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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

98/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the tax revenue gained from selling petroleum from 22nd October 2023 to 21st October 2024;
 - (ii) of the profit gained/loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation during that period;
 - (iii) whether frauds have occurred in the sale of petroleum during that period;
 - (iv) if so, of the amount of money defrauded from one litre of each type of fuel separately;
 - (v) of the total amount of money that has been defrauded; and
 - (vi) whether the concession remaining after deducting the amount that has been defrauded from each litre of fuel is currently passed on to the people?
- (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;

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- (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?

133/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the—

- (i) number of civil cases that are pending before courts within the judicial system of Sri Lanka for over five years and for over ten years, separately; and
- (ii) measures that will be taken to prevent the delay in ending cases?

(b) If not, why?

247/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the publication ‘Provisional Clinical Practice Guidelines on COVID-19 suspected and confirmed Patients’;
- (ii) if so, of the names of the experts who contributed content and recommendations to the publication;
- (iii) of their affiliations and designations at the time of their serving as expert resource persons;
- (iv) of the authority responsible for appointing them; and
- (v) of the criteria/basis followed to select them?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of Section 7 of the above publication;
- (ii) if so, of the names of the specific expert resource persons responsible for the content and recommendations in the abovementioned Section;
- (iii) separately, the process, documents and references used to develop the content and recommendations in Section 7; and
- (iv) whether the recommendations in Section 7 are subject to the professional opinion of experts in the fields of medical ethics and medical anthropology either locally or internationally?

(c) If not, why?

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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?

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

152/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) price paid by the Ceylon Electricity Board to a unit of electricity generated by the Waste-to-Energy Power Plant located at Kerawalapitiya;
 - (ii) number of Metric Tons of waste required per day for the above Power Plant to run optimally; and
 - (iii) average value of the waste supplied daily to that Power Plant in 2024 in Metric Tons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Local Government authorities that supply waste to the above Power Plant;
 - (ii) of the volume of ash that has accumulated at the above Power Plant premises after burning waste;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to manage the ash released by the Power Plant in an environment-friendly manner; and
 - (iv) whether an Environment Protection License had been obtained in relation to the above Power Plant for 2023?
- (c) If not, why?

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179/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date the Ceylon Electricity Board was incorporated;
 - (ii) total capital invested by the government in the CEB; and
 - (iii) total amount of short-term and long-term loans provided to CEB, separately;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of permanent and casual employees working at CEB separately;
 - (ii) of the total monthly cost of salaries, overtime, professional allowances, bonuses, transport costs and any other emoluments paid to staff from January to December 2024 separately;
 - (iii) whether the CEB pays the PAYE tax for its staff; and
 - (iv) if not, date on which it ceased paying the PAYE tax?
- (c) 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 found and what is the implementing agency is, separately in respect of each such project?
- (b) If not, why?

257/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the present status of the ‘Holuwegoda’ Development Project in Galle District;

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- (ii) of the extent of agricultural land expected to be developed under the project concerned;
 - (iii) of the existing obstacles against the utilization of the extent of land concerned for agricultural activities; and
 - (iv) whether the project has accrued the expected benefits when compared to the expenditure borne so far?
- (b) If not, why?

440/2025

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Bandarawela Public Playground (Municipal Ground) is not in a condition fit to hold sports events;
 - (ii) there is no proper system to drain water from the ground concerned; and
 - (iii) Cricket matches cannot be played owing to the drains system constructed there?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amounts of money spent from 2015 to 2024 to renovate that ground in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry will be conducted in regard to the damages caused to the above ground;
 - (iii) whether steps would be taken to renovate the ground to enable the players as well as school children in Bandarawela area to use it; and
 - (iv) If so, of the future plans in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, February 20, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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;

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- (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?

379/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of officers serving in each prison of Sri Lanka separately;
 - (ii) deficiencies in the infrastructure facilities of those prisons; and
 - (iii) steps that will be taken to develop the infrastructure facilities of those prisons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) number of rehabilitation centres that have been established for imprisoned persons;
 - (ii) number of persons being rehabilitated in each of those rehabilitation centres as of now, separately;
 - (iii) methods that have been used to rehabilitate them?
- (c) If not, why?

