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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, March 12, 2025)

610/2025

Hon. M. Nizam Kariapper, PC,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that under previous administrations, certain Local Authorities and Divisional Secretariat Divisions were established based on ethnic considerations, allegedly driven by political objectives;

(ii) of the criteria that current government will follow in creating new Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

(b) whether ethnic composition is considered a criterion in the creation of new Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and

(i) of the steps the governemnt is taking to ensure that the creation of Local Authorities and Divisional Secretariat Divisions is based on objective criteria such as population density, geographical factors, and administrative feasibility (including the administrative language of official records) rather than ethnic or political considerations?

(b) If not, why?

Saturday, March 15, 2025

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Proceeds of Crime Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

***** ***Indicates Government Business.***

Tuesday, April 08, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

276/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the number of files that are newly opened for employees under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and the Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) can be used as an indicator for assessing the economic development;

(ii) of the number of files that were newly opened under the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund in November 2024, separately;

(iii) whether action will be taken to present the number of files that are newly opened under the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Provident Fund every month commencing from December 2024 to Parliament; and

(iv) if so, of the date of the month on which the aforesaid information will be presented to Parliament?

(b) If not, why?

383/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of Depots that belong to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;

(ii) Depots that make profits and the Depots that incur losses out of those referred to above, separately;

(iii) measures to be adopted in regard to the Depots that incur losses;

(iv) number of buses owned by the Board;

(v) number of those buses that are currently deployed in running operations and the number of buses that have been removed from the fleet out of the number of buses referred to above, separately;

(vi) reasons for removing the buses from the fleet; and

(vii) total number of employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) number of railway stations in Sri Lanka;

(ii) number of trains that are currently deployed in running operations and the number of trains that have been removed from the fleet, separately;

(iii) reasons for removing trains from the fleet;

(iv) number of new trains that are currently deployed in running operations;

(v) total number of employees of the Department of Railways; and

(vi) number of casual employees and the number of permanent employees of that Department, separately?

(c) If not, why?

424/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Pathmanathan Sathiyalingam,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (2)

(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;

(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?

427/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the names of the areas in the Trincomalee District that have been provided with drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and those areas that have not been provided so;

(ii) whether he is aware that around 5000 families living in the areas of Kuchchaveli, Pudavaikattu, Tiriiai and Salappaiyaru, which belong to the Kuchchaveli Divisional Seretariat Division, have faced immense difficulty in obtaining drinking water as the National Water Supply and Drainage Board has not provided driniking water to those areas;

(iii) whether plans have been made to provide drinking water to the said areas expeditiously ;

(iv) whether plans have been made to improve the drinking water facilities in the Trincomalee District as a whole?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) number of hours for which the drinking water supply was disconnected in the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division from 01.01.2022 to 01.01.2024; and

(ii) main reason for the aforesaid disconnection of the water supply ?

(c) If not, why?

445/2025

Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

(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) of the number of soldiers who have been recruited under special recruitments and are currently in service, separately;

(ii) of 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, of the instances in which they can do so;

(v) of 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?

569/2025

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 she is aware that money has been provided to various individuals by the President's Fund for completing a PhD or other higher education programmes at foreign universities under the strict condition that they must return to Sri Lanka and serve this country;

(ii) whether money has been provided accordingly by the President's Fund to the children, relatives and friends of the former Presidents, Ministers and Members of Parliament after 2005;

(iii) if so, of the number of individuals to whom money has been provided in this manner, their names and the names of the respective politicians to whom they are related, separately;

(iv) out of the above-named individuals, of the number of those who have returned to Sri Lanka after completing their PhDs and the number of those who have not returned to Sri Lanka, separately;

(v) of the action that has been taken regarding the individuals who have not returned to Sri Lanka;

(vi) whether legal action has been taken against them; and

(vii) whether the money spent by the government on their behalf has been recovered from them?

(b) If not, why?

570/2025

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,—To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that the —

(i) Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority, established in the year 1995, was transformed into the Department of Samurdhi Development in the year 2013 and currently employs about 25,000 employees;

(ii) payment of pensions to the employees who have retired from the aforesaid department has been stopped for about a year and they and their dependents have been in great difficulty as a result; and

(iii) election manifesto of the present government has also assured that the aforesaid problem will be resolved expeditiously?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) reasons for not paying pensions to the aforesaid employees, be it by withholding the retirement gratuity amount as a temporary measure;

(ii) measures that will be taken to provide a permanent solution for aforesaid matter?

