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Friday, November 29, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2507/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that a lot of physical and human resource deficiencies exist in Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the physical and human resource deficiencies that prevalent in the Ethawetunawewa Vidyalaya ;

(ii) whether action will be taken to address the aforesaid shortages ; and

(iii) if so, of the time required for that?

(c) If not, why ?

(2)

2937/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(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?

2989/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) an extent of 1220 acres of forest and agricultural lands in Panama Shasthrawela in Lahugala 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?

(3)

- (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?

3061/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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?

3342/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether payments of money have been made from the farmers' pension scheme to compensate the damage to cultivation of Mavilaru in the year 2006;
 - (ii) if so, the number of farmers to whom the said payments have been made, the amount of money paid per farmer and the total amount of money spent on that behalf;
 - (iii) whether any frauds have taken place when the aforesaid payments were made;
 - (iv) if so, whether those who committed the aforesaid frauds have been punished; and
 - (v) the punishments given?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

3254/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(3)

(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 ?

3351/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(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; 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 ?

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(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?

Monday, December 02, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2613/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a proposed irrigation project under the name Mahamadagalla Wewa in Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) of the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the aforesaid irrigation project;
- (iii) of the reasons for not implementing the aforesaid project to date;
- (iv) whether it is expected to implement the aforesaid project in the future; and
- (v) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(b) If not, why?

3146/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from India since 1st January 2010 to date on yearly basis separately;
- (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that fundings have been given;
- (iii) the payback period of each funding;
- (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be earned from each project for which said funds were utilised; and
- (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for the 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?

(b) If not, why ?

3378/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of school children and the number of schools in the North Central Province at present;
- (ii) the money allocated for school education of the North Central Province by the Provincial Council during the past five years;
- (iii) accordingly, the amount of money spent per school child annually in the said province during the past five years; and
- (iv) the total amount of money spent per child during the past five years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated during the past five years for constructing new school buildings and renovating existing buildings in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts;
- (ii) whether a list of names of schools in which such constructions and renovations were carried out will be submitted; and
- (iii) separately, the number of children studied in each of the school by the end of the year 2012 in which the said constructions and renovations were carried out?

(c) If not, why?

3398/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) by-roads in areas where major schools and public institutions are located and in other areas within the Matara Municipal Council limits are in a severely dilapidated state owing to non repair for nearly 20 years, though the council is in the process of beautifying its area; and
- (ii) the health of the public is threatened owing to garbage being strewn on either side of by-roads?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to repair the dilapidated roads within the Matara Municipal Council limits, expeditiously; and
- (ii) whether a proper system of garbage disposal will be adopted?

(c) If not, why?

3622/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to resettle the villagers who had lived in Mullikulam village in Mannar in the same village; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are army camps in the Mullikulam village; and
 - (ii) the number of displaced families who stay in the Mullikulam forest by now?
- (c) If not, why?

4079/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total stamp subsidy provided to fishermen in the Mannar and Mulliativu Districts; and
 - (ii) as to why this subsidy been reduced?
- (b) If not, why ?

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 ?

3147/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the net profit or loss of the Sri Lankan Airlines for the year 2012;
 - (ii) the earnings of each subsidiary company of Sri Lankan Airlines handling the areas such as: ground handling, duty-free sales, core buses, passenger flying and cargo for the years 2010,2011,2012 and 2013 to date; and
 - (iii) the cost per aircraft per year?
- (b) Will he state the main ratios of—
 - (i) the total staff salaries to revenue;
 - (ii) the passenger cabin load factor,
 - (iii) the cargo revenue to total revenue ; and
 - (iv) the capital amortisation to revenue and net profit ?
- (c) Will he also state the capital and general reserves of Sri Lankan Airline from the date on which the said Airline was taken back from the Emirates to date, on per year basis?
- (d) If not, why ?

