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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with subsection (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/40 of 1st August 2013, which were presented on 22.08.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1819/3 of 15th July 2013, which was presented on 21.08.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, October 08, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2605/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the date on which the Hambantota International Harbour Project came to its on conclusion and operations of the harbour commenced;
- (ii) the number of staff of the Hambantota harbour at present;
- (iii) the number of persons recruited to that staff from the district of Hambantota; and
- (iv) the total number of employees scheduled to be recruited to the Hambantota harbour ?

(b) If not, why ?

2946/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for Higher Education in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on Higher Education;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were really spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on Higher Education and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for Higher Education in the Budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

2988/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a mini hydro power plant with a capacity of 3 mega watts is being constructed using the waterfall called 'Elihatha' located in the Samanala Nature Reserve (Peak Wilderness Sanctuary) belonging to Wild Life Department and situated within Maliboda Grama Niladhari Division of Deraniyagala Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the said construction is carried out in violation of environmental laws; and
 - (iii) environmentalists are leveling allegations that severe damages are caused to the environment due to the construction of the said hydro power plant ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether lawful permission has been obtained for the construction of the said hydro power plant;
 - (ii) of the name of the person or the institution constructing the said plant;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to stop construction of that power plant, considering the environmental damage caused ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
- (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
- (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
- (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
- (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
- (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
- (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
- (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

(d) If not, why?

3408/'13

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the types of taxes levied when importing fishing vessels or material required for building fishing vessels, fishing vessel engines, nets and material required for making nets and other fishing gear; and
 - (ii) the percentages of each type of tax levied when importing each item mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

3576/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an amount exceeding 30 crores of rupees has been spent to network the postal service;
 - (ii) the computers and accessories obtained for that project have not been used for 05 years;
 - (iii) the guarantee period for the computers purchased, has expired by now;
 - (iv) the person who had been assigned the said project has been found guilty of an allegation of corruption; and
 - (v) the Post Master General is shirking his responsibility claiming that he had no knowledge regarding the said deal?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for requesting another 35 crores of rupees for the said project through the Postal Department in addition to the 30 crores of rupees obtained earlier?
- (c) If not, why?

3600/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has attached welfare officers to the Sri Lankan Embassies to look into the welfare of the Sri Lankan migrant workers; and
 - (ii) the Sri Lankan workers who were subjected to various type of mistreatments and harassments did not get a proper service from many of those officers?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the qualifications taken into consideration in appointing the aforesaid welfare officers;
- (ii) of the names and the addresses of those officers; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to appoint qualified officers with a proper knowledge about International Laws, the language and the culture of the relevant country?

(c) If not, why ?

3625/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the party who carried out the construction work of the building complex of the Faculty of Geomatics and the new playground of the University of Sabaragamuwa;
- (ii) whether an issue related to the standard of the aforesaid construction work has arisen at present; and
- (iii) if so, whether an investigation into the aforesaid issue has been initiated?

(b) If not, why?

3719/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of officials connected with school education including principals and officers of the education administrative service who have been awarded Major, Colonel and other military ranks;
- (ii) of the need for awarding military ranks to officials connected with education;
- (iii) whether a register of those who have been awarded the said ranks will be submitted inclusive of the names and the ranks awarded;
- (iv) of the basis on which suitable persons for awarding such ranks were chosen; and
- (v) of the service rendered to school education as a result of awarding such ranks?

(b) If not, why?

3774/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the agreements that have been signed between the Sri Lankan government and the Indian government by the President J.R. Jayawardena and the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the year 1987; and
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid agreements were signed and the contents of the agreements briefly?
- (b) If not, why?

2606/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the comment made on page 67 of the summary of the Main Observations and Recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the Police Officers serving in the outstations do not have access to gain legal expertise to conduct investigations and file action in the Courts of Law;
 - (ii) whether the recommendations made by the above Commission to establish units in the Attorney General's Department to advise and guide Police Stations situated in outstations will be implemented ; and
 - (iii) if so, when ?
- (b) If not, why?

3005/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for Medicines in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on Medicines;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were really spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on Medicines and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for Medicines in the budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

3012/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) the children, whose parents are either retired employees of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority or those who are about to retire, have been recruited on “parent-child” basis in two groups as technical and non-technical trainees and a three year training has been given at the aforesaid institution;
 - (ii) they have become utterly helpless as those who received the training have not been given jobs at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority; and
 - (iii) there is an allegation that although the aforesaid group has not been given jobs some others are given jobs at Sri Lanka Ports Authority based on personal relationships?
- (b) Will he admit —
 - (i) that grave injustice has been caused to those who received the training by the non provision of jobs up to now; and
 - (ii) that non utilization of the aforesaid skilled laborers is a grave crime?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether expeditious action will be taken to provide suitable jobs to the children who obtained training at Sri Lanka Ports Authority on “parent-child” basis ?
- (d) If not, why?

