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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

134/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance,
Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the agreement between the government of Sri Lanka and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was inked;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the pressure that has been exerted on the people due to the terms of the agreement;
 - (iii) whether the said agreement will be amended giving them some relief; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

148/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Kalutara District Sports Complex constructed in Bandaragama within Kalutara District was declared open;
 - (ii) of the amount that was spent for the construction of the Sports Complex concerned;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the Sports Complex has declined due to poor maintenance;
 - (iv) of the steps he will take to improve its 400-metre running track to proper standard; and

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- (v) whether he will take steps to develop the land belonging to the Sports Complex which is situated outside its security wall, in order to make the land concerned suitable for parking vehicles?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the agreement which the Sports Development Department has reached with Sri Lanka Cricket pertaining to the Sports Complex; and
 - (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the proposals made for developing the playground of the Sports Complex in collaboration with Sri Lanka Cricket to make it suitable for playing cricket,?
- (c) If not, why?

175/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the —
 - (i) government owned companies, corporations and other commercial establishments functioning in Sri Lanka as at today;
 - (ii) total profit/loss and return of investment (ROI) earned by them for the last 15 years;
 - (iii) total cumulative or accumulated profit/loss of the above institutions from the day it started commercial operations till today; and
 - (iv) value of the capital and loans invested short term basis and long term basis in these institution?
- (b) If not, why?

240/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,—To ask the Minister of Health and Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a new post styled 'END POST' has been created for specialist doctors at certain major government hospitals;
 - (ii) of the scientific basis for creating the post concerned;
 - (iii) or else, whether those are created only as and when so desired by some officers;
 - (iv) whether he will take steps to formulate for it a formal and transparent methodology that cannot be manipulated according to personal desires; and
 - (v) if so, the timeframe is for formulating such a methodology?
- (b) If not, why?

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244/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an urban development plan has been formulated for the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, what that plan is; and
 - (iii) of the timeframe according to which the plan concerned is expected to be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

253/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total area of lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission situated in Haputale Divisional Secretariat Division and Haldummulla Divisional Secretariat Division in hectares;
 - (ii) extent of the said lands as per their Grama Niladhari Divisions, separately in hectares;
 - (iii) extent of lands out of the lands concerned have been given to second parties in hectares; and
 - (iv) name of each of the said second party, the location of the land thus granted to each such party and the basis on which the land has been granted to each person, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) places where lands belonged to the state but, do not belong to the Land Reforms Commission are located in the divisional secretariat divisions named above and the extents of lands located in each such place, separately in hectares;
 - (ii) extent of agricultural lands that have been identified in the above-named Divisional Secretariat Divisions in hectares; and
 - (iii) extent that has been cultivated out of the agricultural lands concerned, in hectares?
- (c) If not, why?

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259/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of foreign official visits by the Former President Ranil Wickramasinghe during the period from 2022 to 2024;
 - (ii) country of visit; objective, benefits accrued to Sri Lanka, those persons who were part of the visit on government expense other than the former President, and the purpose of making each of them part of it, separately in respect of each visit overseas; and
 - (iii) total expenditure borne for these visits overseas?
- (b) If not, why?

316/2024

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) he is aware that the case No. SCFR 55/2019 dated 13th February 2019 filed before the Supreme Court by petitioner Muthuthanthrige Nilanka Dilshan Cooray and four other petitioners against the Ministry of Health has been settled before the said parties;
 - (ii) the 1st petitioner has been admitted to study the Ayurveda Shastri course in the year 2019, as per the settlement concerned;
 - (iii) the petitioners numbers 2 to 5 have taken and completed their examinations; and
 - (iv) steps have been taken as of now by the Department of Ayurveda to commence the Ayurveda Shastri course?
- (b) If not, why?