Tuesday, December 03, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2266/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. K.K. Edwin of Kotawila, Kamburugamuwa—
 - (i) has served as a permanent trained driver of Ceylon Transport Board (CTB) from 1965 to 1986;
 - (ii) had been re-employed as a driver on contract basis even after his retirement, from 1986 to 1994; and
 - (iii) has not been paid the provident fund benefits, gratuity or any other payment that he is entitled to according to his period of service up to now?

(9)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of the provident fund benefits, gratuity and other payments to be paid to Mr. Edwin by Ceylon Transport Board; and
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay the aforesaid amount to Mr. Edwin, who is physically weak, and to pay an interest for the amount withheld by CTB for a period of over twenty years?

(c) If not, why?

2647/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether 25000 plots of land, each of which is not less than 10 perches in extent, have been distributed among the public and corporation sector employees living in various areas of the country without a land of their own, to construct houses as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the Future' policy document ; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families that have been provided with lands by now in the aforesaid manner?

(b) If not, why ?

3148/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and to date; and
- (ii) the quantum of increase in reserves in the aforesaid years as per the claim made by the government that the net reserves have been increasing dramatically?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of long term debts included in the reserves to date; and
- (ii) the amount of reserves as a ratio to imports for the last three years on per year basis ?

(c) Will he admit that the situation in reserves is not positive as it claimed to be?

(d) If not, why ?

3380/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of 'Sapiri' schools expected to be constructed in each district of the North Central Province; and
- (ii) separately, as per the Divisional Secretary Divisions, the number of above mentioned schools expected to be constructed in the Province?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) of the 'Sapiri' schools expected to be established in the North Central Province, the number of schools of which construction had been completed by December, 2012;
- (ii) if there are 'Sapiri' schools of which construction has still not been completed, the dates on which their construction would be completed;
- (iii) the facilities expected to be made available in 'Sapiri' schools;
- (iv) the total number of 'Sapiri' schools in the country which had been completed by the end of December 2012; and
- (v) whether he will submit a list of names of said schools as per the Divisional Secretary Divisions in which they are located?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the minimum number of teachers that should be there in a 'Sapiri' school; and
- (ii) separately, the said number of teachers as per the classification of graded, graduates and other qualifications?

(d) If not, why?

3623/'13

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

(a) Will he state whether –

- (i) a town development plan has been prepared to develop the Godagama town in the Western Province; and
- (ii) the said town development plan has been approved?

(11)

(b) Will he state whether—

- (i) there exists a land that was acquired for the purpose of developing the Godagama town;
- (ii) if so, where it is located;
- (iii) whether the Urban Development Authority has reclaimed and sold any lands situated in the Godagama town; and
- (iv) if so, the value of such lands?

(c) If not, why?

2648/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a “staff hospital” consisting of modern health facilities has been established in the Kandy District for the convenience of all the Public Servants, as mentioned in the ‘Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the Future’; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which the activities of the aforesaid “staff hospital” was started?

(b) If not, why ?

3149/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the payback period for all the loans borrowed by the government for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis along with the borrowings;
- (ii) the cash flow statements including as to how the revenues will be generated and loans will be paid;
- (iii) whether the government is resorting to borrow more to pay the old loans;
- (iv) the increase in revenue over cost for the loans that have been borrowed from the period as per (i) above; and
- (v) whether the country is heading towards a debt trap?

(b) Will he also state the occasions in which the government has borrowed more than US\$ 500 Million through loans, government bonds etc. from the year 2009 to date?

(c) If not, why?

3422/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the rehabilitation work of the Ellewela tank in Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District was carried out recently?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total estimated cost for the aforesaid rehabilitation work;
 - (ii) the funding sources of the aforesaid money;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called to select the contractors for the rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, the name and address of each bidder along with the bid offered separately; and
 - (v) the name, address and the amount of the tender of the present contractor that undertook the rehabilitation work?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 04, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2651/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction of 30 new tanks for irrigation activities has been started around the rivers and streams of the Northern plain between Malwathu Oya and Yan Oya, using local technology and labour as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the Future' ; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the construction activities of the aforesaid new tanks were started?
- (b) If not, why ?

