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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

154/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the construction of the "Thambapawani" Wind Power Station located in Mannar was commenced;
 - (ii) amounts of the local investments and the foreign investments used for the aforesaid construction, separately;
 - (iii) installed capacity of the said power station;
 - (iv) per unit cost of generating electricity by the said power station; and
 - (v) amount of energy added to the national grid by the said power station in each year from 2021 to 2024, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) steps that have been taken to prevent the harm caused to migratory birds due to the said power station; and
 - (ii) effectiveness of those steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether there is potential to construct more wind power stations on the Mannar Island; and
 - (ii) if so, of the capacity of those wind power stations?
- (d) If not, why?

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253/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(2)

- (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?

292/2024

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

- (a) Does he accept that the —
 - (i) premises of the Puttalm Hospital including its residential wards, OPDs and clinics, were inundated due to the heavy floods caused by the heavy rain that fell in November 2024 in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) hospital lacks a proper drainage system to dispose of the hospital's waste water and to channel the rain water;
 - (iii) hospital premises where patients receive treatment must be kept safer?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to keep the aforementioned hospital premises safer;
- (c) If not, why?

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304/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the —
 - (i) number of ships arrived at each terminal owned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and private companies from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) number of containers handled by each of those terminals during the same period;
 - (iii) operational profit of each of those terminals for the same period;
 - (iv) income and profit earned by the Authority for the same period; and
 - (v) efficiency of the terminals mentioned in the no. (i) above by means of number of containers handled per hour by each of those terminals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately —
 - (i) total number of containers and General Cargo (in Tons) handled in Sri Lanka from 2020 to 2024;
 - (ii) projected number of containers and General Cargo (in Tons) to be handled over the next ten years; and
 - (iii) Sri Lanka's world ranking in container handling over the past 5 years?
- (c) If not, why?

492/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of the registered pharmacies and the number of registered pharmacists in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) whether the registered pharmacies should be operated under the supervision of a registered pharmacist as per the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act No.05 of 2015;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that there is a shortage of registered pharmacists compared to the total number of registered pharmacies; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken so far and measures that will be taken in the future to address the shortage referred to above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a credit pass for Chemistry subject in G.C.E. (A/L) examination is required to register with the Sri Lanka Medical Council in order to sit the External Pharmacist Examination; and

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- (ii) whether he accepts that the pass rate is as low as 6% of the total number of candidates who took the examination as only 99 out of 1700 candidates have passed the recent External Pharmacist Examination?

(c) If not, why?

Saturday, March 08, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

259/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of foreign official visits made 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?

274/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a programme has been proposed for the development of the road (old road) from Ambatale to Grandpass;
 - (ii) if so, of the timeframe during which the said programme is expected to be implemented; and
 - (iii) of the manner in which the funds required for the development of the said road would be provided?
- (b) If not, why?

381/2025

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardhana,—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 national schools in Sri Lanka in each province, separately;
 - (ii) number of students, the number of teachers and the number of members on the non-academic staff in each of those schools, separately;

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- (iii) number of schools under each of the provincial councils in Sri Lanka separately;
 - (iv) number of students, the number of teachers and the number members in the non-academic staff in each of those schools, separately;
 - (v) number of provincial-council schools that have been transformed as national schools by the previous government; and
 - (vi) measures that will be taken to develop those schools?
- (b) If not, why?

428/2025

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

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the Muttur and the Kinniya hospitals in the Trincomalee District have been given the status of Grade 'A';
 - (ii) however, that physical resources conforming to Grade 'A' have not been hitherto provided to the said hospitals; and
 - (iii) that the aforesaid hospitals have not been provided with adequate staff?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) steps that will be taken to provide the necessary physical resources to those hospitals;
 - (ii) number of consultant doctors currently serving in each of those hospitals separately;
 - (iii) steps taken to fill the staff vacancies existing in the said hospitals; and
 - (iv) reasons for not taking over the Kinniya and Muttur hospitals to the Central Government?
- (c) If not, why?

444/2025

Hon. Chanaka Madugoda,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the employees recruited to the Ceylon Mineral Sands Limited, Pulmudai for the post of labourer on casual basis with effect from 01.07.2024 have not been paid any salaries or allowances so far;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not paying them salaries or allowances;
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to pay their salaries; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to ensure their job security?
- (b) If not, why?
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Monday, March 10, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

419/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a serious problematic situation has arisen because of some of the decisions taken by the previous government in acquiring lands for the construction of the Ruwanpura Expressway and in paying compensation for the lands so acquired; and
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to resolve the said problems?
- (b) If not, why?

435/2025

Hon. Dinindu Saman,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state of the —
 - (i) number of special projects that were implemented by the Ceylon Electricity Board from the year 2020 to the year 2024;
 - (ii) number of projects, implemented in the Badulla district, out of aforesaid projects; and
 - (iii) name of the party that requested each of the aforesaid projects, the special reasons considered in granting approval and the amount spent, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

451/2025

Hon. Padmasiri Bandara,—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 the government school teacher transfers are made according to the National Teacher Transfer Policy, except for disciplinary issues;
 - (ii) whether she is aware that the National Teacher Transfer Policy has not been properly implemented in the recent past;
 - (iii) if so, of the policy measures that will be taken in that regard;
 - (iv) whether she is aware that rampant corruption, fraud and irregularities have taken place in the admission of students to government schools in the recent past; and
 - (v) of the practical mechanism that will be implemented to prevent them?