3357/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will he also state —
- (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
 - (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
 - (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

3872/13

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
- (i) fishing harbours that have been built anew, that are being built, that are proposed to be built and that have been developed;
 - (ii) anchorages, sea water and fresh water fish landing sites, ice plants, cold storages, shipyards and net manufacturing factories which have been built anew; and
 - (iii) new fishing vessels which were deployed for fishing activities;
- from the year 2005 totodate ?
- (b) Will he state what future development activities have been planned by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 09, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2619/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the unemployment rate prevailing in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District, separately;
 - (ii) the solutions that will be given to this unemployment problem ;
 - (iii) the targets that are expected to be achieved through these solutions ; and
 - (iv) the timeframe for achieving these targets?
- (b) If not, why ?

3013/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a student of H/ Tangalle Boys' National School was severely abused by the then Mayor on 04 April 2007 while he was being taken to his home from the Tangalle bus stand;
 - (ii) a complaint was lodged at the Tangalle Police Station after the Student Counseling Teacher of the Tangalle Boys' School was informed of this matter;
 - (iii) the aforesaid complaint number C.W.I.B. has been recorded on paragraph 24 of page 127 at the aforesaid Police Station; and
 - (iv) that the Retired Citizens' Association of Tangalle is demanding that law be enforced against the aforesaid Mayor as per the aforesaid complaint?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation regarding the aforesaid complaint?
- (c) If not, why ?

3112/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Mullaitvu District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in the Mullaitvu District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
 - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
 - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Mullaitvu District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
 - (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?
- (d) If not, why ?

3358/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will he also state —
- (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
 - (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
 - (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

3409/'13

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, on each of the years from the year 2006 to 2012—
- (i) the volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid volume of fish; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid value as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production or the Gross National Production ?
- (b) Will he also state separately—
- (i) the volume of fish exported on each of the years during the period from the year 2006 to 2010;
 - (ii) the volume of fish imported and canned fish exported during the period from the year 2006 to 2012; and
 - (iii) the volume of dried fish, Maldiver-fish, prawns and other fish products imported and exported during the period from the year 2006 to 2012; and
 - (iv) the import value and the export value of each of the above mentioned items?
- (c) If not, why?

3630/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a dearth of lecturers at the Faculty of Management;
 - (ii) of the number of Professors at the aforesaid faculty;
 - (iii) whether there is a dearth of lecturers and other members of the academic staff at the Faculty of Geomatics; and
 - (iv) whether there is a dearth of lecturers at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages;
- of the University of Sabaragamuwa?

(b) If not, why?

3677/'13

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the special functions carried out by the National Research Council, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment and National Science and Technology Commission during the period from year 2005 to date;
- (ii) separately, of the outcome achieved through the activities of each of the aforesaid institutes;
- (iii) of the significant programmes implemented by the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission during the aforesaid period;
- (iv) of the benefits achieved through the aforesaid programmes; and
- (v) of the services that are expected to be offered by the Ministry in future?

(b) If not, why?

3682/'13

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe, — To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the objective of the Kirindi Oya Water Supply Scheme Renovation and Expansion Project which has been completed by now;
 - (ii) the areas that were covered under the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid project work was completed;
 - (iv) the number of beneficiaries of the aforesaid project;
 - (v) the total amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) the names of the institutes which bore the aforesaid expense?
- (b) If not, why?

3721/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka, — To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) a certain group of people has launched an attack to an office belonging to Mihin Lanka Airline in Madurai, Tamilnadu on or around 06th, March 2013;
 - (ii) the value of the property damaged in that incident;
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry of External Affairs with regard to the attack on that office;
 - (iv) whether an investigation has conducted by the Indian government in this regard; and
 - (v) whether details of that investigation has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs?
- (b) If not, why?

3743/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that on around the year 2009, a Commission was appointed by the President to study the country's tax system and to make recommendations to increase the state revenues ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the aforesaid Commission was exactly appointed;
- (ii) the members of this Commission and their affiliations;
- (iii) as to when the report of the Commission was completed and when it was handed over to the President; and
- (iv) as to when this report will be tabled ?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the revenue of the Government as a ratio of GDP in the year prior to the appointment of the aforesaid Commission; and
- (ii) the revenue of the Government as a ratio of GDP in the year 2012 ?

(d) If not, why?

