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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2066/40 of 12th April 2018, which was presented on 07.08.2018, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2068/9 of 24th April 2018, which was presented on 07.08.2018, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2071/16 of 15th May 2018, which was presented on 07.08.2018, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Regulation under the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 5(15) of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 as last amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 2016, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/06 of 02nd July 2018, which was presented on 10.08.2018, be approved.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Regulations under the Diplomatic Privileges Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 4 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act, No. 9 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2074/13 of 05th June 2018, which were presented on 10.08.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, September 07, 2018

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 3/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty at University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

P. 4/'18

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

P.16/'18

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.21/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Division to investigate in to the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P.22/'18

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of counselors or advisors with special training in mental health to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

(3)

P.24/'18

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. 25/' 18

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.26/'18

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.

P.27/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementing a kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province – That this parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

P.28 /'18

Hon . Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people who are living in Baththalangunduwa island – That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under current Good Governance Government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

P.29/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

(4)

P.30/'18

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.31/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with 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.32/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of 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.33/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry should be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in the Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in the Kandy District since this District is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

P.34/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in the Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

P.35/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions on the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action should be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions on the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the present good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

(5)

P.36/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address issues related the profession of regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism should be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

P.37/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquaculture project in Puttalam district, — That this Parliament resolves that an aquaculture project be implemented in the Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquaculture and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aqua plants at present.

P. 38/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province, — That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital should be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

P. 39/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province, —That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital should be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

P.40/'18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttalam district, — That this parliament resolves that a hotel school should be established in Puttalam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttalam district as a tourism zone under the Good Governance Government.

P.41/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western province for kidney patients, — That this parliament resolves that a hospital should be established for the kidney patients in North Western province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North western province, in recent times.

P.42/'18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat thalassaemia patients should be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of thalassaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

(6)

P.43/18

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,—That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.

P.44/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” should be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

P.45/18

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela that lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme should be implemented to provide relief to those people.

P.46/18

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be implemented to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

P.47/18

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,—That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

P. 48/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Renovation of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,—That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

(7)

P 49/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the incumbent government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

Tuesday, October 09, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

22/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of provincial schools in the Kandy district;
 - (ii) of the names of the abovementioned schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers employed in each of the abovementioned schools;
 - (iv) of the number of vacancies for teachers in each of the abovementioned schools; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies for teachers in the Kandy district mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

48/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 50 licenses were issued for the import of gold as per proposal No.181 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report containing the names and addresses of licensees and the license fees paid by them;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a report on the price of gold in the world market from 1977 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of persons who import gold to Sri Lanka free of duties; and
 - (v) the names of major suppliers and countries from whom gold is imported by Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

136/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of irrigation systems located in Matale district which comes under the Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families benefitted from each aforesaid irrigation systems;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of acres of lands cultivated with the help of each irrigation system; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated by the Central Provincial Council for the development of irrigation systems of Matale district, from year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

165/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the number of prisoners released on special 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?

202/18

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

- (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?

236/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authority institutions in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
 - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
 - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills; and
 - (iv) whether there are hills of risky status among them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
 - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Local Government for it;
 - (iii) whether there is a move to secure local and foreign investments for this;
 - (iv) if so what they are; and
 - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

385/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that there has been a collapse of education of children of workers living in plantation sector though there has been a development in education of rural schools;
 - (ii) the measures taken during the previous regime from 2010 to 2014 to uplift education of schools in the plantation sector;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on that;
 - (iv) the number of teachers recruited during that period for that purpose; and
 - (v) separately, in respect of the Kandy, Nuwaraeliya, Badulla and Ratnapura districts, the amount of money spent on plantation schools by the government and the number of teachers recruited from January 2015 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

395/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries approved for the staff of the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President from 02.01.2016; and
 - (iii) the fields in respect of which the said Co-ordinating Secretaries were appointed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each such Co-ordinating Secretary;
 - (ii) the salary paid to a Co-ordinating Secretary;
 - (iii) accordingly, the overall cost incurred during the past two years in respect of those Co-ordinating Secretaries; and
 - (iv) whether the relevant Co-ordinating Secretaries have rendered an adequate service in relation to the said cost?
- (c) If not, why?

456/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (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?

476/18

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?

(11)

- (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?
- (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?

494/’18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately the number of Ayurveda Hospitals and Ayurveda Medical Centres which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres;
 - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and Medical Centres in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
 - (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?
- (b) If not, why?

520/’18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (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; and
 - (iii) the income of (i) and (ii) above respectively in rupees millions in comparison with the figures of the previous years?

(12)

- (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (iii) of the duties entrusted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

530/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
 - (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;
 - (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
 - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22.09.2015 to act as they wish;
 - (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iv); and
 - (iii) the country has lost a huge income since 21.09.2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per the order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to cancel the order mentioned in b (iii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

555/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers serving in each school at present;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that there is severe shortage of teachers in Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district; and
 - (v) if so, the measures that will be taken by the ministry to minimize the teacher shortage ?
- (b) If not, why?