318/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the pension of the public servants who were retired from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019 was revised along with the operation of the salary scales specified in Public Administration Circular No.03/2016 in full, from 01.01.2020, accordingly;
 - (ii) the Public Administration Circular No.35/2019 has been issued as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 11.11.2019 ;
 - (iii) the Cabinet of Ministers decided to suspend it temporarily on 02.01.2020; and

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- (iv) because of that, the pensioners who were retired from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2019 are aggrieved on account of losing the pension that they should have received from 01.01.2020?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he will take steps to enforce the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 11.11.2019 by having the decision dated 02.01.2020 cancelled;
- (ii) whether he will take steps to pay the pension receivable from 01.01.2020 from the year 2025;
- (iii) if so, what sum of money should be allocated for that in 2025;
- (iv) of the number of aggrieved persons as per (a)(iv) above; and
- (v) of the number of deceased persons out of the above number?

(c) If not, why?

321/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that sand was extracted from lands belonging to Chilaw Plantations Limited during the recent past and sold;
- (ii) if so, what were the objectives of selling this sand was; and
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken regarding this course of action, which is also environmentally harmful?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the annual income earned from the coconut estates of the aforementioned company;
- (ii) whether he is aware that previous governments had been engaged in handing over the coconut estates of the aforementioned company to Amul Company in India;
- (iii) what its present status is;
- (iv) of the reasons for the decline in coconut yield in the coconut estates of the aforementioned company; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken to increase the coconut yield in those estates?

(c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Tuesday, January 21, 2025)

283/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Ratnapura District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) out of them, places where settlements and public properties are located;
 - (iii) separately, the vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iv) the alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

284/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Kegalle District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) out of them, places where settlements and public properties are located;
 - (iii) separately, the vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iv) the alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

285/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Badulla District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) out of them, places where settlements and public properties are located;

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- (iii) separately, the vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iv) the alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

286/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Matale District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024;
 - (ii) out of them, places where settlements and public properties are located;
 - (iii) separately, the vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iv) the alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

287/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Mahanurwara District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024 ;
 - (ii) out of them, places where settlements and public properties are located;
 - (iii) separately, the vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iv) the alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

288/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the identified areas/ places at risk of landslides in the Nuwara – Eliya District due to the rainy weather conditions prevailing since January 2024 ;

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- (ii) out of them, places where settlements and public properties are located;
 - (iii) separately, the vulnerable houses and immovable properties already occupied by the people according to each of the Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iv) the alternative measures that will be taken concerning the residents of the houses mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he knows that a project for the construction of a wild elephant detention centre was implemented in the Lunugamwehera National Park;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent for the aforesaid project so far;
 - (iii) of the sources from which funds were obtained for the said project;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the aforesaid project is alleged to have failed by now; and
 - (v) if so, the steps that will be taken regarding it?
- (b) If not, why?

61/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) amount of profit made/loss incurred by Sri Lankan Airlines from 2015 to date separately according to each year;
 - (ii) reasons for the profit made/loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines during the above-mentioned period; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken to maintain Sri Lankan Airlines in a state of not incurring losses?
- (b) If not, why?

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68/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a housing scheme consisting of more than 50 housing units was launched in Vavunathivu within the Manmuni-West Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa during the previous good governance government;
 - (ii) the construction of some houses has been completed, but the construction of some other houses has not been completed; and
 - (iii) the governments that came into power subsequently neither restored those houses nor handed them over to the people;
 - (iv) the people in those areas have been facing various hardships for more than eight years accordingly?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to fully complete this housing scheme; and
 - (ii) the timeframe within which it will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

81/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, —To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Land Reform Commission was established;
 - (ii) of the objectives of establishing that Commission;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission have been fraudulently acquired by various persons / institutes by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that are taken to protect the lands owned by the said Commission;
- (b) If not, why?

89/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of rivers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those rivers;

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- (iii) whether he knows that most of those rivers have been polluted;
 - (iv) if so, what measures will be taken to clean such rivers; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to minimize the pollution of rivers;
- (b) If not, why?