3746/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of government schools that provide education from grade 6 to Advanced Level in English medium in each District?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of government schools that provides education in English medium only for the Advanced Level; and
- (ii) whether the standard of the education level of the government schools in English medium is satisfactory?

(c) If not, why?

3770/'13

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that there have been several requests made in the past by educationists, scholars and writers for the establishment of a Cultural Centre in the populous Kinniya town in order to promote Art, Culture and Literature ?

(b) Will he state whether the necessary actions will be taken to establish such a Cultural Center in Kinniya town to promote the aforesaid aspects and other activities of the people?

(c) If not, why?

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) there exists an unfair practice of establishing the doctors , who lawfully resigned from the medical service of the three forces, in the post of doctor of the primary grade , irrespective of experience in the service , grade and the seniority ,at the time they are recruited in the government medical service for a second time;
- (ii) the aforesaid situation has led, to the migration of majority of doctors, who prefer to serve the country, further, leaving the military service; and
- (iii) number of doctors, who entered in to the government medical service, including Dr M.D. W. Lokuge, under such a circumstance as well , are going through severe injustice?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether the recruitment of the aforesaid doctors to the government medical service by relegating their grades, does not amount to an inflicting of a punishment, considering their service, rendered to the country under the military service, an offence;
- (ii) of the reasons that are led, not to appreciate the services they rendered, by enrolling themselves, voluntarily, in the medical forces of three forces, at the time ,the war was prevalent; and
- (iii) of the reasons that are led, not to provide privileges, possibly be given , under the sub sections of Section 17 of Chapter II, Section 14.4 and Sections 9.3 and 9.4 of Chapter VII of the Establishment Code;

(c) If not, why?

3916/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles, obtained on hire to Sri Lanka Army, from the year 2006 to date;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid, for each of those vehicles;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid, annually, for the vehicles hired from the year 2006 to the year 2012; and
 - (iv) the registered owners of vehicles, which were used on the rent basis, in the service of Sri Lanka Army, during the above period of time?
- (b) If not, why?

4055'13

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people living in 130 houses located on lands granted by the Mahaweli Authority in Colony 3 within the Grama Niladhari Division of Haragama in Gurudeniya, Kandy have been suffering long since 1983 because of lack of drinking water facility;
 - (ii) these people have had to travel a distance of one and a half kilometers in order to obtain water needed for daily consumption; and
 - (iii) according to the estimates of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, 36 million rupees is needed for the project to supply water to the area concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House when drinking water facility will be made available to people by providing money for the project mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, October 10, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2604/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether he admits the statement made on page 69 of the summary of main observations and recommendations of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation that the interference made by the politicians of the ruling party with regard to appointing and transferring of public servants is a very serious issue ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the strong recommendation made by the above Commission that an independent Public Service Commission be appointed without delay, will be implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such a Commission will be appointed ?
- (c) If not, why?

2933/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Abhimanagama housing scheme is located in the Walliwala-West Grama Niladhari Division in the Weligama Divisional Secretary's Division in the Matara District ;
 - (ii) a land close to the Abhimanagama housing scheme in Weligama was declared as one of the first urban sanctuaries in 1985 ; and
 - (iii) arrangements have been made by way of an advertisement published in the Dinamina Newspaper of 23rd May 2012 to sell that land with the sanctuary?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons led to the sale of this land?
- (c) If not, why ?

2943/'12

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

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for education in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on education;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were actually spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on education and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for education in the budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

3265/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) that the Ambewela Branch of Milco Company does not have the storage facility to store milk;
 - (ii) the amount of milk in litres that was removed even after turning into cream due to the non-availability of storage facilities at Ambewela Branch; and
 - (iii) the value of the aforesaid amount of milk ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the monthly income and the net profit of Milco Company ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3349/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned; and
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
- (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
- (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
- (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
- (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
- (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

(d) If not, why?

3412/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether it is expected by the government to take over private lands for a project by the name of 'Weres River Rain Water Drainage and Environment Development Project';
- (ii) the amount of land expected to be taken over for the said project; and
- (iii) the objectives of the said project ?

(b) Will he inform this House of the policy adopted when compensating for the lands taken over by the government?

(c) If not, why?