578/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on milk powder imports to Sri Lanka from the year 2010 up to now separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the names of companies that import milk powder to Sri Lanka and the names of their products?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

49/18

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sketch of the digital identity card proposed to be introduced through proposal No.187 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the issuing authority of that identity card;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of providing identity cards to the citizens;
 - (iv) by which party such cost would be borne; and
 - (v) of the amount allocated from the State budget to implement the digital identity card scheme in 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

137/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Social Welfare and Primary Industries,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a village called Upper Liggala in the Galewela area;
 - (ii) majority of the residents of the said village make a living by engaging in brick making; and
 - (iii) people living in the aforesaid village are now facing grave difficulties when engaging in the said industry due to the severe drought prevalent at present, increase in the prices of raw material and the increase in the cost of transportation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issues faced by people living in the said village?
- (c) If not, why?

396/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitment for the post of Prison Guard;
 - (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 she also inform this House—
 - (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the 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 applicants have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not granting 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?

495/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
 - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those permits; and
 - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

521/18

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated to provide dialysis machines to hospitals for the benefit of kidney patients from the budget for year 2017;
 - (ii) of the number of dialysis machines provided to government hospitals by mid 2017;
 - (iii) of the date when rest of the machines will be provided;
 - (iv) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed for the purpose; and
 - (v) if so, the suppliers and their rates?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated in year 2017 to implement projects to manufacture drugs within the country; and
 - (ii) of the plans made / studies carried out to launch the above programme ?
- (c) If not, why?

602/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of HIV infected persons reported in the North Western Province from the year 2010 up to now ;
 - (ii) if the number of HIV infected persons has increased , the reasons for it ; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the increase of the number of HIV infected persons in the North Western Province ?
- (b) If not , why ?

608/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of assets owned by the Sumurdhi Bank at present;
 - (ii) of the number of Samurdhi Banks and Samurdhi General Societies throughout the island, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of assets owned by all Samurdhi Societies at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Samurdhi (Divineguma) Bank will be taken over by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as stated by the Hon. Prime Minister at the 2018 May day celebration;
 - (ii) whether there is any possibility of that bank which has been exempted from the control of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under Divineguma Act, No.1 of 2013, being taken over again by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if it is to be taken over in that manner, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1129/18

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
 - (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;

(17)

- (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
 - (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
 - (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?
- (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 11, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

13/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of estate families displaced due to landslides caused by adverse weather conditions in the Kegalla district in May 2016;
 - (ii) whether displaced estate families have been provided with houses by now;
 - (iii) if so, the number of families provided with houses;
 - (iv) of the number of estate families not provided with houses up to now; and
 - (v) of the reason for the delay in providing houses?
- (b) If not, why?

181/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management and Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each year separately, the amount of drugs including;
- (i) kerala ganja;
 - (ii) heroin;
 - (iii) cocaine;
- that have been taken into custody from 2010 up to now?

(18)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken regarding the drugs took into custody;
 - (ii) the number of persons that have been taken into custody along with those drugs; and
 - (iii) the number of foreigners found among them ?
- (c) If not, why?

214/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of persons other than citizens of Sri Lanka who have received diplomatic staffs as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) the names of persons possessing dual citizenship who have received appointments in diplomatic appointments as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

222/'18

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

- (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?
- (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?

261/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the various projects in the Godakawela, Weligepola and Opanayake Divisional Secretariat Divisions for which permits have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and the relevant permit holders;

(19)

- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that activities such as unauthorized sand mining and quarrying take place on forged permits; and
- (iii) of the steps that would be taken to curb these kind of projects and activities?

(b) If not, why?

496/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme for granting of deeds;
- (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the present 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?

544/18

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 83 employees from manpower agencies have been employed at Call Centres of Ceylon Electricity Board in the Central, North Western, Northern, North Central, and Eastern Provinces to serve the public as Customer Service Officers round the clock in 03 shifts for a period of over 03 years;
- (ii) despite that over 6700 employees who had served on contract basis through manpower agencies were absorbed to the permanent and casual cadres of Ceylon Electricity Board on 01.01.2016 and on 18.10.2016, the aforementioned 83 employees have not been confirmed in their service yet, and they have continued to serve through manpower agencies; and
- (iii) the administration of Ceylon Electricity Board is taking measures to remove them from their service?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to absorb them to the permanent or temporary cadre of Ceylon Electricity Board taking into consideration the service they have provided so far?

(c) If not, why?

569/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the period from the year 2010 up to now—
 - (i) the sources of income of the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the income and the expenditure of the North Western Provincial Council in each year, separately;
 - (iii) the annual recurrent and capital expenditure of the North Western Provincial Council, separately; and
 - (iv) the fields in which expenses were made under recurrent and capital expenditure, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that are taken by the Ministry to guide the North Western Provincial Council in accordance with the best financial management policies of the Government of Good Governance ?
- (c) If not, why?

588/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amaraseena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to call for tenders to build 90 Solar Power Plants with a capacity of 1 megawatt each;
 - (ii) the capacity of electricity added to the national grid under that project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the accusation that projects delay owing to calling for competitive bids?
- (b) If not, why?

609/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to each year—
 - (i) the quantity of gold imported to Sri Lanka and its value;
 - (ii) of that quantity the quantity given to local manufactures for making Jewellery;
 - (iii) the quantity of gold exported; and
 - (iv) the annual export value;
- from 2015 up to date?