422/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of hospitals belong to the Provincial Council situated within the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) whether the Provincial Council has any other centres/institutions which provide health services apart from hospitals in that District;
 - (iii) if so, what those centres/institutions are;
 - (iv) of the number of hospitals situated within the Kalutara District which belong to the line Ministry;

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- (v) whether the line Ministry has any other centres/ institutions which provide health services apart from hospitals in that District; and
- (vi) if so, what those centres/institutions are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether treatment units for non-communicable diseases have been established in the centres/institutions referred to in (a) (ii) and (v) above;
 - (ii) if so, number of such units there are; and
 - (iii) of the places they are located?
- (c) If not, why?

424/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the project to provide drinking water to Vavuniya town was implemented during the years 2010-2011 with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank, and that paddy fields, farmlands, houses and religious places were acquired for that purpose;
 - (ii) a tripartite agreement was signed on 05.11.2023 among the Farmers' Organizations, the Divisional Secretary and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in this regard so that no prejudice would be caused to the farmers and the land owners;
 - (iii) issuing of permits for the alternative lands provided in place of the acquired lands, and providing proper irrigation facilities and establishing and renovating access roads for those lands have not been done up until now;
 - (iv) members of the affected farming families have not been provided with jobs under the abovementioned water supply project on a priority basis so far; and
 - (v) no action has been taken to channel the additional water overflowing from the anicuts to the renovated tanks belonging to the Department of Agrarian Development?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to resolve the issues referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

425/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of persons who obtained treatment for dog bites during the period from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024;
 - (ii) number of persons in the Trincomalee District who were bitten by dogs during the aforesaid period;
 - (iii) number of persons who were bitten by stray dogs during the aforesaid period in each of the MOH Divisions in the Trincomalee District, separately;
 - (iv) name of the district in which the highest number of persons who were bitten by dogs during the aforesaid period reside;
 - (v) amount spent annually on treating persons who are bitten by dogs; and
 - (vi) measures that will be taken by the government to solve the problem of dog bites?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, February 21, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

384/2025

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of compensation paid and the outstanding compensation yet to be paid for the lives lost and the properties and businesses devastated owing to various natural disasters in each year from 2017 until now district-wise;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the insurance scheme introduced under the National Insurance Trust Fund and established by Circular No. 03/2016, is a great relief for the victims of the disasters;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a considerable number of families have not received the said compensation due to the requirement made through Circular No. 01/2020 to the effect that the ownership of land should be established for compensation above Rs.10,000/-;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the amount allocated per day is insufficient to provide dry rations and cooked food to a family affected by disasters; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to increase the assessment value related to the assessment of disaster compensation, on account of the inadequacy of assessment value prescribed by Circular NBRO/FL/DA/IN/R5 dated 09.09.2020?
- (b) If not, why?

386/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the citizens of many countries of the world find employment in South Korea under the E-8 visa scheme;
 - (ii) of the reasons for turning the Sri Lankans who have obtained work visas for South Korea under the E-8 visa scheme back at the Katunayake Airport ;
 - (iii) of the barriers for aforesaid Sri Lankans to work in South Korea; and
 - (iv) of the measures that are being taken to accord justice to the Sri Lankans who have obtained visas to work in South Korea under the E-8 visa scheme ?
- (b) If not, why?

388/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the deposits of the rural banking system of the East Hewagam Korale Cooperative Society Ltd. have not been paid back to the depositors;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for it;
 - (iii) whether any financial fraud has taken place in the rural banking system referred to above;
 - (iv) if so, of the period during which the fraud has been committed;
 - (v) of the number of depositors who have not been able to withdraw their money;
 - (vi) whether any measures have been taken to refund their deposits; and
 - (vii) if so, of those measures taken?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Board of Directors of the said society has not been registered;
 - (ii) if so, of the details available in this regard;
 - (iii) whether legal action has been taken against the Board of Directors concerned ;
 - (iv) whether the then Provincial Council and the relevant line ministry have taken action against this financial fraud;