3150/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the amounts of aid, concessionary loans and grants received by Sri Lanka from China since 1st January 2010 to date on per year basis, separately, under the aforesaid funding types;
- (ii) the all inclusive highest and lowest interest cost per year that fundings have been given;
- (iii) the payback period of each funding;
- (iv) the expected earnings of each project for which the funding was utilised; and
- (v) the cash flow statement of each loan for 5 years from the date on which the loan was given?

(b) If not, why ?

3364/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount of Eppawala Rock Phosphate fertilizer produced annually by Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd. in the years 2010, 2011, and 2012;
- (ii) the number of production machines owned by the Phosphate Company for the production of fertilizer;
- (iii) the amount of the annual local requirement of Phosphate in metric tons;
- (iv) whether there is a surplus of the annual production of the Phosphate Company;
- (v) if so, the amount of the aforesaid surplus in metric tons;
- (vi) the reason for the requirement of purchasing a new fertilizer processing plant for the aforesaid company whereas the company already had the production capacity to meet the local requirement; and
- (vii) whether the tender procedure have been followed in purchasing the aforesaid new plant?

(14)

(b) Will he inform this House regarding that plant —

- (i) of the method followed in placing the order;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on purchasing it;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the machine had already been brought to Sri Lanka's harbor by the time the officers had gone to China to place the order;
- (iv) the tonnage of the fertilizer produced with the help of the new plant at present; and
- (v) the amount of money spent on the construction of the building in which the aforesaid plant is installed?

(c) If not, why?

3419/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, of the number of three wheelers and motor bicycles that have been registered annually during the past 10 year's in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the relief that has been provided by the government with regard to the three wheelers and motor bicycles;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to grant tax relief for the spare-parts of those vehicles in order to motivate the persons involved in industries related to three wheelers and motor bicycles; and
- (iv) separately, of the amounts, if such relief has already been provided?

(b) If not, why?

3624/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Haldummulla Pradeshiya Sabha has been constructing a road by clearing a strip of forest land in the Soragune Forest in Bogahapitiya in Haldummulla; and
- (ii) the Veli Oya Farmers' Organization and the Bhikku Organization have informed the President in writing of the destruction caused to the forest by the said activity?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the purpose of constructing the aforesaid road; and
- (ii) whether the approval of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy has been received for constructing the said road?

(c) If not, why?

2652/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future' ; and
- (ii) if so, separately the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?

(b) If not, why ?

3151/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) five countries operating ports that have caused a threat on Sri Lankan Shipping Industry;
- (ii) the threats levelled by each relevant port in the aforesaid countries separately;
- (iii) as to how Sri Lanka intends to fight against such threats and to make them beneficial to local shipping industry;
- (iv) the container movements of the threatening ports referred to in (a)(ii) separately in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 on per year basis; and
- (v) the projections in operation of the aforesaid ports for the next 5 years?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the ports from where Sri Lanka is going to draw in container movements;
- (ii) the number of container movements to be drawn from each of the said ports separately; and
- (iii) the total of the aforesaid container movements to be undertaken by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority?

(c) If not, why ?

3420/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there was a seepage of water at Denagama tank situated at the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District;
- (ii) work is now underway to renovate the said tank; and
- (iii) allegations have been made by residents that the renovation activities are not being carried out as per proper standards?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total estimated budget for the above renovation activities;
- (ii) of the sources from which the said money will be secured;
- (iii) whether tenders were called for selecting contractors for renovation activities;
- (iv) if so, the names of each applicant, their addresses and the amount quoted separately;
- (v) the name and address of the contractor who carried out renovation activities in the tank and the amount quoted by him; and
- (vi) whether action will be taken to hold a formal inquiry regarding the allegations that the renovations carried out by the said contractor were substandard ?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, December 05, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2208/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Development Lotteries Board for the last 5 years on per year basis—
- (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the profit or loss;
 - (iii) the total staff, cost and profit per employee; and
 - (iv) the deduction or levies paid to the government?