(21)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of identified local entrepreneurs engaged in the gold industry;
 - (ii) the types of taxes imposed on gold from 2015 up to date;
 - (iii) the annual percentages of the import taxes that have been so imposed; and
 - (iv) whether he will mention the measures taken by the government to protect the local gold industry?
- (c) If not, why?

971/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that although many years have elapsed after ending the war, there are helpless persons who still remain in a state of displacement in the Anuradhapura District, out of those displaced by the war;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which these persons will be provided with permanent abodes or houses based on accurate statistics after looking into it?
- (b) If not, why?

1107/18

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether applications were called in year 2018 for the post of Aircraft Engineer in Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd.;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applications received for the above mentioned post; and
 - (iii) of the number of persons selected for the above post?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) out of the 35 applicants, of the basis on which all three applicants currently employed at the Sri Lankan Airlines having been formerly employed at the Sri Lanka Air Force were not selected for the aforementioned post;
 - (ii) of the service and expense of the persons who were selected to the above-mentioned post;
 - (iii) whether he admits that selecting untrained persons with less than five years of service has caused injustice to persons who have not been selected despite their service and experience of over 20 years; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to grant promotions fairly to those who faced this injustice;
- (c) If not, why?

1130/18

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

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the Sri Lanka Scouting and Guiding Movement which completes 106 years has over 75,000 Scouts and Girl Guides affiliated to it;
 - (ii) that during the past five years, the sum of Rs. 8 million which is received by the Scout Head Quarters as earnings sent annually from the 'Job Week' of the scouts has been spent without adhering to a proper methodology;
 - (iii) that when the building which houses the Head Quarters was built, action had been taken without approval from the Scout Committee to pay to a company which had a friendly relationship with the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Nimal de Silva, a sum of Rs. 8 million as consultation fees together with a sum of Rs. 14 million for the building which had not been properly built; and
 - (iv) that the cement cottages built in the Nuwara Eliya area for a scout camp using funds earned from the scout 'job week' without obtaining proper approval from the Department of Forest Conservation were banned causing a grave financial loss;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a formal inquiry into the said misuse of funds has been started by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the progress of the said inquiry; and
 - (iii) if not, whether a full inquiry in to this matter will take place in future;
- (c) If not, why?

1143/18

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the heads of households belonging to the families which have been residing permanently for years in the land called Mayim Galdamugoda located in the no.142-1,Mawanagama Grama Niladhari Division of the Sandunpura Division coming under Zone C of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;

(23)

- (ii) the specific date on which the Mahaweli Authority expects to grant legitimate land permits to persons residing in the aforementioned lands and engaging in cultivations in the said lands as their livelihood; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken immediately to issue land permits to persons residing and farming in the said land lots including lot numbers 279, 228, 229,282,283,280,300,290,341,323, 334,133, 143, 275, 366,302,390, 281,292,318 and 289;

(b) If not, why?

1181/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(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 Petroleum Resources Development 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?

Friday, October 12, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

27/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of branches of the Lanka Sathosa Ltd. operated within the Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the addresses of the aforesaid branches;
 - (iii) of the income earned from the said branches from year 2010 to date;
 - (iv) of the names, designations and educational qualifications of the employees of the Lanka Sathosa Ltd. branches in Kandy in the event that employees were recruited to the aforesaid branches; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken in future by the Ministry to strengthen the Lanka Sathosa Ltd. in Kandy?
- (b) If not, why?

63/18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the effort to issue Chinese Yuan and Sukuk bonds in addition to Dollar bonds, as a further step as per the proposal No. 292 of the 2016 budget, was successful ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a table which includes the details of the Dollar bonds issued by the government of Sri Lanka up to now , the date of issue of the aforesaid bonds, the amount of Dollars obtained ,the interest rate and the date of maturity;
 - (ii) the year in which the highest amount of loan in the history of Sri Lanka was obtained through the issue of Dollar bonds ,which was described as a system of obtaining loans at exorbitant interest rates , along with the interest rate concerned ; and excessive
 - (iii) the approach of the new Minister of Finance in regard to the issue of Chinese Yuan bonds and Sukuk bonds ?
- (c) If not , why ?

182/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that the people who consume water from Kalu Ganga face various difficulties in February and May in every year since the water in Kalu ganga gets mixed with sea water ;
 - (ii) of the solution that will be provided to solve that problem ;
 - (iii) of the progress of the construction of the proposed salinity barrier; and
 - (iv) of the progress of the proposal to construct a water purifying treatment plant in Kuda Ganga?
- (b) If not, why?

230/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the last date on which promotions to Class I of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service were given to senior officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service;

(25)

- (ii) whether the Ministry of Education took action in year 2016 to request basic information from the senior officers of the Class II of the above-mentioned service in order to grant them promotions to Class I;
 - (iii) whether there is a methodology through which the aforesaid promotions can be granted to the said officers after their retirement;
 - (iv) if so, of the methodology that will be adopted to do so; and
 - (v) if not, of the date on which the aforesaid promotions will be granted;
- (b) If not, why?