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- (v) if so, what those actions are; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

417/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware that the —
- (i) drainage sewerage system at the Homagama, Maththegoda Housing Scheme has been defunct for a number of years now; and
 - (ii) National Water Supply and Drainage Board has been constructing a fence around this sewerage system at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the amount estimated for the construction of the fence referred to above;
 - (ii) of the date on which its construction was commenced and date on which the construction is supposed to be completed separately;
 - (iii) of the construction firm that has been selected for the construction;
 - (iv) whether the specified tender procedure has been followed in selecting the firm concerned;
 - (v) whether he is aware that the roads that people had been using for around 40 years have been obstructed because of the construction of the fence; and
 - (vi) if so, of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

420/2025

Hon. Gnanamuththu Srineshan,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the extent of forests in Sri Lanka in acres;
 - (ii) of the extent of forests having an environment conducive for wild elephants to live, within the extent as aforesaid;
 - (iii) of the number of wild elephants living in such forests;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that wild elephants destroy humans and their properties; and
 - (v) of the number of persons attacked by wild elephants, the number of those who were killed by the attacks; and the number of wild elephants that were killed in the elephant-human conflicts from the year 2020 to the year 2024, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that an elephant population that overwhelms the forest cover is in existence; and
 - (ii) whether the wild elephant population has to be controlled so that it is proportionate with the forest cover;
 - (iii) if so, of the mechanisms available for it;
 - (iv) whether they will be implemented in future; and
 - (v) if so, whether there is any methodology for controlling the destruction caused by wild elephants?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, February 22, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

423/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether he admits that the tea industry in Sri Lanka has been collapsing since 2010;
 - (ii) of the institution which provided funds for the project ‘STARR’ which was implemented for re-cultivation of tea;
 - (iii) of the total amount of funds provided for it;
 - (iv) whether it is a loan or a grant;
 - (v) if it is a loan, of the annual interest rate; and
 - (vi) of the year in which the said loan will be paid off?
- (b) Will he also state of the—
- (i) administrative structure of that project and the names of the persons who are involved in it;
 - (ii) extent of land that has been re-cultivated through that project in each tea inspector’s division, separately; and
 - (iii) amount paid per acre of land for re-cultivating tea under the project and the amount allocated for administrative expenses separately?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) if the said project has been completed by now, the date on which it was completed;

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- (ii) if there are outstanding amounts payable to tea planters, the amounts payable as per each of the tea inspector's divisions, separately; and
 - (iii) whether the audit report on the project will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

431/2025

Hon. Danushka Ranganath,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there was a project named KL 2 Project (Kalutara Package 2) under the I-Road project in Kalutara District;
 - (ii) the above named project has been suspended partway as the relevant contractor has initiated legal proceedings; and
 - (iii) the residents of the area have been subjected to serious inconvenience because of that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of roads in Agalawatte and Matugama electoral divisions which were due to be developed under that project;
 - (ii) of the names of the contractor company/companies pertaining to that project;
 - (iii) of the ownership of those company/companies;
 - (iv) of the present status of the above mentioned legal proceedings; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to complete the project concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

433/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) of the amount spent on the construction of the Meegehakiula bus station concurrent with the construction of the Meegehakiula New Town in Badulla;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said bus station has not been used up to now;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to make the said bus station available for public use; and

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- (v) of the measures that have been taken to construct the access road to the said bus station?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether he accepts that the said bus station is an unproductive construction;
 - (ii) if so, of the actions that will be taken against those responsible; and
 - (iii) of the guidelines that will be provided to local government institutions to prevent such situations in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

436/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of massage parlours operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the procedure of establishing them;
 - (iii) whether the Ayurveda (Amendment) Act No.19 of 2023 is applicable regarding establishment of massage parlours;
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (v) whether any responsibility lies with the local government institute of the relevant area, Sri Lanka Police, MOH Office and Central Environmental Authority in establishing massage parlours; and
 - (vi) if not, of the reasons for that ?
- (b) If not, why?