(17)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether any money of the Development Lotteries Board has been written off for the last 5 years;
- (ii) if so, the amount written off;
- (iii) for what reason it was done; and
- (iv) as to when it was occurred?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Development Lotteries Board could have efficiently used the money better than the way they were used for last 5 years;
- (ii) if so, as to how it is done; and
- (iii) if not, as to why it is not so?

(d) If not, why?

2224/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Semata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future’ manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
- (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
- (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
- (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?

(c) If not, why?

2439/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a large extent of paddy lands in the Kirala Kale area situated on either side of the Nilwala Valley in Matara District lie fallow ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether plans have been made to make the aforesaid lands suitable for the cultivation of paddy or any other crop ;
- (ii) if so, what that plan is;
- (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made by now for the activities related to cultivating the aforesaid lands; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated ?

(c) If not, why?

3365/'12

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of teachers, serving in the government schools in the North Central Province, by now ;
- (ii) separately, the number of teachers, in relation to the subjects they teach;
- (iii) separately, the existing shortage of teachers, to teach subjects such as Science, Mathematics, English, Music and to teach in the primary sections in the schools of aforesaid province;
- (iv) the subjects for which an excessive number of teachers available in the aforesaid schools and separately, that excess in numbers for each subject;
- (v) the basis on which those excessive teachers were recruited;
- (vi) separately, the number of graduates and the number of teachers recruited on voluntary basis, out of the excessive number of teachers?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the action, that would be taken to fill up the teacher vacancies, available for essential subjects, in the North Central Province; and
- (ii) the date on which the necessity of teachers of the province will be met?

(c) If not, why?

3628/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reason for sealing the Embilipitiya Paper Factory;
 - (ii) the institution which sealed the said factory;
 - (iii) the production capacity and the income status of the said paper factory from 15th November 2011 up to the end of the year 2012?
- (b) Is he aware of the fact that the machinery that had been owned by the Embilipitiya Paper Factory has been sold as scrap iron?
- (c) If not, why?

2653/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a special office bus service that is exclusive for women has been initiated as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future' ; and
 - (ii) of the details pertaining to the aforesaid service if such a bus service has been commenced?
- (b) If not, why ?

2702/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the Bhikkus who study at Pirivenas are persuing their studies under great economic difficulties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of the annual financial assistance provided to each lay or Bhikku student who study at Pirivenas at present;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the aforesaid amount of money is not sufficient when compared with the present economic situation;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid amount; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount by which it will be increased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2787/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as to when Mr. Sarath Fonseka was released?
 - (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) the aforesaid pardon was conditional or unconditional ;
 - (ii) the pension rights and military titles of Mr. Fonseka were restored;
 - (iii) he could still be referred to as 'General';
 - (iv) there are anymore pending cases in court against Mr. Fonseka; and
 - (v) the pending cases are nullified by the presidential pardon?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police and military personnel either persecuted or terminated owing to assisting or working with Mr. Sarath Fonseka;
 - (ii) whether those officers have now been restored or compensated; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons ?
 - (d) Will he also state pertaining to the release of Mr. Sarath Fonseka—
 - (i) the persons negotiated ;
 - (ii) the countries applied pressure and as to when it happened; and
 - (iii) as to why the mediations of political and religious leaders were not considered ?
 - (e) If not why ?
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Friday, December 06, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2654/'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 Jana Sabha System has been legislated as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future' ; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid Jana Sabha System was legislated?
- (b) If not, why ?