262/18

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

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that floods constantly occur in the district of Rathnapura;
 - (ii) that the Rathnapura city gets massively damaged owing to this situation;
 - (iii) it was planned to initiate a scheme related to the Kalu river to address this and however, this scheme has been currently abandoned due to various reasons; and
 - (iv) that there are no proposals regarding an alternative methodology on this?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the permanent solution which has been proposed by the government for this issue, if any?
- (c) If not, why?

403/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the annual sugar consumption in Sri Lanka in metric tonnes;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent for it;
 - (iii) of the total production of sugar by the Hingurana Factory, which was started for manufacturing sugar;
 - (iv) whether any environmental damage is caused in association with that sugar factory; and
 - (v) if so, what measures have been taken regarding it?
- (b) If not, why?

497/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(2)

- (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?

545/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, the number of patients in the waiting lists for surgeries in major government hospitals such as Colombo, Galle, Jaffna, Kandy, Badulla, Anuradhapura and Ampara;
 - (ii) whether there has been an increase or decrease of the number of such patients during the past 03 years;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the recommendation of the report of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Health, Human Welfare and Social Empowerment dated 30.11.2017; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures to be taken in that regard together with relevant time frames?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the financial provisions required for the 'Little Heart' project will be provided from the 2018 budget?
- (c) If not, why?

952/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of tanks in Kurunegala district;

(27)

- (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks as per the electorates;
 - (iii) the tanks that have been developed in the district by now since the government of good governance came into power and the amount of money spent for it;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that though 400 million rupees has been released for this year by the line Ministry for the development of irrigation in the North Western Province, the relevant development work has not been commenced yet and there has arisen a risk of the aforesaid money being received by the treasury again; and
 - (v) if so, the steps to be taken by the Ministry to utilize the aforesaid money for the development of the tanks in the area?
- (b) If not, why?

960/18

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the up country owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
 - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
 - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the upcountry Development Authority;
 - (v) the jobs and the member of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
 - (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

972/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Rajanaganya tank, which is situated in Anuradhapura district, is one of the largest tanks in the North Central Province;

(28)

- (ii) all the irrigation systems of this tank including the bank and the dams of this tank are in a dilapidated condition at present due to the fact that they have not been maintained for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which this tank will be commissioned for the benefit of farming community having renovated it expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

996/18

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which Kanthale sugar factory was started;
 - (ii) the acreage of land allocated for that factory;
 - (iii) the acreage of land allocated for cultivation of sugar cane for that factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House with relevance to each year separately—
 - (i) the area cultivated with sugar cane out of the land allocated for sugar cane cultivation;
 - (ii) the total amount of sugar cane obtained from the total area cultivated;
 - (iii) the amount of sugar cane ground;
 - (iv) the total amount of sugar produced; and
 - (v) the profit earned through the sale of sugar; within the last five years?
- (c) If not, why?

1117/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a price formula which will cause fluctuation in the fare levied by public transport services in response to fluctuations in the price of fuel has been introduced;
 - (ii) if so, of the year on which such a price formula was introduced;
 - (iii) whether he will present the said price formula to this House;
 - (iv) whether Associations and Boards connected to public passenger transport services were made aware of the said price formula;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether fares levied by public transport services have been subjected to rise and fall in accordance with the price formula that causes fluctuations in the fuel prices;

(29)

- (ii) if so, whether information pertaining to such instances of fluctuation will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) if a price formula has not been introduced, whether action will be taken in future to do so;
 - (iv) of the date on which it is expected to introduce a price formula?
- (c) If not, why?

1144/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the basic requirements to be fulfilled as per the Forest Conservation Ordinance for the declaration of a particular forest land as a forest reserve through a gazette notification;
 - (ii) the number of forest reserves declared hitherto under the Forest Conservation Ordinance;
 - (iii) whether he will table the date on which each forest reserve was declared, the extent of land of each reserve thus declared and details of the relevant maps?
- (b) If not, why?

1182/18

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

14/18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of estate families that has been provided houses under the programme to provide new houses in place of the old estate houses (line rooms);
 - (ii) the number of estate families that has not been provided houses up to now?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of estate families in Kegalle district that has to be provided houses under the programme to provide houses;
 - (ii) the number of estate families that has been provided houses up to now; and
 - (iii) the number of estate families that has not been provided houses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several families are residing in the same estate house (line room) by now;
 - (ii) if so, whether the programme to provide new houses will be expedited; and
 - (iii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

64/18

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Real Estate Trust was established as per Budget Proposal No. 290 of 2016;if not why;
 - (ii) of the parties that have been assigned the task of doing the preliminary work for setting up a Trust of that nature;
 - (iii) whether government lands have been transferred to private businessmen for mega housing projects, without establishing a Listed Unit Trust;
 - (iv) if so, what are the conditions and payments applicable in that regard;
 - (v) whether proper Cabinet approval has been granted when government lands were transferred to private businessmen for mega housing projects; and
 - (vi) if so, of the methodology adopted in selecting private entrepreneurs?
- (b) If not, why?

