided with outstanding compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

2194/17

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (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) if so, 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; and
 - (iii) government controlled media institution has violated the provisions of an Act passed by Parliament?

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- (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?

2196/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (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;
 - (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; and
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to make those payments to the workers immediately; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

2204/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that when individuals are recruited to the three armed forces, recruitments of certain candidates get annulled in spite of the fact that they are of good conduct and character and possess higher educational qualifications, as a consequence of their fathers who were alleged against the use of illicit liquor or who were subjected to penalties?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish this law?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

890/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Jayabhoomi Deeds for two acre plot of land for each were granted to Rathugala indigenous people, with the signature of then madam president on 2nd may 1997;
 - (ii) they have not been granted the ownership of aforesaid lands, up to now; and
 - (iii) officials, irrespective of the demarcations made by aforesaid deeds, have surveyed and demarcated the forest are?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to grant aforesaid people with ownership rights of the lands which were granted on Jayabhoomi deeds; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the permission has been given to aforesaid indigenous people to hunt and find other types of food items in forests;
 - (ii) whether restrictions have been imposed in that regard;
 - (iii) if so, of aforesaid restrictions; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to relax aforesaid restrictions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to uplift the living standards of aforesaid indigenous people; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (e) If not, why?

1271/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of students who appeared for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination from Moneragala district in 2015;
 - (ii) the number of students who got through the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, out of the above number;
 - (iii) the total number of students who appeared for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination from the above district in 2015; and
 - (iv) the number of students who gained admission to universities out of the above number, in relation to each course separately?

(23)

(b) Will he also inform this House whether he will present to this House a report comparing the results of the Grade 5 scholarship examination, G.C.E (Ordinary Level) and G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination of the Moneragala district with the overall national result?

(c) If not, why?

1432/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he will admit that the only proposal on poultry industry in the 2016 budget was presented as No. 155;

(ii) the progress of the said proposal for the year 2016; and

(iii) separately in respect of each year from 1977 to 2016, the quantity of chicken exported from Sri Lanka and imported to Sri Lanka and their value?

(b) If not, why?

1760/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of projects that are being implemented at present under the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government;

(ii) the name and objects of each project and the area covered, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division;

(iii) the number of employees recruited for each of the said projects; and

(iv) the recruitment procedure followed in relation to those employees?

(b) If not, why?

2109/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(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 Education 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?

(24)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the development work mentioned in a (ii) above will be commenced;
 - (ii) whether the arrangements have been made to commence General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) classes in the said school; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which those classes will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2203/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the medical centre which is situated in Westhall Estate in Pasbage Korale Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district was acquired by the government and converted into a rural hospital;
 - (ii) this rural hospital provided services to 3500-4000 families in the area; and
 - (iii) this hospital was closed down one year ago due to the shortage of doctors and equipments?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reopen this hospital and fulfill the health requirements of the estate people?
- (c) If not, why?

2215/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Kuda Buthgamuva Rajasinghe Vidyalaya is the only mixed National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
 - (ii) at present, that school is facing decline day by day due to the shortage of physical and human resources;
 - (iii) currently there are 26 vacancies in the academic staff and 10 vacancies in the non-academic staff of that school; and
 - (iv) due to this situation, the students of that school tend to go to other schools to do G.C.E. (Advanced Level) after passing the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of nature of the plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
 - (ii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
 - (iii) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
 - (iv) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provisions;
 - (v) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
 - (vi) if, so what those provisions are?
- (c) If not, why?

2221/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the vehicle bearing number WPGD-4998 belongs to the Ministry of Hindu Religious Affairs;
 - (ii) of the name of the person under whose custody the aforesaid vehicle which was purchased and registered in year 2000 is currently kept; and
 - (iii) that the aforementioned vehicle was being utilized by a powerful political figure of the Chavakachcheri area some time ago?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will take steps to regain the aforementioned vehicle for the use of his Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

2233/17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(3)

- (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 Appointed Procurement Committee to select that company;

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- (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; and
 - (x) the sources of income for the government and the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka through this privatization?
- (b) If not, why?

2242/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2284/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date that the examination to recruit graduates for grade 3(1) of the Sri Lanka Teachers' 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 Notification by which the applications were called or otherwise, to the effect that the Sinhala medium question paper also should be answered in English medium;

(27)

(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; and

(vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

2336/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of prisoners released on presidential pardon during the period 2006-2015, each year separately;

(ii) whether the list of their names and the charges that led to the imprisonment be presented; and

(iii) of those pardoned, the number of prisoners convicted of murder, rape and child abuse separately?

(b) If not, why?

2401/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of families that have been affected by the severe drought that prevailed recently in the district of Kurunegala ;

(ii) separately, of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the affected families have been reported; and

(iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of drinking water of the people affected by the drought?

(b) If not, why?

2409/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that there is a tank called Kinipitiya close to the historic Thaniwella Devala, Madampe;

(ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands cultivated using water from the said tank;

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- (iii) the number of farmers thus benefitted;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the tank is in a dilapidated condition today with a dense growth of various aquatic plants; and
- (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry for the speedy renovation of the said tank?

(b) If not, why?