(c) If not, why?

574/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the program to provide freehold deeds to the owners of deeds to government lands, which was implemented by the previous government, will be continued;

(ii) of the number of freehold deeds that have been granted under the program so far;

(iii) whether he is aware that the owners of deeds to government lands have surrendered their deeds to the respective Divisional Secretariats in order to obtain freehold deeds under the aforesaid program; and

(iv) of the manner in which deeds, which have been surrendered to the Divisional Secretariats, will be returned?

(b) If not, why?

576/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether any form of regulating is in place regarding the private tuition classes that are conducted targeting the G.C.E. (O/L) and the G.C.E. (A/L) Examinations;

(ii) if not, of the reasons for not regulating them;

(iii) whether she is aware of the teachers who conduct the above-mentioned private tuition classes and of their educational qualifications;

(iv) if not, of the reasons for not being aware of such information;

(v) whether she is aware that private tuition classes are conducted at present targeting the G.C.E. (O/L) and the G.C.E. (A/L) Examinations from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on school days;

(vi) whether appropriate action will be taken regarding conducting of the tuition classes concerned above;

(vii) if not, of the reasons for not taking action regarding it; and

(viii) of the steps that will be taken regarding the adverse impact that is caused to government schools due to conducting of private tuition classes as mentioned in (v) above?

(b) If not, why?

584/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that the —

(i) Chilaw General Hospital has not been developed in a long time; and

(ii) patients visiting the above hospital are severely inconvenienced as a result?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether there is a plan to upgrade the aforesaid hospital into one consisting of all facilities; and

(ii) if so, of the course of action in order to achieve it?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 09, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

484/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) there is no training center to obtain a formal training for teachers employed in Arabic schools registered with the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs; and

(ii) consequently, there is no possibility for those teachers to receive a proper training they need for teaching?

(b) Is he also aware that—

(i) there is no training centre for Imams and Muadhdhins serving in Mosques to receive a formal training; and

(ii) consequently, there is no possibility for them to receive a proper training they need for performing their duties?

(c) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a training center to provide formal training to teachers teaching in Arabic schools and to Imams and Muadhdhins serving in mosques?

(d) If not, why?

497/2025

Hon. (Prof.) Sena Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of Cultural Centers currently existing in Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the main function performed by the Cultural Centers referred to above in promoting cultural activities;

(iii) of the number of art institutions operating under Provincial Cultural Departments;

(iv) of the function of such art institutions; and

(v) whether there are any registered art institutions that are not in an active state at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the total amount spent by the government for the Annual Literary Festival conducted by Divisional Secretariats in 2024;

(ii) of the amount allocated to each Divisional Secretariat Division for the Literary Festival, separately;

(iii) whether the amount concerned is sufficient; and

(iv) if not, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

499/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of jobs made available to Sri Lanka by the Israeli Government;

(ii) of the number of such jobs in each sector, namely agriculture, construction, hospitality and manufacturing, separately;

(iii) of the number of Sri Lankans who have been sent to Israel for employment so far;

(iv) whether he is aware that about 2400 applicants have not been sent to Israel for employment so far even though almost a year has elapsed since they passed all the tests and obtained medical reports ;

(v) if so, of the reasons for that;

(vi) of the measures that have been taken to send them to Israel for employment expeditiously?

(b) If not, why?

513/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of tanks that are currently in need of renovation out of the tanks in Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether it has been planned to renovate the tanks referred to above; and

(iii) if so, of the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?

(b) If not, why?

515/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that propaganda of a nature which defame the government has been published on social media regarding the commemoration of the dead persons of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka;

(ii) of the legal provisions currently in force against the making of organized racist, religious and hateful statements on social media;

(iii) of the Acts most frequently used in the past out of those referred to above;

(iv) whether a course of action has been developed to prevent the defame caused to the government by the failure to promptly give the correct factual explanation of the government after misinformation has been disseminated by the media;

(v) of the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation and to avoid any recurrences of such in the future?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, April 10, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi,—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;

(ii) names of those schools;

(iii) schools out of the schools referred to above, to which principals who have completed specified qualifications have been appointed and of those schools to which such principals have not been appointed, separately; and

(iv) measures that will be taken in the circumstances to solve the problem of lack of qualified principals despite the increase in the number of national schools?

(b) If not, why?