3197/'12

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount of fish exported in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 to date separately;
 - (ii) the countries importing fish from Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the 5 largest fish exporting companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the tax paid by them to the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (v) the number of people that have been employed by them; and
 - (vi) whether the exporting of fish can be expanded to more countries?
- (b) Will he also state-
 - (i) whether there is a training school for fishermen; and
 - (ii) if not so, as to why such a training school cannot be established?
- (c) If not, why ?

3367/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of children's homes registered with the government in which protective care is provided to children;
 - (ii) the number of children living in them; and
 - (iii) the sum of money that has been allocated for the year 2013 to look after each such child?
- (b) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the number of child detention homes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of children stay in them; and
 - (iii) of the sum of money that has been allocated for each such child; and
 - (iv) whether this amount is sufficient for their maintenance?
- (c) If not, why?

3421/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) theoretical knowledge on the field of motor mechanism which is developing rapidly creating a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities can be imparted through the electronic media;
 - (ii) it is important to create a media culture for the advancement of this sector; and
 - (iii) only a handful of programmes on motor mechanism are being broadcast through the electronic media at present?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether time will be allotted over the electronic channels to broadcast programmes relevant to the field of motor mechanism?
- (c) If not why?

3629/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake;— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the areas where the Indian Company known as 'Cairn India' engaged in oil explorations around Mannar, is carrying out its surveys at present; and
 - (ii) the progressive observations done by the said company up to now with relevance to discovering oil?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the nature of agreements in relation to the ownership of oil wells, subsequent to the drilling of such wells; and
 - (ii) the periods relevant to those agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

2655/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an Export Processing Zone has been started under “Negenahira Navodaya” programme as mentioned in ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future’ ;
- (ii) if so, of the name of the area in which the aforesaid Export Processing Zone has been started ; and
- (iii) of the date on which the aforesaid Export Processing Zone was started?

(b) If not, why ?

3198/'12

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the fish canning factories in Sri Lanka have fully integrated manufacturing plants;
- (ii) the amount of fish that was caught by these factories;
- (iii) the number of cans of fish that have been manufactured in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date;
- (iv) the label or the brand name under which locally produced canned fish are sold in Sri Lanka since the inception of fish canning factories to date; and
- (v) the amount paid as local taxes by the aforesaid canneries from their inception?

(b) If not, why?

3524/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that, near the Koggala Air Force Camp, a housing complex owned by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs is situated;
- (ii) the number of houses in that housing complex;
- (iii) the total amount of money spent for the housing project;
- (iv) the funding sources of this project?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of houses in the aforesaid housing scheme that have been given for occupation;
 - (ii) whether it is a wasting of national wealth if the aforesaid project has not been given for the use of the people; and
 - (iii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to use the aforesaid housing complex to promote tourism or for any other productive activity?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, December 07, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2656/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether 100 dairy farming villages have been started under the “Negenahira Navodaya” programme for the upliftment of the living conditions of the dairy farmers as mentioned in ‘Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future’ ; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid dairy farming villages are?
- (b) If not, why ?

3156/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
 - (ii) the role of the Colombo Stock Exchange?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether certain mafia activities reported in the Colombo Stock Exchange in relation to market manipulation during the years 2011 and 2012 as revealed by the former Chairpersons of Securities and Exchange Commission, Ms. Indrani Sugathadasa and Mr. Tilak Karunaratne, have been investigated ;
 - (ii) of the present status of the aforesaid investigations;
 - (iii) as to why further actions have not been taken in that regard;

- (iv) the cases on which actions have been taken and compounded;
 - (v) the cost for the settlements; and
 - (vi) whether such settlements were driven by the political pressures?
- (c) If not, why ?