183/18

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 he is aware of the fact that severe sea erosion is taking place as a result of the irregular cutting and digging of the Kalu Ganga river outfall at new place during floods in 2017;
 - (ii) whether he admits that not only the Kaluthara North railway station but also Kaluthara town is at risk owing to the said situation; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to address this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

263/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the action that has been taken by the government by now to preserve the Kuragala archaeological site;
- (b) If not, why?

404/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform the House—
 - (i) of the average numbers of cases of child abuse and child harassment per year reported in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the numbers of cases of child abuse and child harassment that have occurred in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 separately in respect of each year;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to expedite the investigations into these incidents and to mete out punishments to the perpetrators;
 - (iv) whether one can be satisfied about the measures taken by the government in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

505/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools that are governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the number of buildings that have been provided to the aforesaid schools out of the provisions allocated to the provincial council, by the Chief minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the schools to which buildings have been provided;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of the companies and the persons that have been entrusted with the aforesaid construction; and
 - (v) separately of the amount of money that has been spent by the provincial council on the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

546/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, — To ask the Minister of Education, —

- (a) Will he inform this House, —
- (i) whether he is aware that a newly built building in the Dammakusala Vidyalaya in Ambalangoda which was worth about one crore of rupees has been demolished and removed from the school premises without permission, with the knowledge of the Ministry of the Chief Minister of the Southern Province;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the acting principal who was serving at that time has been dismissed from service in order to cover up the aforesaid incident;
 - (iii) whether he knows that an impartial inquiry has not yet been conducted into the aforesaid dismissal notwithstanding the request made to that effect;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to reinstate the aforesaid principal having investigated into the complaint submitted by him to the Southern Province Public Service Commission against his dismissal requesting that he be reinstated?
- (a) If not, why?

570/18

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha, — To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of officials of the Northwestern Provincial Council who undertook foreign tours since the 'Good Governance' government assumed office;
 - (ii) the names and posts of officials who thus undertook foreign tours; and
 - (iii) the countries they toured; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the method adopted by the Northwestern Provincial Council in selecting officials for foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

593/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with relevance to the period from the time that former Chief of Staff of the President's staff, Dr. I.H.K.Mahanama and Mr. P.Dissanayake, the former Chairman of the State Timber Corporation started serving in public and statutory institutions up to now —
- (i) of the positions held by them;
 - (ii) of the periods when those positions were held;

(33)

- (iii) of the institutions where they have served in such capacity; and
- (iv) of the allegations were and the steps taken in that regard, if any disciplinary or other allegations have been leveled against them during the said periods of service?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the person who made the recommendations to appoint Dr. I.H.K.Mahanama to the post of Chief of Staff of the President's Staff and Mr. P. Dissanayake to the post of Chairman of the State Timber Corporation?
- (c) If not, why?

953/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of paddy lands cultivated under Magallewewa Tank, Nikaweratiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that illegal occupants reside on tank reserve of this tank;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such families of illegal occupants;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that severe damage is caused to the tank due to these illegal occupants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to remove these illegal occupants and develop the tank?
- (b) If not, why?

973/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Management and Law & Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Medawachchiya Police Station, which serves a vast precinct, is housed in a building old beyond its years;
 - (ii) whether he has taken any step towards renovating or replacing the building concerned; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be put into practice?
- (b) If not, why?

997/18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor medium and major irrigation schemes rehabilitated in Moneragala district in 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each rehabilitation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the rehabilitation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;

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- (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such rehabilitation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1120/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of instances that printing of valid currency notes and minting of the coins were made in Sri Lanka since year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the reasons led for such printing and minting;
 - (iii) whether the value of the money so printed /minted at different instances will be stated separately;
 - (iv) whether the advantage or the disadvantage on the country's economy by doing so will be explained;
 - (v) of the manner that the rupee value got fluctuated vis-à-vis the value of US Dollar due to that; and
 - (vi) whether the new printing/ minting has been a cause for the fall of the rupee value in April and May of 2018;
 - (vii) if not so, of the causes?
- (b) If not, why?

1145/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district the number of death certificates that have been issued under the Registration of Births and Deaths (Special Provision) Act for the persons who went missing?
- (b) If not, why?

1183/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs,—(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 Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs 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?
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Thursday, October 25, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

147/18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether railway locomotives and carriages belonging to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways have been given to private establishments;
 - (ii) if so, the names of such establishments;
 - (iii) the methodology followed in giving locomotives and carriages;
 - (iv) the income accrued to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways in each year from the date of giving locomotives and carriages to private establishments up to now, separately in respect of each year;
 - (v) what steps will be taken by the Ministry to counter the allegations raised by various sections that a vast financial loss is caused to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways by this arrangement?
- (b) If not, why?

184/18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the value of foreign aid received by Sri Lanka to provide relief to the people affected by the floods that occurred in the island in May 2017;
 - (ii) whether he will present a categorization of aid and other goods so received by Sri Lanka separately;
 - (iii) the districts in which such aid was distributed; and
 - (iv) the volume of goods distributed in each such district, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

264/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, of the number of road development projects implemented by the Ministry of Highways of the Sabaragamuwa Province in year 2017;

(36)

- (ii) whether he will admit that there were certain projects on which money was spent unnecessarily because of political influence in implementing those projects, and audit inquiry is being carried out in that regard; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to prevent the losses that are caused by implementation of such ill-conceived projects on the requirements of politicians?

