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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

31/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of occasions on which rice shortages have arisen in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of occasions on which the Lanka Sathosa Limited imported rice during such periods, and of the quantity of rice imported on each such occasion, separately;
 - (iii) whether rice thus imported have been unlawfully sold by Lanka Sathosa Limited to other individuals and traders; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

136/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of liquor licenses issued by the Excise Department in each year from the year 2015 up to now at the Divisional Secretariat Division level, separately;
 - (ii) methodology followed in issuing the said liquor licenses;
 - (iii) revenue generated from issuing the above licenses in each year, separately; and

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- (iv) steps that will be taken to change that situation in light of the significant social protest that occurred in the past regarding the methodology for issuing liquor licenses?

(b) If not, why?

1450/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) number of 'Animal Vaccinators' serving at district level in the Eastern Province;
- (ii) total number of employees required for the above post in the said Province;
- (iii) number of individuals who were recruited on casual basis as 'Animal Vaccinators' in the year 2019, out of those recruited on casual basis for the post of 'Rabies Control Assistant' under the Rabies Control Programme, in the year 2018; and
- (iv) date on which action will be taken to grant permanent appointments to the employees thus recruited on a casual basis?

(b) If not, why?

2042/2026

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the purpose of establishing the Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Ltd;
- (ii) whether a commercial office complex named 'Rakna Arakshaka Lanka Towers Project' has been constructed;
- (iii) if so, of the year of commencement of the said project and of the names of the persons who have granted approval for the same;
- (iv) of the amount that is invested in the said project, of the areas on which investments have been made and of the funding sources for such investments;
- (v) whether a market survey was conducted prior to the investments; and
- (vi) if not, of the reasons therefor?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether an audit has been conducted regarding the disbursement of funds of the said project;
- (ii) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (iii) whether procurement guidelines and financial regulations have been followed therein;

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- (iv) if not, the areas in which such guidelines and regulations have not been followed; and
- (v) whether the details of payments that have been made to contractors will be presented?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether a financial loss has occurred as far as the cost of the said project is compared with the assets of the said company;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of such loss;
 - (iii) whether the said company can afford such a loss;
 - (iv) whether a supervisory authority has been appointed in relation to the said project;
 - (v) whether the said project is still in operation;
 - (vi) whether the objectives of the said project have been achieved; and
 - (vii) the future action that will be taken regarding the said project?
- (d) If not, why?

2054/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the annual freshwater fish production in the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) of the tanks and reservoirs that contribute to the said production;
 - (iii) whether breeding centres have been established for freshwater fish production in the said district;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of such centres;
 - (v) of the estimated cost of the ‘Mutukandiya Freshwater Fish Breeding Centre’ currently under construction in the Alugalage Grama Niladhari Division of the Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (vi) whether the number of breeding centres available for the propagation of freshwater fish within Monaragala District will be sufficient after the construction of the said centre?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of landing sites in the Senanayake Samudraya located in Inginiyagala; and
 - (ii) whether applications have been received to establish a landing site in the Baduluwela area associated with that reservoir?
- (c) If not, why?

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2102/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the year in which the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance was introduced;
 - (ii) whether the said Ordinance is still in force;
 - (iii) of the key objective of introducing the said Ordinance; and
 - (iv) of the number of religious institutions in Sri Lanka that come under the scope of the said Ordinance?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the Act under which permission has been granted to levy taxes on lands owned by religious institutions;
 - (ii) whether the taxable limits have been clearly specified as a percentage in the said Act;
 - (iii) of the maximum period of time for which a land owned by a religious institution can be leased out; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which a party who is wronged can get justice in case such an agreement is violated?
- (c) If not, why?

2110/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large amount of tax revenue is collected annually by the government from the manufacture and sale of cigarettes;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount collected through the taxes imposed on cigarettes during the last 03 years, separately in respect of each year;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, despite taxes being levied on the legal manufacture and sale of cigarettes, cigarettes are illegally imported and sold;
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken at present to control the illegal import and sale of cigarettes; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to identify individuals engaged in the illicit trades of cigarettes and to take legal action against them?
- (b) If not, why?

2111/2026

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) applications have been called for the post of ‘Sub-Inspector of Police’ as per the Gazette No. 2378 dated 28.03.2024;
 - (ii) out of the said applications, 100 applicants were selected for the test;
 - (iii) Mr. H.G. Kaveesha Geethanjana Amarasinghe was among those selected candidates and that he had been informed in writing of the items to be brought when reporting for training; and
 - (iv) although the other selected individuals were called to the Police Training College, Kalutara on 18.04.2026, he has not been called?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) reasons for (a) (iv) above; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken regarding the alleged injustice caused to him?
- (c) If not, why?