71/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that the —

(i) roads called the Bakki-ella Road, the Villukulam Road and the Ambilanturai Road belonging to the Porativupattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District are main link roads; and

(ii) roads referred to above have not been reconstructed so far although many new roads have been constructed in the recent past?

(b) Will he inform the House of the measures that will be taken to reconstruct the roads concerned?

(c) If not why?

93/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he admits that there is a dire shortage of rice in the market at present;

(ii) if so, of the reasons for the occurrence of such a shortage;

(iii) whether stocks of rice sufficient for consumption are currently available in the country;

(iv) whether he admits that the main rice mill owners are maintaining a rice monopoly; and

(v) of the measures that will be taken to release rice stocks to the market in a way that it will provide relief to the paddy farmer as well as to the rice consumer?

(b) If not, why?

212/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of existing vacancies in the Sri Lanka Police at present for each position, separately;

(ii) whether he is aware that the promotion process in the Sri Lanka Police is processing slowly;

(iii) of the steps that will be taken to expedite the promotion process; and

(iv) of the steps that will be taken to increase the salaries and improve the welfare facilities of Police officers?

(b) If not, why?

518/2025

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that the retired public sector employees who retired after 01.01.2016 are entitled to the Agrahara Insurance cover, but those who retired before 31.12.2015 are not entitled to the same cover;

(ii) whether steps will be taken to remove that inequality;

(iii) whether he is aware that the recommendations of the B.C. Perera Salary Commission appointed in 1997 have been implemented only in respect of a limited group of teachers and principals; and

(iv) whether steps will be taken to implement those recommendations so that they are applicable to the majority of teachers and principals?

(b) If not, why?

541/2025

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

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) most essential medicines including Anastrazole administered to cancer patients are not available at the National Cancer Institute in Maharagama; and

(ii) every day, patients who come to the Institute from various areas of Sri Lanka are gravely inconvenienced and have to go back without medicines as a result?

(b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that have been taken to resolve this issue expeditiously?

(c) Is he also aware that —

(i) although a day-and-night patient care services have been maintained at the Malwathuhiripitiya Regional Hospital in Gampaha District, it has become difficult to run such services further because of transferring its medical staff without substitutes; and

(ii) the patients who arrive there in order to get services from the Hospital concerned are greatly inconvenienced as a result?

(d) Will he also inform this House of the steps that have been taken to resolve this issue expeditiously?

(e) If not why?

572/2025

Hon. Athula Welandagoda,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he accept that —

(i) illegal constructions and cultivations are found in the elephant management reserve that is located adjacent to the boundaries of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Hambantota, Tissamaharama, Lunugamvehera, Sooriyaweva and Ambalantota; and

(ii) it is a grave constraint to the life of wild elephants?

(b) Will he also inform this House –

(i) what those illegal constructions and cultivations are;

(ii) of the short-term and long-term measures that will be taken regarding the illegal constructions and cultivations referred to above, separately;

(iii) whether he is aware that the loss of lives and damage to cultivation in the farming lands outside the elephant management reserve concerned due to elephants rampaging into the farming lands have reached a peak; and

(iv) if so, of the number of people and wild elephants that have been killed so far in such encounters, separately?

(c) If not why?

579/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) number of sexual crimes and other criminal acts against women reported, out of those sexual crimes and other criminal acts committed against women while serving in ministries, departments and other statutory institutions of the government in each of the years since 2015 up to now, separately;

(ii) actions that have been taken in relation to them so far; and

(iii) manner in which measures are being taken to restrain acts of violence against women within government institutions?

(b) If not, why?

581/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total number of government hospitals in Sri Lanka;

(ii) number of such hospitals in each category according to the categorization of government hospitals, separately; and

(iii) number of hospitals in each such category in operation in the Matara District;

(b) Will he also inform this House –

(i) of the number of primary medical centres functioning within the Matara District;

(ii) whether 18 Emergency Treatment Units have been purchased for such centres under World Bank loans or by any other means;

(iii) if so, of the year in which they were purchased;

(iv) of the name of the Minister in charge of the line Ministry of Health at that time;

(v) if the units concerned are still not operated as Emergency Treatment Units, of the obstacle that prevents it; and

(vi) of the further measures that will be taken to run the units concerned as Emergency Treatment Units?

(c) If not why?