319/2024

Hon. Imran Maharoof,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of hours for which power supply had been disconnected in the Kinniya CEB Consumer Service Center area from 01.01.2023 to 20.12.2024, separately for each area;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the public in these areas including the students studying online and people engaged in their jobs were severely inconvenienced due to the disconnections referred to above;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that disconnecting the power supply to this area occurs frequently;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for the frequent power outages referred to above; and
 - (v) whether remedial measures have been taken regarding the matter so far?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that there is a practice of issuing the monthly electricity bill via SMS instead of the printed electricity bill;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the system in question causes significant inconvenience for elderly citizens as well as those without smartphones; and.
 - (iii) if so, whether he will take action to issue the printed electricity bill instead, as per the previous practice?
- (c) If not, why?

320/2024

Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Kalmunai North, which was established as an Assistant Government Agent Division in 1989, has been upgraded as a Divisional Secretariat Division with the Cabinet Approval dated 28.09.1993 given based on the Cabinet Memoranda No. 93/600/034 dated 17.03.1993 and No. 93/600/034(I) dated 31.03.1993 and the Cabinet Sub-Committee report dated 09.07.1993 ;

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- (ii) it has been functioning as an independent Divisional Secretariat for more than 34 years accordingly; and
 - (iii) that there are attempts to downgrade the Kalmunai-North Divisional Secretariat Division (Tamil Division) to the level of a sub-office of the Kalmunai-South Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a cabinet decision has been taken to downgrade the divisional secretariat division mentioned in (a)(iii) above;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the said Cabinet Paper;
 - (iii) if not, the basis for the decision regarding such downgrading;
 - (iv) whether a Ministry Secretary/Government official is vested with the authority to override a Cabinet decision and downgrade a divisional secretariat division into the level of a sub-office; and
 - (v) if so, of the legal basis of such a measure?
- (c) If not, why?

323/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Nilanthi Kottahachchi, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether there is a Police Mounted Division in Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of horses in the possession of that division at present; and
 - (iii) of the numbers of horses according to the age categories, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders have been called under the number: LA/SJ/300/2024 to import 15 live horses to the Police Mounted Division;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of tenders presented;
 - (iii) of the supplier who has been selected to import those horses; and
 - (iv) of the amount to be spent to import those 15 horses as per the above tender?
- (c) If not, why?

324/2024

Hon. Lal Premanath,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a cess is levied on finished tea exported from Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the amount cess levy that is imposed upon one kilogram of tea at present;
 - (iii) of the income that was earned through the imposition of the cess during the year 2024;
 - (iv) of the amounts that have been given to the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and the Tea Research Institute from that income separately; and
 - (v) whether he will present a report on how each of the aforementioned institute has spent those amounts of money?
- (b) If not, why?

327/2024

Hon. Asitha Niroshana Egoda Vithana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether parcels of land have been released to the Dharmayathana Protection Council Limited and other parties from the land located in Kothalawala Grama Niladhari Division in Kaduwela which belonged to the Land Reform Commission, on which 'Silk Factory' had existed;
- (b) Will he state of the number of plots of land —
 - (i) alienated for residential purposes out of the remaining part of the land apart from those released as aforesaid;
 - (ii) set aside for roads and reservations;
 - (iii) set aside for common purposes; and
 - (iv) extent of each such plot in terms of units of measurements used in land survey?
- (c) Will he further state —
 - (i) of the basis and time of alienating the lands referred to in (b) above;
 - (ii) of the value of a perch of the land at that time and at present, separately;

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- (iii) whether he will present the cadastral plan in which the plots of land mentioned in (b) (ii) above have been demarcated; and
 - (iv) of the purposes for which the plots of land available for common purposes are used at present?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, January 23, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

103/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of litres of petrol, diesel and kerosene and the number of barrels of crude oil imported to Sri Lanka during the period from 21st October to 30th November 2024, separately;
 - (ii) amount of tax levied by the Government per liter of each type of fuel, separately;
 - (iii) total amount of tax levied by the Government for each type of fuel mentioned above, separately;
 - (iv) amount paid as unloading/landing fees for the aforesaid quantities of fuel ?
- (b) If not, why ?