3381/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the procedure followed in the payment of compensation for persons who succumb due to wild elephant attacks;
 - (ii) the year of commencement of the payment of the aforesaid compensation;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for a person as compensation;
 - (iv) whether that amount is adequate;
 - (v) whether steps would be taken to increase that amount; and
 - (vi) if so, what that increased amount would be and when the said amount would be increased?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether compensation is paid for the crop loss caused by the wild elephants;
 - (ii) the amount of the compensation so paid;
 - (iii) the mechanism followed in the assessment of that crop loss; and
 - (iv) whether an insurance scheme is in effect to cover the crop losses and other losses caused to farmers due to wild elephant attacks ?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) whether laws are in effect so that a person who kills an elephant by shooting, electrocuting or by any other means could be imposed of a fine or any other punishment;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of the fine that could be imposed under the aforesaid laws; and
 - (iii) the period for which a person who refuses to pay that fine be imprisoned?
- (d) If not, why?

3525/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the old Dutch shopping complex in Nupe in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division is an archaeological site; and
 - (ii) that the buildings belonging to the aforesaid shopping complex are in a dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that these buildings, after renovating, can be used to earn an additional income to the government;
 - (ii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to renovate the old Dutch shopping complex in Nupe;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for that;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money so allocated; and
 - (v) the date on which the renovation will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

3744/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there exist a number of international and local conventions such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Sri Lanka Women's Charter related to the protection of women's rights; and
 - (ii) the relevant conventions have been accepted and signed by Sri Lanka?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that gender inequality prevails; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to eliminate that situation?
- (c) If not, why?

2657/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether every farming family is provided with relevant seeds and fertilizer free of charge for each crop grown at present, as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of such farming families that have been provided with seeds and fertilizer free of charge by now?
- (b) If not, why?

3220/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of government National and Provincial schools currently exist in the country;
 - (ii) the annual admittance to the grade 1 in government schools; and
 - (iii) the average number of students sit for the examinations of the G.C.E Ordinary Level and the G.C.E. Advanced Level in a year, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

3528/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the old Post Office building in Galle Fort is a monument with an archeological value;
 - (ii) at present this building is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (iii) people complain that there are unauthorised settlers in the land in which this building is located?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) that abandoning of the old Post Office in Galle Fort and its resources is a crime and that an income could be earned for the government upon refurbishing that building;
 - (ii) if so, whether arrangements will be made to refurbish that building;
 - (iii) whether financial allocation have been made for it;
 - (iv) if so, the sum so allocated;
 - (v) the date, on which the refurbishment activities will be commenced; and
 - (vi) whether arrangements will be made to evict those unauthorised settlers on the land in which the building is located?
- (c) If not, why?

Monday, December 09, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2658/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether a tool kit, which requires for self-employment has been provided free of charge to all those who wish to engage in self-employment as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) if so, of the number of families that the aforesaid tool kits have been provided free of charge?
- (b) If not, why?

3221/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the percentages in Sri Lankan population on the basis of each religion separately in the year 2012;
 - (ii) whether the above details are conformed through the National Survey done in the year 2012;
 - (iii) the number of cases reported pertaining to the forceful conversion of the religions of the people separately on per district basis; and
 - (iv) the action taken against the people found to be forcefully converting religions of people?
- (b) If not, why ?

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will she state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Power and Energy;
- (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 she 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 she 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?

3533/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the people in Kirinda, Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat Division accuse that paddy lands in the area are being filled;
- (ii) of the extent of paddy lands in the aforesaid area that have been filled without authorization since the year 2005 to date;
- (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
- (iv) if so, of the number of complaints that have been received;
- (v) whether investigations have been conducted and legal action has been taken regarding the aforesaid complaints; and
- (vi) of the actions that have been taken accordingly?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether any authorization has been obtained for the fillings of paddy lands in Kirinda, Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat Division since 2005 to date;
- (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which authorization has been granted for filling; and
- (iii) the reasons for giving the opportunity to fill those paddy lands?

(c) If not, why?

2659/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa;— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) whether a sports health unit has been started in every base hospital as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid programme was initiated?

(b) If not, why?