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(b) Will she also inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware that there are numerous vacancies in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Teacher Educators' Service, and Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
- (ii) if so, separately, of the number of vacancies existing in each of the services referred to above; and
- (iii) of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies referred to above?

(c) If not, why?

501/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the residents of the Hiniduma Electoral Division in the Galle District have been seriously inconvenienced due to halting of the i-Road project implemented in that area;
- (ii) of the issues that have arisen in relation to each of the said roads of which the construction work has been halted, separately;
- (iii) of the institutes that are responsible in this regard;
- (iv) of the estimated cost of each of the said roads, separately; and
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to maintain these roads in such manner that transportation would not be obstructed?

(b) If not, why?

503/2025

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 belonging to the Land Reform Commission in the Bentara and Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Galle District in hectares, separately;
- (ii) extent of the said lands located in each Grama Niladhari Division in the above-named Divisional Secretariat Divisions, separately;
- (iii) extent of the lands given out for industries and for other projects out of the said lands; and
- (iv) names of the individuals to whom the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission in the above-named Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been given, if any?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the volumes of chicken produced in Sri Lanka from the year 2010 up to now, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) whether chicken was exported during the period concerned;
 - (iii) if so, of the quantities, separately in respect of each year;
 - (iv) whether chicken was imported during the period concerned;
 - (v) if so, of the quantities, separately in respect of each year; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to improve the chicken industry in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

462/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which the construction of the Wathupitiwala Sports Complex in Attanagalla was commenced, the date on which the work was completed and the date on which it was declared open, separately;
 - (ii) names of the public and the private sector institutes that constructed the swimming pool, indoor volleyball stadium, main pavilion, body-building centre and running track of the sports complex concerned, separately; and
 - (iii) amount that has been paid up to now and the amount to be paid for its construction works, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction of the above sports complex has been quality-checked to ensure whether it has been constructed according to the prescribed standards;
 - (ii) if so, of the date of inspection and of the names of the persons who conducted the inspection;
 - (iii) whether the institutions that carried out the construction works accept the responsibility for the shortcomings in the construction works; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

482/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Arabic colleges are registered with and maintained under the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
 - (ii) each of these Arabic colleges conducts separate examinations for awarding the Moulavi Certificate?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Government will take steps to conduct a common examination for awarding the Moulavi Certificate?
- (c) If not, why?

486/2025

Hon. Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the land named ‘Regidale Estate’ situated in Kahapola within the Kesbewa Divisional Secretariat Division is under the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
 - (ii) of the area (size) of the land concerned;
 - (iii) of the activities conducted by the Department of National Zoological Gardens on the land concerned at present; and
 - (iv) whether there is a future plan regarding the land concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

509/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Liyangastota Bridge has been constructed across the Walawe River within the Hambantota District, close to the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) of the date on which the construction of the said bridge was commenced and the date on which it was to be completed, separately;
 - (iii) of the estimated cost of the said bridge;
 - (iv) of the ministry/institution that had been in charge of the construction of the said bridge at that time;
 - (v) of the name of the minister who was in charge of the relevant ministry at the time it was being constructed;

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- (vi) whether the construction of the said bridge has been completed by now;
 - (vii) if the construction of the said bridge has been halted midway, of the materials that have been destroyed as a result; and
 - (viii) of the value of the materials that have been destroyed?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

74/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a permanent building has not been provided for the post office located in the Palukamam area of the Porathivu Pattu Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District and is being operated in a temporary building;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to construct a permanent building for the above post office; and
 - (iii) of the time frame it will be constructed?
- (b) If not, why?

92/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that a scarcity of coconuts prevailing in the Sri Lankan market at present;
 - (ii) of the contribution that has been made to Sri Lanka's coconut production through the New Coconut Triangle recently introduced, centered in the Northern Province;
 - (iii) of the annual coconut consumption of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to minimize the scarcity of coconuts?
- (b) If not, why?

125/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of approved prison guards in the cadre of the Prisons Department;
 - (ii) number of prison guards who are currently serving in that department;
 - (iii) number of vacancies existing for that post as of now;
 - (iv) measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to address the professional issues of prison guards?
- (b) If not, why?

210/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of sites of archaeological value that have been identified in Sri Lanka as of now;
 - (ii) names of those sites; and
 - (iii) measures that have been taken to protect the objects of archaeological value found at these sites?
- (b) If not, why?

392/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the methodology adopted in appointing the new Provincial Commissioner of Revenue who has been appointed for the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the qualifications required for the post of Provincial Commissioner of Revenue;
 - (iii) whether the former Provincial Commissioner of Revenue who held that post prior to the appointment of the new Provincial Commissioner of Revenue, was an officer of the Inland Revenue Service;

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- (iv) whether the Provincial Commissioner of Revenue is appointed from the Inland Revenue Service or from the Provincial Revenue Service or from the Accountancy Service;
 - (v) whether the new Provincial Commissioner of Revenue, who has been appointed for the Uva provincial Council, is an officer who had been appointed to the post of Provincial Revenue Commissioner of the Uva Provincial Council earlier and subsequently removed from that post; and
 - (vi) if so, of the basis on which the officer concerned has been appointed?
- (b) If not, why?
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