111/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he accepts that developing adequate infrastructure at an Export Processing Zone is important;
 - (ii) in that case, of the amount of money that has been spent so far on infrastructure development at the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to further develop the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone including further developing of the infrastructure at the Zone concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

149/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he accepts that the "Palpola Interchange" is a project of national importance, as it provides access from the Southern Expressway to highly populated areas such as Kalutara Town, Millaniya, Wadduwa and Morontuduwa, which are very important for the tourism industry and have various industries established therein;
 - (ii) of the date on which the construction work of the said project was commenced;
 - (iii) of the amount of money given to the Road Development Authority by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has hitherto been spent on the said project;
 - (v) of the amount spent on land acquisition for the said purpose;
 - (vi) of the amount needed to complete the said project;
 - (vii) of the timeframe within which the project is expected to be completed;
 - (viii) of the distance from the Galanigama Interchange to the Dodangoda Interchange?
- (b) If not, why?

176/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) date of incorporation of the Bank of Ceylon;
 - (ii) names of the present Chairman, Board of Directors and the CEO;
 - (iii) number of branches and employees;
 - (iv) paid-up capital as of today;
 - (v) whether is it in compliance with "BASEL" requirement of capital adequacy; and
 - (vi) steps taken to address non-compliance, if any?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately —
 - (i) profit for the last 10 years and expected profit for the next 3 years;
 - (ii) return on investment for the last 10 years as per (i) above;

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- (iii) administration cost and lending margin rate for the last 5 years;
 - (iv) administration cost as a percentage of lending rate; and
 - (v) balance sheet values from 2019 to date?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether loans over Rs.1 billion were written off;
 - (ii) names of the entities involved; and
 - (iii) legal procedures adopted for the write-offs?
- (d) if not, why?

241/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
- (i) what is expected of creating a field of specialist training named “Family Medicine”;
 - (ii) whether the specialist physicians of that category have been posted so that what is expected, as referred to above, is achieved, i.e. to be close to the society and the primary healthcare service; and
 - (iii) or else, whether they have been posted to hospitals close to towns based on certain personal interests?
- (b) If not, why?

250/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with regard to the COVID-19 disease in Sri Lanka during the period from 2019 to 2022 of the—
- (i) total number of laboratory-confirmed cases;
 - (ii) total number of confirmed deaths; and
 - (iii) breakdown of deaths based on age, sex, province and district of residence, ethnicity and religion of the deceased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately with regard to the COVID-19 deaths in Sri Lanka during the period from 2019 to 2022 of the—
- (i) method/s used for death disposals;
 - (ii) total number of death disposed of by cremation;
 - (iii) total number of death disposed of by burial; and
 - (iv) breakdown of death disposed of by cremation and burial based on age, sex, province and district of residence, ethnicity and religion of the deceased?
- (c) If not, why?

254/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether the proposed educational reforms that had been submitted by the previous government will be implemented;
 - (ii) whether she will approve the removal of the subjects such as Aesthetics, Information Technology and Accounting proposed by the aforesaid proposals;
 - (iii) whether there is an intention to introduce any changes to the education system implemented in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) as to how the new education proposals will minimize the pressure on students?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the plans that —
 - (i) have been made to distribute resources equally among every government school;
 - (ii) have been made to reduce the fierce competition in education; and
 - (iii) will be made to expand the university education opportunities ?
- (c) If not, why?

260/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that Mr. Peter Breuer, IMF's Senior Mission Chief for Sri Lanka, stated during the media briefing held on 23.11.2024 that Sri Lanka has not reached the targets set for it by the IMF in terms of social spending;
 - (ii) of the total amount of funds allocated by the Budget for 2024 for the beneficiaries of Asvesuma, the elderly, the people with chronic illnesses, and the disabled citizens;
 - (iii) of the amount which had been spent out of the aforesaid funds as at 23.11.2024;
 - (iv) how much it is as a percentage;
 - (v) of the amount of money that had been allocated for social spending for the year 2024 according to the target set by the IMF for it; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for not allocating the funds concerned for the purpose adequately?
- (b) If not, why?