(b) If not, why?

506/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of institutions and individuals authorized to organize pilgrimages to Dambadiwa;
- (ii) of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the aforesaid institutions and individuals;
- (iii) of the number of persons who passed away during the pilgrimages to Dambadiwa from the year 2010 to date;
- (iv) of the names and addresses of persons who passed away;
- (v) of the institutions that took them to Dambadiwa; and
- (vi) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the families of the persons thus passed away?

(b) If not, why?

575/18

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the number of families affected due to the drought in Kurunegala District;
- (ii) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the number of families for which the drought relief was provided and the water was supplied by using bowsers;
- (iii) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry to provide further relief to the people affected by the drought that is prevalent in the Kurunegala district;

(b) If not, why?

596/'18

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a meeting presided over by HE the President was held on 05.03.2018 to discuss the problems faced by local industrialists and solutions that can be worked out to solve their problems; and
 - (ii) a committee was appointed at that meeting to study the issues relating to the aforesaid matter and to propose solutions for them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of times that the aforesaid committee has met and the key decisions that have been reached;
 - (ii) of the policy decision that has been taken as at present with regard to the recommendation that was made by the President for preventing the opportunity for foreigners to engage in retail trade in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether instructions were given at that meeting to delay or suspend the ETCA agreement that could pose a great threat to local industries, services and other businesses; and
 - (iv) whether a brief account of the performance that has been seen after the aforesaid meeting will be presented?
- (c) If not, why?

599/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those tanks;
 - (iii) the number of families that occupies without permission and engages in agricultural activities at present in the lands that belong to each of the aforesaid tanks, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to evict the families that occupy without permission and engaging in agricultural activities in the lands that belong to the aforesaid tanks ?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the post of Divisional Secretary at Palagala Divisional Secretariat has been vacant for some years; and
 - (ii) the people under the purview of both Kekirawa and Palagala Divisional Secretariats are subjected to inconvenience in obtaining the services from those two Secretariats as a result of the Divisional Secretary of Kekirawa covering the duties of Palagala Divisional Secretariat as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date by which this vacancy for the post of Divisional Secretary would be filled to provide the services required by the people?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes rehabilitated in Badulla district in 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each rehabilitation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the rehabilitation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such rehabilitation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1131/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the appointment of Mr. Meryl Gunathilake to the post of the Chief Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association is in violation of Clause 8 of Section 2 of the Ceylon Scout Council Act no. 13 of 1957;
 - (ii) the aforementioned new appointment was made solely based on his friendship with the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Nimal de Silva;
 - (iii) the Executive Committee of the Council had sent a written notification to the new Chief Commissioner in March 2010 when he was functioning as a Commissioner at the scout head quarters, asking him to resign from the service due to his inability to perform the duties properly; and
 - (iv) the Executive Committee and the President of the Council have complained in this regard to the Presidential Secretariat on several occasions;
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) the precedent set by this incident will result in other unsuitable persons being appointed to the aforementioned post in future; and
 - (ii) failure to adhere to the law in accordance with the world scout principles may result in losing membership of the World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the aforesaid appointment is valid as per a(i) above;
 - (ii) whether an investigation is carried out in this regard;
 - (iii) if so, of the progress of the investigation; and
 - (iv) if not, whether an investigation will be carried out in future?
- (d) If not, why?

1133/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the volume of unsettled public debt from 2015, upto now in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) of that volume, the volume of local debt;
 - (iii) whether he will present it as a percentage;
 - (iv) the volume of foreign debt;
 - (v) whether he will present it as a percentage;
 - (vi) if the volume of debt has increased over the years, the reasons for it;
 - (vii) of the steps the government intends to take to control this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

1146/18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of sites that have been declared ‘ancient monuments’, ‘protected monuments’ and ‘archaeological reserves’ in the Ampara, Trincomalee and Batticaloa Districts under the Archaeological Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 (as amended);
- (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which each such monument and reserve is located as per the provisions of the above-mentioned Ordinance;
- (iii) the numbers and dates of the Gazette Notifications by which the declarations were made; and
- (iv) the extent of land belonging to each such monument declared as aforesaid by such Gazette Notifications?

(b) If not, why?

1148/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the extent of land in which the Force of Civil Security cultivates vegetables from season to season;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the supply of vegetables to the market goes beyond the demand owing to vegetables that cultivated being sent to the market;
- (iii) whether he admits that this situation led to the income of the vegetable farmer drop;
- (iv) whether he will take steps to control this situation by discussing with the Force of Civil Security ?

(b) If not, why?

1152/18

Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a large sum of money was spent on building a bridge between Agaliya and Mulkada connecting the Welivitiya Divisional Secretariat Division and the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) whether he admits that failure to construct the road that stretches from the aforementioned bridge to the Baddegama main road has caused difficulties to commuters;

(41)

- (iii) whether he is aware that provisions for constructing the aforesaid road have not been allocated up to now although I have made requests to that effect together with estimates in years 2016 and 2017; and
- (iv) whether the Ministry will allocate funds for the construction of this road in year 2018?

(b) If not, why?

1184/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(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 Education 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?