2115/2026

Hon. Sugath Wasantha de Silva,— 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 vocational training institutions operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the courses available at those institutions;
 - (iii) of the number of trainees with disabilities enrolled in those courses during the past year, classified by the type of disability;
 - (iv) whether physical access and communication facilities have been provided to enable trainees with disabilities to pursue these courses; and
 - (v) whether special opportunities have been provided for trainees with disabilities who are unable to meet the prescribed qualifications for trainee recruitment due to disability-related or inclusion barriers to enroll in these courses?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether programmes have been implemented for trainers in vocational training institutions to develop special skills required to work with persons with disabilities;

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- (ii) whether attention has been paid to establishing an inclusive and disability-friendly institutional framework to enable trainees to pursue their preferred courses at the nearest vocational training institution; and
- (iii) if so, of the measures that have been taken in that regard and the provisions allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

2124/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the number of —
 - (i) Agricultural Research and Production Assistant Divisions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) officers currently serving in the said divisions;
 - (iii) Agricultural Research and Production Assistant Divisions in the Anuradhapura District; and
 - (iv) officers currently serving in the said district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether actions will be taken to fill the vacancies in the post of Agricultural Research and Production Assistant; and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to abolish the said position?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 05, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

660/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) annual production of liquid milk in Sri Lanka separately from the year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) local milk requirement, the amount of milk imported and the amount of money spent on that during the said period; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to make the country self-sufficient in liquid milk?
- (b) If not, why?

985/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the income earned by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau through training from 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the means by which the said income is earned;
 - (iii) separately of the number of workers who have gone abroad after receiving training at the Bureau and those who have gone abroad without such training during that time period; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to make it mandatory for every worker going abroad for the first time to receive training by the Bureau, as it is important to provide such training?
- (b) If not, why?

1634/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) military personnel engaged in permanent and temporary service in the Tri Forces, separately;
 - (ii) occasions on which general amnesties have been granted for personnel to legally resign from military service during the last 05 years; and
 - (iii) military personnel who have legally resigned from military service during the aforementioned amnesty periods?
- (b) If not, why?

2107/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) M.A.C.S. Chathuri Gangani,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Elephant Corridor between Udawalawe National Park and Lunugamvehera National Park was gazetted;
 - (ii) of the date on which the safety electric fence was erected on both sides of the corridor;
 - (iii) of the primary objective of the construction of the electric fence mentioned above;
 - (iv) of the total cost incurred for the construction of the elephant electric fence; and

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- (v) whether he is aware that an elephant entered a village during the morning hours and killed a schoolchild in 2018 despite having an electric fence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the main electric fence in the section covering Balaharuwa village, which forms part of the electric fencing system installed on both sides of the elephant corridor, currently remains inactive;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been made to remove the concerned electric fence; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which such decision was taken and the intended objective?
- (c) If not, why?

2135/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Oshani Umanga,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land that belongs to the Land Reform Commission within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Bandaragama, Millaniya and Horana;
 - (ii) out of the said lands, of the extent of land that has been granted so far; and
 - (iii) whether a list of the names of the beneficiaries of such lands will be provided?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether lands belonging to the Commission that have been encroached upon or unauthorizedly utilized have been identified;
 - (ii) if so, of the extent of such lands; and
 - (iii) of the actions that have been taken in that regard?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House, separately in respect of each of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the extent of —
 - (i) land leased out of the lands belonging to the Commission, and the annual lease rental charged therefor;
 - (ii) land for which lease agreements exist but lease rent is not being collected; and
 - (iii) unencumbered land available for lease?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, August 06, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

368/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the ‘Api Wenuwen Api’ Fund was established;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money held by the Fund;
 - (iii) separately, of the specific purpose for which money was spent from the Fund, the relevant beneficiary and the amount of money spent on such purpose; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to maintain the Fund more effectively?
- (b) If not, why?

463/2025

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of unrefined coconut oil imported into Sri Lanka during the period from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024;
 - (ii) whether the importing companies have paid 18% VAT and 2.5% Social Security Contribution Levy (SSCL) on the quantity that was refined and sold from the imported stock;
 - (iii) if so, of the total amount of taxes paid;
 - (iv) of the outstanding tax amount due;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to recover the outstanding tax revenue; and
 - (vi) whether tax concessions have been granted to those companies?
- (b) If not, why?