295/2024

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of vehicles assigned to the members of the Government party of the Tenth Parliament;
 - (ii) of the basis on which those vehicles have been provided;
 - (iii) whether those vehicles have been provided by the Presidential Secretariat;
 - (iv) if not, of the institutions that have provided them;
 - (v) whether government drivers have been provided for those vehicles;
 - (vi) of the institutions that provide fuel, maintenance costs and periodic services for those vehicles;
 - (vii) of the amount of money spent monthly on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

317/2024

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a group of businessmen who were conducting business at Olcott Mawatha, Colombo-11 have been removed from their business premises and given shops at the place called "Floating Market";
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said shops have now become unsuccessful due to insufficient sale;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the above-mentioned businessmen are demanding that their previous business premises be restored to them;
 - (iv) if so, whether it is possible to restore the previous business premises to them; and
 - (v) what steps have been taken so far to improve the "floating market"?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, January 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the incident of breaking Buddha's statues occurred in Mawanella area before the Easter Sunday Attack;
 - (ii) names and the addresses of persons arrested in connection with the incident concerned; and
 - (iii) measures have been taken against them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) names of the security officers who conducted investigations into the incident referred to in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) Governors and powerful persons of the then government who influenced on the security officers concerned in the conduct of their investigations, separately; and
 - (iii) present progress of the investigations into the above-mentioned incident?
- (c) If not, why?

62/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of applications received by the Department of Immigration and Emigration for obtaining passports under the normal service from 01.01.2024 up to now on monthly basis, separately;
 - (ii) fee charged for issuing a passport under the normal service; and
 - (iii) actions that will be taken to issue passports expeditiously for applications submitted for obtaining passports under the normal service?
- (b) If not, why?

70/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a housing scheme named Cey-Nor Housing Scheme was constructed in year 1982 in Kaluwankeni-2 in Eravur Pattu Divisional Secretary's Division of the Batticaloa District;

(19)

- (ii) whether he is aware that the residents of those houses/lands are facing various difficulties in obtaining electricity supply and drinking water supply to those houses/lands as title deeds have not been issued to them for those lands to date;
 - (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to issue title deeds for those houses/lands; and
 - (iv) the timeframe for granting title deeds will be?
- (b) If not, why?

82/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of aircraft owned by Sri Lankan Airlines as of today;
 - (ii) destinations to which the flights are operated at present;
 - (iii) number of employees who are serving in the aforesaid airline at present; and
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to further strengthen the airline concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

90/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) quantity of rice that has been imported to Sri Lanka up to now since 2015;
 - (ii) amount spent thereon;
 - (iii) countries from which the rice was imported;
 - (iv) institutions that imported the rice; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to reduce the importation of rice?
- (b) If not, why?

105/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of students who sat the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination in 2024;

(20)

- (ii) whether the Examination Papers relating to that examination or the contents thereof have been received by external parties before the date of the above-mentioned examination;
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that have been taken regarding it;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken in respect of the students who have been aggrieved from it;
 - (v) whether the evaluation of the answer scripts of that examination has been suspended; and
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

112/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) date on which the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone was established;
 - (ii) number of investments received for the said zone and their value separately;
 - (iii) numbers of direct and indirect employment opportunities that have been generated through the aforesaid investments separately; and
 - (iv) measures taken for the further development of the export zone concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

245/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the projects that are left without being implemented so far, out of the projects planned for flood control within the Kolannawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made for implementing them; and
 - (iii) if so, of the timeframe for implementing the project, how funds are to be founded and what is the implementing agency is, separately in respect of each such project?
- (b) If not, why?

296/2024

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that government teachers have been attached to national schools from provincial council schools;
 - (ii) whether it has been decided not to extend the period for which those teachers have been attached to; and
 - (iii) as to how will the vacancies arising in national schools for teachers be balanced due to the said non-extension?
- (b) If not, why?

322/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of people from Puttalam District work in Italy and that the inability to get their driving licenses renewed has become a major issue for them;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that Sri Lankan workers engaged in foreign employment are subjected to inhuman torture;
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken in that regard;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to enforce the law against institutions/individuals who have swindled money by making promises to provide foreign employment; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to recover the money so swindled?
 - (b) If not, why?
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