3222/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of jobs that have been created in the Public Service for years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on per district basis;
 - (ii) the sectors in which the aforesaid jobs have been created;
 - (iii) whether the creation of the aforesaid jobs has been done having called applications and carried out the interviews; and
 - (iv) whether the selections of the persons were done on merit basis ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3348/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills 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; and
 - (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?

3534/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately —

- (i) the names, dates of birth and educational and professional qualifications; and
- (ii) the values of wages and other allowances and of any other privileges;

of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Directors of the Plantation Human Development Trust?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether it is possible in terms of the provisions of the Establishments Code to place the present Director General of the Plantation Human Development Trust in the said position as far as his age is concerned?
- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the employees of the aforesaid Trust accuse that the said Director General is holding positions in two public entities;
- (iii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid two entities;
- (iv) separately of the monthly salary, wages, other allowances and privileges given to him by the two entities; and
- (v) of the reasons as to why the officer named Mervin Perera, who is a Regional Director of the aforesaid Trust has not granted retirement even after he has exceeded the stipulated age limit?

(c) If not, why?

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2368/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
- (ii) if not, reasons for that;
- (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
- (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal ?

(c) If not, why ?

2522/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the amount allocated for the Sugarcane Research Institute by the budget in the year 2011;
- (ii) the actual expenditure, out of the money allocated; and
- (iii) the amount allocated for the aforesaid institution by the budget in the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether Sugarcane Research Institute has invested money in Treasury Bills and Fixed Deposits; and
- (ii) if so, separately the amount of money so invested ?

(c) If not, why ?

2818/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

(a) Will he state pertaining to the Sooriyawewa Cricket ground—

- (i) the maintenance cost and interest cost per month and per year;
- (ii) the capital cost of borrowings; and
- (iii) the expected revenue per month?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the pay back period of the Sooriyawewa Cricket Ground Project;
- (ii) the cash shortage for this period; and
- (iii) whether all the creditors of this project are being paid?

(c) If not, why?

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Petroleum Industries;
- (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?

3745/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the employees of the Public Service —
 - (i) the total strength;
 - (ii) the percentage of female Public Servants out of the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) the number of Secretaries to the Ministries;
 - (iv) the number of females holding the position of Secretaries to the Ministries;
 - (v) the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who are not holding the posts of Secretaries to the Ministers;
 - (vi) the number of female officers in the figure mentioned in (v) above; and
 - (vii) the break down of the percentage of the aforesaid female officers based on each grade?
- (b) If not, why?

2370/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a pledge was made in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto to re-implement the “Senaka Bibile drugs policy”; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the delay in implementing the aforesaid policy although a few years have lapsed since the above mentioned pledge was made?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of types of drugs produced locally as per the proposal mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinavamu Sri Lanka” manifesto that steps would be taken to produce locally, the types of drugs which are mostly used in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid type of drugs; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent annually for producing drugs locally ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2703/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of teachers serving in the Pirivenas operative in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that free railway warrants, property loans on low interest rates and distress loans, which are provided to the teachers serving in government schools, are not provided to the aforesaid teachers;
 - (iii) whether he admits that it is not justifiable to treat the teachers who render a service of similar nature in two different ways as mentioned above; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to avoid the aforesaid situation ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2819/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Airlines fly into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those Airlines;
 - (iii) whether they are regular or charter carriers;
 - (iv) whether they have got sixth freedom of traffic;
 - (v) the total passenger upload possible per month by all these Airlines;
 - (vi) the total tourist arrivals in the last year; and
 - (vii) as to how these Airlines are helpful in achieving the targets of tourists arrivals?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 11, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1652/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the non-academic staff who have been serving at schools in Moneragala and Badulla Districts for several years, have not been confirmed in service up to now;
 - (ii) these personnel who have been recruited in the years 2005 and 2008, have been serving up to now for meagre daily wages; and
 - (iii) they are facing economic difficulties as a result ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not confirming this group of non-academic workers in service despite the interviews have been held for confirming them;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to overcome those problems and absorb them into the permanent cadre; and
 - (iii) if so, the time frame required for that?
- (c) If not, why?