Friday, October 26, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

28/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of SLTB depots in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the names of the said depots;
 - (iii) of the number of buses operated and the number of persons employed by each of the aforesaid depots;
 - (iv) separately of the depots operating with profit and depots incurring losses;
 - (v) of the number of persons recruited to each of the depots mentioned above from year 2010 to date, along with the names and designations of those recruited; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to strengthen the SLTB Depots in the Kandy District?

(b) If not, why?

185/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of each district separately—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination in the biology stream in 2005-2014 and 2016-2017 from Manner, Kilinochchi, Mullativu and Vanni districts;

(42)

- (ii) the number and the percentage of the students who were qualified for university entrance;
- (iii) the number and the percentage of the students qualified for medical faculties; and
- (iv) the minimum result of the students who were qualified for the medical faculty, Z-score, the school in which each student studied and the medical faculty to which they got selected?

(b) If not, why?

250/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise & Kandy City Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Sevenagala sugar factory during last 10 years, separately each year;
- (ii) of the number of permanent and casual staff employed in this factory separately; and
- (iii) the measures taken in the last few years to increase the production of this factory?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) it is admitted that a well qualified and proper management is required to achieve a higher production from this factory; and
- (ii) if so, the measures expected to be taken in the future?

(c) If not, why?

405/18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether gas companies and the Consumer Affairs Authority have begun to control gas price according to a price formula;
- (ii) whether he will furnish information on fluctuations in gas prices of Litro Gas and Laugfs, separately in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
- (iii) what amount of the annual gas consumption is produced locally and what amount is imported, separately?

(b) If not, why?

507/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, on per year basis from 2010 up to now, the total number of employees serving in the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority coming under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the number of jobs that have been given in that Authority from the day the government of good governance came into power;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the designations of the persons to whom the aforesaid jobs were given;
 - (iv) the procedure followed to recruit persons to those posts; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken by the Uva Provincial Council with regard to the welfare of the employees in the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Service?
- (b) If not, why?

547/18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of names has been sent to the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat in order to grant housing loans of two hundred thousand rupees each in the year 2018;
 - (ii) if not, whether the Divisional Secretariat has prepared such a list; and
 - (iii) as to how almost all the persons included in the aforesaid list were the loyalists of the United National Party?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits that an inquiry can be conducted through the field officers attached to the Divisional Secretariat to ascertain the political loyalty of the aforesaid persons;
 - (ii) whether he agrees to conduct such an inquiry; and
 - (iii) if not, whether he admits the fact of granting housing loans based on political loyalty?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families that got affected due to the crop damages in the Kurunegala district ;
 - (ii) of the number of families that have applied for compensation from Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board by now;
 - (iii) of the number of families for which the compensation has been provided out of the aforesaid families;
 - (iv) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the aforesaid number of families,
 - (v) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry for the immediate delivery of compensation for aforesaid families ?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon.(Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) on per district basis, of the total extent of lands that Sri Lanka Railway Department is legally in possession of;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid extent of lands, of the extent of lands that have been sold either to the public sector or to the private sector from 1977 to date;
 - (iii) whether a list of names of the buyers of those lands will be presented;
 - (iv) out of the lands belonging to the Department of Railways, of the extent of lands that have been leased to other parties on long-term or short-term lease basis; and
 - (v) whether a list prepared on per district basis containing the names of the aforesaid lessees/tenants and the amount of the lease that they had agreed to pay would be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

600/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Agrarian Services Regions found in the North Western province;
 - (ii) the names of those regions;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that cultivation activities could not be carried out in Yala season of this year due to the acute scarcity of fertilizer in the province; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to solve the aforesaid problem ?
- (b) If not , why ?

975/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take necessary steps to develop the Ihalakagama ancient temple located within Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

999/18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes rehabilitated in Ampara district in 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each rehabilitation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the rehabilitation work with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such rehabilitation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1135/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the historical Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi at Anuradhapura has been affected by the emissions of coal ash of the Norochcholai coal power plant;
 - (ii) if so, whether a study has been carried out to evaluate its possible impact on Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi;
 - (iii) if so, whether that report be tabled;
 - (iv) whether a vulnerable situation may arise in the future though there is no risk at present; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken if such a situation occurs?
- (b) If not, why ?

1149/18

Hon. S. C. Muthukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of kilometers of rural roads carpeted from year 2010 to year 2017 in the North Central Province separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) whether those roads are maintained by the central government or the provincial council;
 - (iii) whether he admits that due to the edge of the road being damaged, such roads become dilapidated soon;
 - (iv) whether money is allocated annually for the relevant institutions for maintenance purposes; and
 - (v) whether it is monitored that money so allocated is used for the maintenance of the said roads?
- (b) If not, why?

1174/18

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the payments for the milk supplied during 01st to 15th of a month were made during the ensuing six days of the particular month and the payments for the milk supplied from 16th to the end of a particular month were made during the first 06 days of the ensuing month by the Milco Company, with pertinence to the milk supplied by the dairy farmers of the Horana electorate;
 - (ii) the payments were delayed in the recent several months and the payments had not been made for the period from 2018.05.01 to 2018.05.15 even by 31st of May;

(47)

- (iii) the dairy farmers are in a desperate plight owing to the inability of providing food to the cows, and paying the installments for the loans obtained for purchasing cows and attending to their day today expenses, resulted by the delay in receiving their payments; and
 - (iv) a problematic situation has arisen by the negative impact made on the national dairy production owing to the decrease in the dairy production ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to make the payments in a regular manner since it is probable that this situation may bring about a negative impact on the lives of the dairy farmers and a drop in the local dairy production process as well?
- (c) If not, why ?