3441/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that an additional US\$ 153M has been borrowed from China for the Hambantota port around January 2013 ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the terms and conditions (interest rate, tenor, other fees) under which this loan was obtained;
 - (ii) the bank from which this loan was obtained and if any brokers, local or foreign were used;
 - (iii) the total loan amount thus far obtained for Hambantota harbour from all sources with terms and conditions of each; and
 - (iv) if any loan conditions in (iii) above have been changed at anytime after signing the original agreement ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3513/'13

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Thibbatumulla Kanishta Vidyalaya in the Ukuwela Divisional Secretary Division in the Matale District has remained closed for several years;
 - (ii) neither the provincial government nor the central government has hitherto paid any attention as regards the school premises or the buildings; and
 - (iii) as a result, some people are encroaching upon the school land ?
- (b) Will he state separately the extent of land, the number of buildings and other physical resources belonging to the said school which was started in 1975 ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which the Thibbatumulla Kanishta Vidyalaya was closed;
 - (ii) the number of students and the number of teachers served at the time of its closure; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the closure ?
- (d) Will he also state whether action will be taken to develop and re-open this school which remained closed or to utilize the school premises and buildings for some other gainful purpose ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3536/'13

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the particulars of monies which were given to the Governor of the Northern Province having taken from the local governments run by the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) within the same province;
 - (ii) on whose direction these monies were taken from the Local Bodies; and
 - (iii) as to why the said monies were taken ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3601/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of candidates who got through the Korean Language Examination held in 2012 for employment opportunities in Korea;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the number of Sri Lankans who have migrated to Korea for employment through the Foreign Employment Bureau of Sri Lanka in 2012; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of those who have so migrated?
- (b) If not, why?

3729/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the ports, theaters, stadiums, schools, hospitals etc in Sri Lanka, given the name “Mahinda Rajapakse”;
 - (ii) the dates on which each of those places or projects were started under that name, separately ;
 - (iii) the total amount spent on each of the aforesaid places or projects, separately; and
 - (iv) the revenue received by the country up to now from the aforesaid income generating institutions other than schools and hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

3779/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the objective of the project for providing water purification facilities to Moratuwa/Panadura, Ambatale and Negombo areas of which the work has been completed at present;
- (ii) the areas that have been covered under the aforesaid project;
- (iii) the date of completion of work of the aforesaid project;
- (iv) the number of beneficiaries under the aforesaid project;
- (v) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid project; and
- (vi) the names of the institutes by which the aforesaid money was spent ?

(b) If not, why ?

3860/'13

Hon. (Mrs) Sriyani Wijewickrama,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the progress of the Network Development Project that is implemented by Sri Lanka Telecom;
- (ii) the contribution made by the aforesaid institution with regard to the government projects;
- (iii) the contribution made in order to extend the value of the knowledge; and
- (iv) the plans of the aforesaid institution ?

(b) If not, why ?

3862/'13

Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the estates that are administrated by the Kurunegala Plantations Ltd;
- (ii) separately, of the extent of the lands of each estate and the major crops that are cultivated; and
- (iii) separately, of the income received and the profit or loss incurred from the each estate within the recent 10 years, passed ?

(b) If not, why ?

3865/'13

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development has built up international relationships with the other coconut cultivating countries with regard to the development of the coconut industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the countries with which such relationships have been built up;
 - (iii) whether memoranda of understanding have been entered into with each of the aforesaid countries ; and
 - (iv) whether the manner in which the aforesaid MoUs will bring about an effect on the coconut industry in Sri Lanka will be explained briefly ?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, October 11, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2614/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether there is an irrigation project named 'Hakwatunawa' in Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the acreage of paddy lands that are cultivated under Hakwatunawa Irrigation Project ;
 - (ii) of the number of farmer families that benefit from the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether there is a possibility of supplying water for cultivation in both Yala and Maha seasons under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) if there is no such possibility, of the action that will be taken to develop Hakwatunawa Irrigation Project so that water can be supplied for cultivation in both Yala and Maha seasons ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2897/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when Mr. Lasantha Wickrematunga was killed;
 - (ii) the CID team that led the investigation on the aforesaid murder;
 - (iii) the officer who has been assigned to this matter from the Attorney General's Department; and
 - (iv) the number of persons arrested in connection with this murder?
- (b) Will he admit that —
 - (i) there is a sense of lethargy being displayed on the investigation of aforesaid murder case; and
 - (ii) the government wants to cover up this murder case for any reason?
- (c) If not, why?

2989/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) an extent of 1220 acres of forest and agricultural lands in Panama Shasthrawela in Lahuwela Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District have been acquired by the Navy and the Special Task Force;
 - (ii) plans have been made to construct a Ranaviru Village, a Navy camp and a hotel complex in the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) people have been prohibited from entering the Balumkararama Viharaya and other archaeological sites located in the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) a severe impact has been caused on public life and natural environment in the area due to acquisition of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he inform this House, —
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to acquire the aforesaid lands; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant compensation or provide lands back to the people who are deprived of their lands and property due to the acquisition of the aforesaid lands?
- (c) If not, why?