471/2025

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

- (a) Will he state the —
 - (i) total revenue of Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT) for the years from 2020 to date, on yearly basis;
 - (ii) total profit of SLT for the years from 2020 to date, on yearly basis;
 - (iii) total direct and indirect taxes in relation to (i) and (ii) above, separately;

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- (iv) total number of staff members employed by SLT and the total annual cost incurred for the salaries and emoluments for the last 05 years, separately;
- (v) total asset value of SLT reflected in the balance sheet, and the corresponding market value, separately;
- (vi) three main shareholders of SLT; and
- (vii) total value in Sri Lankan Rupees of the shares held by the Government?

(b) If not, why?

599/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the monthly salary paid by the Government to a Medical Officer and a Specialist Medical Officer;
- (ii) of the number of Medical Officers and Specialist Medical Officers, separately, who are currently abroad having obtained leave or having resigned from the public service;
- (iii) of the total number of doctors who have migrated annually from the year 2020 to 2025;
- (iv) of the reasons for aforesaid migration;
- (v) of the number of doctors who have applied to go abroad so far;
- (vi) whether the government has taken steps to increase the salaries of the doctors; and
- (vii) of the programme of the current government to mitigate the migration of doctors?

(b) If not, why?

705/2025

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) date on which United Petroleum Lanka commenced its operations in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) value of the total investment made by the said company in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) conditions of the agreements entered into with the said company;

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- (iv) number of fuel stations allocated to the said company for its operations; and
- (v) reasons that led the said company to cease its operations in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

886/2025

Hon. (Dr.) M.L.A.M. Hizbullah,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (2)

(a) Will he inform the House —

- (i) whether he is aware that people have settled in the state lands for which ‘deeds of grant’ or ‘land permits’ of the state were given during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2025 out of the state lands situated in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Eravurpattu, Chenkaladi in the Batticaloa District; and
- (ii) if so, of total number of such people, their names and relevant information?

(b) If not, why?

1037/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the people living in the Laggala electorate, who were displaced and resettled due to the Kalu Ganga-Moragahakanda Reservoir Project, are suffering without adequate water facilities; and
- (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to resolve the water issue faced by aforesaid people?

(b) If not, why?

1761/2025

Hon. Susantha Kumara Nawarathna,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

- (i) names of the housing loan and housing assistance projects implemented island-wide by the National Housing Development Authority for low income and middle income earners during the period from 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) number of persons benefited from each of the said projects, separately;

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- (iii) amount of money allocated for each of the said projects in each year, separately;
 - (iv) number of houses of which construction works were commenced under each of the said projects, separately;
 - (v) number of houses of which construction works had been completed and the number of those of which construction works had not been completed under the said projects by the end of year 2019, separately; and
 - (vi) reasons as to why the construction works could not be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

2137/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total extent of land, in hectares, given by the Land Reform Commission in the Galle District from the year 2000 to date;
 - (ii) separately, a breakdown of the extent of land as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) of the conditions followed in providing lands; and
 - (iv) of the actions taken against the land recipients who violated aforesaid conditions?
- (b) If not, why?

2138/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) annual consumption of big onions in Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) proportion of the said consumption met by local big onion production;
 - (iii) quantity of big onions in metric tons imported annually to meet the remaining requirement; and
 - (iv) intervention made by the Ministry with regard to taxes levied on a kilogram of imported big onions in order to safeguard the market and income of local big onion farmers during the local big onion harvesting season?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, August 07, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

784/2025

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a bus service on route no. 193 from Purahala to Kadawatha was in operation a few years ago; and
 - (ii) the said bus service is not in operation at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to recommence the said bus service by deploying one SLTB bus each from the Mattakkuliya Depot and the Kadawatha Depot?
- (c) If not, why?