2456/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that though many years have been passed since the completion of the reconstruction of the stretch of road from Kekirawa town to Anuradhapura via Thalawa (Thalawa Road), Ipalogama from that point has not yet been developed;
- (ii) of the reason as to why the development of this road, which has a considerable volume of traffic has come to a standstill; and
- (iii) the date of commencement of work of the rest of the remaining development activities of this road?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1054/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) officers of the Department of Inland Revenue who come to Colombo for training programmes of the said Department are not provided with proper accommodation facilities;
- (ii) the allowances that are paid to them for this purpose are not adequate; and
- (iii) as a result, these officers have been faced up with difficulties?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) in what places the aforesaid officers are given accommodation when participating in training programmes;
- (ii) whether complaints have been received by officers regarding those places; and
- (iii) if so, what measures were taken regarding those complaints?

(29)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to provide such officers with suitable accommodation;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) whether he will take steps to raise the training allowances, transport allowances and other allowances paid to these officers; and
 - (iv) if so, from what date?
- (d) If not, why?

1272/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the first LTTE terrorist attack was carried out;
 - (ii) the place of that attack;
 - (iii) against whom it was directed; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the first attack carried out by the LTTE targeting civilians;
 - (ii) the date such attack was carried out;
 - (iii) the place of the attack; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the first attack carried out by the LTTE targeting a place of worship;
 - (ii) the date such attack was carried out;
 - (iii) the place of the attack; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (d) Will he state whether he will submit a comprehensive report of all the above?
- (e) If not, why?

1433/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a system was introduced to provide licences to fish in the deep sea, as per the 154 proposal No.54 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained licences in the year 2016 as per the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) whether it was observed that the condition of deploying at least 100 fishermen in the aforesaid activity by a licence holder mentioned above was fulfilled?
- (b) If not, why?

1761'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the persons who administer the Local Government Authorities including the Pradeshiya Sabhas since they have been dissolved by now;
 - (ii) the names and designations of the aforesaid persons;
 - (iii) the number of pool of vehicles of the Local Government Authorities;
 - (iv) whether the vehicles owned by the LGAA have been given to other institutions since the local government are functioning without the representatives;
 - (v) if so, the names of the institutions and persons to whom the vehicles have been given; and
 - (vi) if the vehicles have been given illegally, the steps that will be taken in that regard by the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

2212'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) residential facilities are available for nearly 600 trainees of the Kopai Teachers' College in Jaffna to pursue their educational activities;
 - (ii) but it is in a dilapidated condition as it has not been renovated for nearly 25 years; and
 - (iii) therefore, the teacher trainees who are undergoing training after receiving appointments as teacher assistants for an allowance of Rs. 10,000 are faced with many difficulties as they have to spend large amounts for accommodation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to renovate the Hostel of Teachers' College at Kopai to facilitate the above teacher trainees; and
 - (ii) if so, when will such renovation activities will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

2243/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Sports and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

2337/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an internal inquiry was conducted by the Navy against Naval Lieutenant Y.K. Rajapakse (NRX 2431);
 - (ii) if so, when;
 - (iii) of the allegations against him;
 - (iv) whether he was dismissed from the Navy owing to those allegations or whether his service was terminated;
 - (v) the date on which he was expelled or his service terminated?
- (b) If not, why?

2410/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim schools in the Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of such schools;
 - (iii) the number of Moulavi teachers in this district presently; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to address the shortage of Moulavi teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

2433/17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(3)

- (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 two 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;

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- (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 two 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?

2470/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of national schools in each electorate in Kegalle district separately;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to increase the number of national schools in Kegalle district and to develop the existing schools in that district further?
- (b) If not, why?

2483/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that among the people who are living in Anuradhapura District—
- (i) most of them are engaged in farming activities during a more of the year;
 - (ii) use agro-wells to obtain water for farming; and
 - (iii) face a scarcity of water or find the aforesaid agro-wells are on the verge of collapse due to the fact that they have not been renovated for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any programme has been arranged to renovate the aforesaid agro-wells; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid programme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

2494/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Excise Income of the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (ii) the income earned through the taxes imposed on the production of tobacco and cigarettes in the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (iii) the income of (i) and (ii) above respectively in rupees millions in comparison with the figures of the previous years?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the malt alcohol production of the year 2016 in liters;
 - (ii) whether permits have been issued for companies for the year 2016 to initiate liquor production de novo;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of aforesaid permits and the names of the said companies?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution and the authority that is vested with the power to conduct the raids under the Excise Law;
 - (ii) as to who is vested with the authority to take legal measures with pertinence to illicit liquor raided;
 - (iii) of the duties entrusted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

2520/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land under cinnamon cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the annual production of cinnamon in Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (iii) of the world cinnamon requirement, the percentage produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the annual income from the import of cinnamon?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2010 up to now, the number of acres in which cinnamon is cultivated anew;
 - (ii) whether there has been a gradual decrease in the extent of land cinnamon is cultivated; and
 - (iii) if there has been such a decrease of lands cinnamon is cultivated, the reasons for same?
- (c) If not, why?

2522/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the value by which the Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated in relation to the US dollar from 09.01.2015 to 30.11.2017; and
 - (ii) the amount in rupees by which the foreign debt burden of the government increased due to the depreciation of the Rupee during the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

2534/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of islands to which electricity has been supplied by Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) of the total number of electricity consumers in each of those islands;
 - (iii) of the level of efficiency in recovering electricity bills in those islands;
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of utilizing solar power or wind power for generating electricity for those islands instead of using diesel power plants; and
 - (v) if so, of the names of islands in which such sources of energy are utilized?
- (b) If not, why?
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