2997/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the total number of juvenile delinquency cases and child abuse cases which have been brought before the courts of law from the year 2009 to 2012; and
 - (ii) separately out of those cases, the number of cases which are still being heard and the number of cases which have been concluded by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of individuals who were convicted and punished in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases heard from the year 2009 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the maximum punishment meted out to those who are convicted in juvenile delinquency and child abuse cases ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3061/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that construction activities of buildings in a number of schools in Horana, Matugama and Kalutara Educational zones in the Kalutara District have been stalled owing to non availability of funds ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with partly completed buildings in the above educational zones ;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the funds allocated by the government for the construction of those school buildings;
 - (iii) of the amount of money further required to complete the construction work of the partly completed buildings in those schools; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to allocate the required funds and complete those school buildings ?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
- (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
- (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
- (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
- (ii) the method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
- (iii) the total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
- (iv) the officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
- (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
- (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

(d) If not, why?

3686/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 300 Sri Lankan women who have gone for employment in Kuwait are held in police custody and in prison camps with no other charges but for fleeing from their work places due to various kinds of maltreatment and harassment they had to face; and
 - (ii) regular and immediate response to solve those problem is not received from the officials of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment attached to the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait to look into the grievances of Sri Lanka migrant workers subjected to harassment in that manner and act accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to repatriate the personnel held in Kuwait camps speedily?
- (c) If not, why?

3775/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Northern and the Eastern Provinces were merged under the Law of Emergency;
 - (ii) of the reasons that led to such a merge;
 - (iii) of the date on which the Northern and the Eastern Provinces so merged have been de-merged and declared as two separate;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid de-merge of Provinces has been done after a Supreme Court determination; and
 - (v) if not, whether it has been done prior to receiving such a determination?
- (b) If not, why?

2615/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road from Doratiyawa to Konpala in Mallawapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is badly damaged; and
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which steps will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on that ;
 - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2937/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total cost incurred for the census which was carried out in the years 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) the number of people employed to obtain the information in the aforesaid census;
 - (iii) the population of the country on the basis of ethnic groups as Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims, Malays, Burghers, and Others;
 - (iv) the population of the country on the basis of religions as Buddhism, Christianity (all denominations), Hinduism and Islam; and
 - (v) the number of houses per district?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the tender for procurement for data scanning of the census of population and housing—
 - (i) the winner of the tender;
 - (ii) the names of the other applicants who bid for the same along with the amounts of each tender separately; and
 - (iii) the members who were in the Cabinet Appointed Tender Board?
- (c) If not, why?

2990/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a road is being constructed from Kitulgala to Pallebage through the Makanduwa Reserve which belongs to the Kitulgala Kelaniweli Reserve in the Kegalle District and coming under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) allegations are leveled by the environmentalists that the environment is severely damaged as a result of constructing this road; and
 - (iii) the people of the area request that the construction work of the aforesaid road be stopped in order to prevent the damage caused to the environment ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether permission has been legally obtained to construct the aforementioned road through the Makanduwa reserve;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to stop the construction work of the aforesaid road taking the damage caused to the environment and the public protests into consideration ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3254/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of media personnel who were provided with laptop computers recently;
 - (ii) whether a list of names of them will be submitted;
 - (iii) the basis on which the media personnel are selected for the provision of laptop computers;
 - (iv) the cost of one such computer; and
 - (v) the total amount spent on the laptop computers distributed up to now ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3267/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total outstanding assessment tax of the private sector entities to the Colombo Municipal Council; and
 - (ii) the total outstanding assessment tax to be recovered by the CMC for the year 2012?
- (b) If not, why ?

3352/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) the number of government vehicles that come under each such institution;
 - (iii) the grades of the officers of those institutions to whom government vehicles have been assigned;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles falling under the supervision of those officers?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of vehicles in the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry that have been obtained on rent basis;
 - (ii) method of payment of rent adopted in relation to those vehicles;
 - (iii) total amount of money paid annually as rent on those vehicles; and
 - (iv) officers who use those vehicles obtained on rent basis ?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether a methodology to distinguish government vehicles under this Ministry, vehicles obtained on rent basis, and personal vehicles of the officers is in place?
 - (ii) if so, whether a clarification in that regard is made;
 - (iii) whether the state insignia and the name of the relevant institution are engraved in the government vehicles that come under the Ministry and the institutions coming under it; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

2616/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the road which leads to Budunapitiya via Wellawa and Hadirewalana in Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat Division is badly damaged; and
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which action will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on the aforesaid repair;
 - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
 - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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