1186/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Women and Child Affairs 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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. Rajavaritham Sampanthan

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha

Hon. John Amaratunga

Select Committee of Parliament to study and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka,—

Whereas the recent unfortunate incidents reported in various parts of Kandy District early March of this year;

And whereas, the unfortunate incidents reported in the Beruwela Electorate in June, 2014, Ampara District in February 2018;

And whereas, it observes the escalation of communal hatred among the different ethnic communities in the recent past;

And whereas, the necessity to establish a proper mechanism to address such situations and to prevent repetition of such misunderstanding among communities in the future;

And whereas, the initiative taken by the Honorable Speaker of Parliament with the fullest support and co-operation of both the Members of Parliament in the Government and Opposition to visit the places, where the incidents took place in the Kandy District, on a fact finding mission on 10th March, 2018;

And whereas, consequent to the said visit, the steps taken by the Honorable Speaker of Parliament to convene a Summit represented by all venerable Nayaka Theros and other Reverend Religious Leaders including Leaders/ Representatives of Political Parties in Parliament; Heads of relevant Government Institutions, Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, State and Private Media Institutions and Heads of Security Forces on the 19th April, 2018 and subsequently on 29th June, 2018;

And whereas, it was unanimously decided at the Summit held on 29th June, 2018 to explore the possibility to establish a “Select Committee of Parliament” under the Chairmanship of the Honorable Speaker of Parliament consisting both Government/ Opposition Members representing all ethnic communities;

And whereas, the Committee on Parliamentary Business had also endorsed the appointment of the Select Committee of Parliament under reference at its meeting held on 05th July, 2018;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to study and report to Parliament, its recommendations to ensure Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka on the following areas:-

(49)

- (a) to prevent the propagation of defamatory opinions/ opinions that undermine national harmony or engagement in such activities and the necessity of taking firm legal action against individuals who engage in such activities;

i.e. to discuss and decide on the suitability of including hate speech as a crime in the Penal Code.
- (b) to promote the future generation from inheriting the differences that prevailed in the past along with the undue consequences created;
- (c) to value the direct and frank intervention and contribution of all parties concerned to ensure the religious and national reconciliation.
- (d) to categorize the school system on a non-racial or non-religious basis;
- (e) to establish a Parliamentary Committee, empowered to entertain complaints about the issues and problems encountered by the minority ethnic groups living in the Northern and Eastern areas and in the other areas and solve those problems and issues through discussion;
- (f) to ban conducting of private tuition classes on Sunday mornings, which is an obstacle in conducting Dhamma Schools;
- (g) to formulate the relevant legal provisions required for the general implementation of the law when establishing places of religious worship and installing images, statues and the necessity of a common code of law for same;
- (h) to introduce a special subject into the school curriculum in order to create national reconciliation and to build up co-operation among races having made children aware of the fact that their minds have been spoiled on the racial amity;
- (i) to avail the contributions of the academics, intellectuals and the persons, who have won the recognition and respect of the public, to this national and religious reconciliation programme;
- (j) to establish a panel of experts, which is represented by all religions at national level and the importance of accumulating academics, intellectuals and eminent persons, who have won the recognition and the respect of the public;
- (k) to establish a mechanism to avail the contribution of the security forces, the Police and the places of religious worship under the patronage of the Divisional Secretary or the District Secretary with the coordination of the Hon. Ministers and Members of Parliament in order to solve the problems prevalent at local level and to convene discussions by the aforesaid groups at district level at least once in every three months;
- (l) to formulate norms that should be followed when expressing views via social websites, various media networks, print/ electronic media;
- (m) to ban publishing of the news, which disturbs national amity and how to formulate laws in that regard;

- (n) to ensure that every religion and every race enjoy equal rights in presenting their views through both print and electronic media;
- (o) to prevent disruption of national harmony through false and hateful statements, and to formulate guidelines for the media institutions to prevent the occurrence of such situations through media programmes that are held with the participation of highly recognized persons such as religious leaders, scholars and other elites;
- (p) to resolve issues related to the national language policy; and
- (q) to make arrangements to change the mindset of the public effectively on establishing national harmony and emphasizing its importance through the relevant Ministries and established institutions within the relevant mechanisms administered by the government, particularly institutes such as the National Youth Services Council.
- (r) to enact Legislation to establish a “Race Relations Board” with necessary powers, funding and decision making authority to entertain complaints by any member of the public to seek relief when affected by incidents of racial hatred;
- (s) to examine and recommend changes to the Police Ordinance and policing in general to ensure better public confidence in the Sri Lanka Police Department.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into and report on the above matters.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101, of the Parliament the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty five (25) Members.
 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall make its Report within Six Months (06) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time period as Parliament may grant.
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