909/2025

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the current fee for obtaining a passport;
 - (ii) the cost of preparing one passport;
 - (iii) the number of pages in the old passport and the new passport separately;
 - (iv) the reason for changing the said number of pages;
 - (v) whether he is aware that there are problems regarding the security measures of the new passport;
 - (vi) whether he accepts that there are many errors in the new passport; and
 - (vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken to correct the said errors?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the same institution which was selected after calling for quotations to print e-Passport has been awarded the contract to print ordinary passports;
 - (ii) whether awarding the contract to the said institution to print ordinary passports without calling for quotations is in violation of the accepted procedure; and
 - (iii) if so, of the actions that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

946/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) annual breakdown of foreign employment vacancies received by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency (Pvt) Ltd. from 2015 to date, separately;
 - (ii) causes behind the shortfall in sending the maximum number of workers for the said job vacancies; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to maximize the utilization of available job vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

1066/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures taken to control white fly affecting coconut cultivations in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) whether compensation/financial assistance has been planned for affected coconut cultivators;
 - (iii) whether environmental assessments were conducted on climatic causes of its spread;
 - (iv) of the number of regions that received the biological control agent *Encarsia guadeloupe*; and
 - (v) of the effectiveness of such intervention?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a national action plan exists to prevent its spread to other districts;
 - (ii) whether extension programmes on biological control methods and alternative treatments are being implemented;
 - (iii) whether emergency funding will be allocated in the next Budget for pest control necessary for coconut cultivation;
 - (iv) whether research programmes are underway to develop new control methods; and
 - (v) of the government initiatives to declare this an agricultural disaster and establish inter-ministerial coordination to address it?
- (c) If not, why?

1363/2025

Hon. Thurairasa Ravikaran,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (3)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) of the number of principals who have been serving in a school for more than 08 years, separately for each province;
- (ii) of the problems that have arisen because a principal has served in the same school continuously for more than 08 years;
- (iii) whether she is aware that while promotions have been given to those who have been absorbed as principals on supernumerary basis in 2012, they have not received the administrative allowances related to their service;
- (iv) of the obstacles for that;
- (v) of the obstacles preventing principals on supernumerary basis from applying for the vacant posts of principals in schools; and
- (vi) of the possibility of granting transfers to principals who have been serving in the same school on supernumerary basis for more than 08 years?

(b) If not, why?

1364/2025

Hon. M.S. Uthumalebbe,— To ask the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that approximately 18,000 Samurdhi Development Officers in Sri Lanka have been serving in that post throughout 30 years without any promotions to date;
- (ii) whether the responsibility for giving promotions to officers of the aforesaid service lies with the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment;
- (iii) of the number of vacancies existing in the said service at present; and
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken to fill those vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

1378/2025

Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Multi Purpose Cooperative Societies and the number of Rural Banks affiliated to such Societies in the Kandy District, separately;
 - (ii) of the number and the names of such Societies and Rural Banks among them against which various allegations of financial fraud and corruption have been levelled;
 - (iii) whether a Committee has been appointed by the Governor of the Central Province to investigate into such fraud and corruption;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the members of the said Committee; and
 - (v) of the recommendations made by the said Committee in respect of such fraud and corruption and of the steps that have been taken to implement those recommendations?
- (b) If not, why?

1659/2025

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of officers that are recruited to the post of Management Service Officer through the recently held limited and the open competitive examinations;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of applicants who have qualified at the interview for the said post and of the number of those who have assumed duties to date;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies that currently exist in the said post following the said recruitments; and
 - (iv) whether it is expected to recruit the candidates who scored just below the cut-off marks in the competitive examinations that were held for the recruitment to the said post?
- (b) If not, why?

1826/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, in respect of each district within the Vanni Electoral Division of the —
 - (i) number of minor and major irrigation tanks located therein;
 - (ii) number of tanks used for irrigation purposes;
 - (iii) number of tanks that are not used for irrigation purposes; and
 - (iv) extent of paddy lands?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the reasons for not using the tanks mentioned in (a)(iii) for irrigation purposes;
 - (ii) whether it is possible to renovate aforesaid tanks and allocate the land below them to landless families for cultivation; and
 - (iii) if so, how much time will it take?
- (c) If not, why?

1829/2026

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the amount paid by media institutions for the news reported by regional journalists at their own expense;
 - (ii) if so, whether he accepts that such payments are inadequate;
 - (iii) whether actions will be taken to introduce a specific minimum allowance for them;
 - (iv) of the programme available to prevent the investigative news sent by regional journalists from being censored or distorted by media institutions for various reasons;
 - (v) whether any intervention will be made to stop media institutions from winning awards by themselves for the investigative news sent by regional journalists to the media institutions;
 - (vi) of the steps taken to prevent regional journalists from being subjected to criticism or facing security threats due to the information and footage provided by them; and
 - (vii) whether steps will be taken to look into the injustices faced by regional journalists?
 - (b) If not, why?
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