603/2025

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the date on which the construction of the swimming pool at the President's College, Minuwangoda was commenced;

(ii) of the estimated cost and the amount spent so far on the construction of the swimming pool concerned, separately;

(iii) whether the amount which remains unspent has been deposited in an account related to the said project; and

(iv) if so, of the name and the account number of the said account, separately?

(b) Will she also inform this House of the —

(i) name of the contractor/contractor company that constructs the above-mentioned swimming pool;

(ii) basis on which the said contractor/contractor company was selected;

(iii) extent of the construction work that has been completed so far;

(iv) time that is required for the full completion of the construction work; and

(v) reasons for the delay in completing the construction?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, April 11, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

133/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (3)

(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?

153/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (2)

(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?

156/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the L.T.T.E, some other organization, an individual or individuals held a Martyrs Day (Mahaviru) celebration in memory of the L.T.T.E cadres who died during the war in the north and east in November 2024;

(ii) if so, of the parties that held such celebrations;

(iii) whether state patronage had been accorded for it;

(iv) whether the government had been aware of such celebrations before they were conducted;

(v) whether an organization which has been banned not only in Sri Lanka but also internationally has the ability to hold such celebrations in Sri Lanka;

(vi) of the steps that had been taken to prevent the holding of such celebrations; and

(vii) whether the government takes the responsibility over the holding of celebrations of a banned organization?

(b) If not, why?

192/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

(i) of the amount of financial and non-financial assistance received by the Ministry of Health and the institutes under it from the year 2015 until now, separately for each year;

(ii) whether he is aware that the above assistance has not been accounted correctly according to the report of the National Audit Office; and

(iii) if so, of the actions that will be taken regarding the matter?

(b) If not, why?

277/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether arrangements will be made to establish a Boys' National school in future in the Dehiwala Divisional Secretariat division, where there is already a Girls' National school;

(ii) if so, of the school that has been identified in the above division to be converted to a National School;

(iii) of the facilities that are to be given to that school; and

(iv) of the date on which the said National school will be established?

(b) If not, why?

306/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) total value of the GDP of Sri Lanka in Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) along with the growth rate for the past 20 years, separately;

(ii) expected GDP growth and the growth rate projection for the next 5 years, separately;

(iii) total value of exports in SLR and USD along with its percentage of GDP for the past 20 years separately;

(iv) top twenty export commodities of Sri Lanka;

(v) total earnings from services in USD for the past 10 years, separately; and

(vi) top ten service sectors generated USD for Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) amount of the USD earned are kept overseas;

(ii) official period for which USD can be retained overseas; and

(iii) action initiated against individuals or entities retaining money overseas violating of exchange control regulations?

(c) If not, why?

335/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that a community water project called 'Kurakkanhenegedara Drinking Water Project' has been started in Katupotha in the Kurunegala District;

(ii) of the amount spent on the initial activities of the aforesaid project;

(iii) of the present progress of the aforesaid project;

(iv) whether he is aware that the aforesaid project was implemented so that the hospital located in that area and people belonging to more than 700 family units in the areas of Kurakkanhenegedara, Sapumalpuraya, Dangolla and Katupotha are covered by the project;

(v) of the reasons for the aforesaid project to come to a standstill by now;

(vi) whether steps will be taken to fulfill the drinking water requirement of the people in the above-mentioned areas by expeditiously implementing the aforesaid project; and

(vii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid project will resume?

(b) If not, why?

432/2025

Hon. Ajith Gihan,—To ask the Minister of Environment,— (2)

(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 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?

(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 ?

560/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the procedure through which the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force of Sri Lanka were appointed separately;

(ii) whether there were no other more senior and qualified officers than the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force to be appointed to the post of Commander of the Army and the post of Commander of the Air Force;

(iii) of the reasons for appointing the present Commander of the Army and the Commander of the Air Force, separately, ignoring the other more senior and qualified officers, if any;

(iv) of the other criteria that are considered in the appointment of Commanders of forces, other than the seniority criterion; and

(v) if so, of the aforesaid criteria?

(b) If not, why?

617/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of patients who received treatments at outpatient departments of government hospitals in each of the years from 2015 up until now, separately;

(ii) of the amounts spent on developing outpatient departments of government hospitals in each of the years during the period referred to above, separately;

(iii) whether he accepts that the outpatient departments make a significant contribution towards achieving a high level in terms of health indicators in Sri Lanka; and

(iv) of the measures that will be taken for developing that aspect further?

(b) If not why?