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FOR

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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?

2.

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;

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- (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?

3.

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;
 - (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, of the number of such units there are; and
 - (iii) of the places they are located?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

424/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (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 05.11.2013 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;

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- (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?

5.

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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation Bill— (Third Allotted Day)—Adjourned debate on question (17th February 2025) [1].

* *Indicates Government Business.*

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

(4)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

487/2025

Hon. T.K. Jayasundara,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that —

- (i) the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital has not yet carried out the steps necessary to enable Mr. Kahaduwa Arachchige Nihal, who had served as a Medical Laboratory Technologist from 03.07.1984 and retired on 18.03.2020, to obtain his pension; and
- (ii) even though 05 years has lapsed since his retirement, leaving the work relating to the payment of his pension incomplete is a weakness of the Ministry of Health?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reason for not accepting the report of the Preliminary Inquiry Board appointed pursuant to the letter No. FQ/02/2018 of the Director of Karapitiya Hospital dated 08.12.2023 and releasing the documents required for his retirement after charging him the relevant dues;
- (ii) of the reason for not informing Mr. Nihal about the said report;
- (iii) if the report mentioned in (i) above is not accepted, of the reason for that;
- (iv) if so, of the actions that have been taken in this regard;
- (v) of the reasons for not informing Mr. Nihal about the actions concerned; and
- (vi) of the actions that will be taken against the officers who are delaying the processing of the pension of Mr. Nihal, who is suffering from Parkinson's disease since the year 2020?

(c) If not, why?