438/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of land owned by the Land Reforms Commission in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in acres;
 - (ii) said extent in acres for each Grama Niladhari Division, separately;
 - (iii) extent of lands granted to a second party out of the said lands in acres; and
 - (iv) names of the second party grantees of the said lands, the Grama Niladhari Division from which the lands have been given, and the basis of granting lands to each party, separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Monday, February 24, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

445/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,—To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the soldiers recruited into the tri Forces under the Special Recruitments (enlisted) have been deployed in duties related to various occupations;
 - (ii) they have been permitted to perform duties in civilian clothes or in workwear without wearing the uniforms relevant to their services; and
 - (iii) accordingly, a problem has emerged as 43 soldiers employed in duties at the Information Technology Division of the Sri Lanka Navy have been instructed to wear uniforms?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of soldiers who have been recruited under special recruitments and are currently in service, separately;
 - (ii) the respective duties assigned to them and the privileges they are entitled to separately;
 - (iii) whether they can wear their service uniforms in addition to civilian clothes;
 - (iv) if so, the instances in which they can do so;
 - (v) the authorities that undertake the issuance of instructions/circulars/orders relating to them;
 - (vi) whether they may be ordered to wear uniforms at the discretion of the Head of the Institution;
 - (vii) whether the soldiers referred to in (a) (iii) above perform their duties in service uniform; and
 - (viii) if not, whether they perform duties in civilian clothes or in workwear?
- (c) If not, why?

446/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether new industrial zones have been planned to be started in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what those plans are;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that it takes a long time for the investors to obtain approval from various institutions when industries are established in industrial zones on a lease basis;
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to prevent unnecessary delays in the process of preparing those lease agreements;
 - (v) whether there is a possibility to establish a convenient process by linking all the relevant institutions;
 - (vi) if so, the time frame required to prepare that process?
- (b) If not, why?

447/2025

Hon. Ruwan Wijeweera,—To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) of the extent of land that belonged to the Department of Forest Conservation from 2020 to 2024 in Hectares in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) of the reasons that have led to the change of the extent of land belong to the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (iii) of the primary role of the Department of Forest Conservation; and
 - (iv) whether there are provisions for the lands of that Department to be used for common public purposes?
- (b) If not, why?

449/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether Pradeepa Halls located in Modara and Maligawatta, which belong to the National Housing Development Authority, have been leased out to political cronies for a period of 30 years;
 - (ii) whether valuation assessment of the said Halls had been obtained from the Government Chief Valuer before they were leased out;
 - (iii) if so, of the assessed value of each of those Pradeepa Halls separately; and
 - (iv) whether a formal procurement procedure had been adopted in leasing out the said Pradeepa Halls?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the 116-perch land adjacent to the Buddhist Centre in the Maththegoda Housing Complex of the National Housing Development Authority has been sold at Rs.500,000 per perch;
- (ii) of the names of the persons to whom the said plots of land have been sold;
- (iii) whether those lands have been sold to be used for the purpose of building houses; and
- (iv) whether valuation assessments had been obtained in that regard from the Government Chief Valuer?

(c) If not, why?

453/2025

Hon. (Ms.) Ambika Samivel,—To ask the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the people living in the estate areas of the hill country are severely affected by various natural and social problems;
- (ii) of the number of homeless individuals and families among the aforementioned community, separately;
- (iii) of the duration which they have been residing in temporary houses; and
- (iv) of the measures that will be taken to provide those people with housing?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,— 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?

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(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?

66/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) illegal mining of Ilmenite is being carried out in the Koralaipattu North, Vakarai Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) the said illegal mining may cause issues relating to the health and the livelihoods of the people living in the area and relating to drinking water in that area?

(b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prohibit the said illegal Ilmenite mining activities in that area?

(c) 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?

Thursday, February 27, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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;
 - (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;

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- (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?

153/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of wind power stations that have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) year of commencement of the construction of each of the aforesaid wind power stations, separately;
 - (iii) installed capacity of each of the said wind power stations, separately;
 - (iv) amount of energy added to the national grid by each of the said wind power stations in each year from 2022 to 2024, separately; and
 - (v) measures taken to promote wind power generation in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

188/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount that was spent on the construction and maintenance of electric fences from 2015 to date, separately for each year;
 - (ii) of the number of wild elephants and the number of people who perished and the amount of property damage caused by the elephant-human conflict during the above-mentioned period, separately for each year;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that a permanent solution to the elephant-human conflict has not been found, compared to the amount spent on the construction and maintenance of electric fences;
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken to provide a sustainable solution to the elephant-human conflict?
- (b) If not, why?

291/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the local government institution to which the “Majma Nagar” Cemetery in Batticaloa, which was identified as a suitable place for the burial of the dead bodies of the “Covid 19” victims, belongs in terms of the Cemeteries and Burial Grounds Ordinance;
 - (ii) of the extent of the said cemetery;
 - (iii) whether the said land is a state-owned land;
 - (iv) if so, whether the Gazette notification by which the said land was acquired legally, be presented; and
 - (v) whether compensation has been paid for the acquired land?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) amount of money allocated by the government for the development of the aforesaid cemetery and the amount received as donations from private parties, separately?
 - (ii) machinery and other assets provided by private parties for the said development activities?
- (c) If not, why?

389/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of members, appointed to the present Provincial Public Service Commission, Uva Province including the Chairman;
 - (ii) name of each of the members including the Chairman, the institution they previously served in, the position held and the social work they have performed, separately;
 - (iii) amount paid as allowance to the Chairman and each member, separately; and
 - (iv) number of members, appointed to the previously existed Commission?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

258/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the benefits expected from the ‘Port City’ project proposed to be implemented in the area associated with the Galle port;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study has been conducted in relation to the impacts caused to the environment by that project;
 - (iii) of the changes that have been made relating to the project as a result of the public outcry raised previously; and
 - (iv) whether the impact of this proposed project on the life of the community has been taken into consideration?
- (b) If not, why?

273/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the extents of lands belonging to the Urban Development Authority from within the city of Colombo has been identified, separately in respect of each land;
 - (ii) of the lands expected to be used for investment projects out of the lands concerned ; and
 - (iii) of the investment projects expected to be conducted in each of the lands, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

303/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) name of the present Registrar of Companies;
 - (ii) names of individuals who have held the post of Registrar of Companies from 2015 to 2024;
 - (iii) total number of companies incorporated by the Department of Registrar of Companies to date;
 - (iv) number of companies incorporated in each of the following years, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 up to date, separately;

(22)

- (v) average time taken to incorporate a company;
 - (vi) total revenue earned by the department from incorporation of companies as per (iii) above;
 - (vii) number of active companies currently operating as per (iii) above; and
 - (viii) whether the Department of Registrar of Companies has been fully automated?
- (b) If not, why?

426/2025

Hon. Imran Maharoof,—To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of National Youth Corps training centers established in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Trincomalee District, separately;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the training center that was established in Kinniya area has been closed down and relocated to another area;
 - (iii) of the reasons for closing down the training center concerned;
 - (iv) of the reasons for relocating it in another area;
 - (v) whether there is any obstacle to reopening the training center concerned;
 - (vi) if not, whether steps will be taken to reopen the training center concerned; and
 - (vii) if so, of the steps that have been taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

432/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a massive environmental destruction is taking place in Puttalam district because of excavating of sand, gravel, soil and tanks under legal licences carried out without keeping to a proper standard;
 - (ii) whether a methodology will be formulated to regulate such excavating ;
 - (iii) whether a new methodology has been introduced for the excavating of sand, gravel, soil and tanks and for issuing transport licences for same; and
 - (iv) if so, of that methodology?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the intervention of the Provincial Environmental Authority of the North Western Province, in a situation where a massive environmental destruction is being caused in the North Western Province;
- (ii) of the responsibility of that authority; and
- (iii) whether there is a need to further keep the Provincial Environmental Authority of the North Western Province in operation?

(c) If not, why ?