1850/'11

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the 10 biggest cost increases during the last 5 years in the Sri Lanka Ports Authority on per port and per year basis;
 - (ii) the amalgamated consolidated impact of putting all the parts together for determination of (i) above;
 - (iii) whether there was a revenue increase in proportionate to the cost increase; and
 - (iv) if not, as to how the short fall has been met?
- (b) Will he state the revenue, cost, profit and value addition per employee of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the last 6 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

2260/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he state whether steps have been taken through the budget proposals of the year 2012, to increase the amount of money provided to the university students as Mahapola Scholarship at present ?
- (b) If not, why?

3356/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (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; and
 - (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?

3409/'13

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

- (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?

3576/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(3)

- (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?

3743/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that in or 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,—(2)

- (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?
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Thursday, December 12, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1941/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) the buildings that belong to the Regional Tea Extension Centre and the land in which tea has been cultivated in Alapaladeniya in the Deniyaya Electorate of Matara District are getting wild owing to being abandoned; and
 - (ii) it's a serious crime to abandon this Centre without putting it to use ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons to abandon the Alapaladeniya Regional Tea Extension Centre;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to reconstruct this Centre with a view to provide advice to the problems faced by the tea cultivators in relation to their cultivations; and
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why?

2245/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the world heritage sites in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent to upkeep and maintain such spectacular sites;
 - (iii) the number of persons paid visits to the local world heritage sites for the last 3 years on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the revenue collected from those sites for the last 3 years?
- (b) Will he state the number of persons directly and indirectly working in the aforesaid sites for the years 2010 and 2011 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2343/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a proposal has been made under the 'Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future' manifesto that a file containing bio data of each child born in Sri Lanka should be maintained at the Jana Sabha Secretariat relevant to the permanent residence of that child ?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid proposal is being implemented at present; and
- (ii) if so, the year in which the implementation of the aforesaid proposal was commenced?

(c) If not, why?

3358/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

(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?

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 the year 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 the year 2012; and
- (iii) the names and addresses of those who have so migrated?

(b) 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?

3774/'13

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(3)

(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?

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

(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?

Friday, December 13, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a large number of people have lost their employment and facing severe economic difficulties due to the closure of the white coir products factory in Rambukkana in Kegalle District for more than one year ;
- (ii) the centre attached to this white coir products factory had also conducted a training course to attract the unemployed youth of the area for self employment opportunities in this industry ; and
- (iii) the closure of this factory that has won even Presidential Awards for new innovations, is a national crime?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if so, whether that factory will be re-opened ; and
- (ii) whether provisions have been allocated for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2314/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(3)

(a) Will he state as at todate —

- (i) the total value of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) owned by the workers of the country ;
- (ii) the entities in which the EPF is invested ;
- (iii) the number of members in the EPF;
- (iv) number of non-responsive EPF members;
- (v) as to why the money from the non responsive EPF members is not collected; and
- (vi) the value of the uncollected members' money ?

(b) If not, why?

2362/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) concrete has been laid for about 1½ kilometres from the Ambagasara junction onwards in the Welipitiya Imbulgoda road in the Ulahitiyawa West Grama Niladhari Division in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division ;
- (ii) an estimate of about Rs. 1,287,312/- from the provincial specific provisions has been submitted for this purpose ;
- (iii) the aforesaid road has already sunk due to renovations not being carried out as per required standards ; and
- (iv) money has been paid to the contractor upon the influence of the responsible government officials disregarding the objections of the members of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Technical Officer?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether action will be taken to recover the illegally paid money from the officials responsible for this wastage of money after obtaining a situational quality inspection report on the renovation work of the aforesaid road ; and
- (ii) the period of time that will be taken for that?

(c) 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 ?

3426/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, on per district basis, the acreage of paddy lands that were damaged or destroyed due to the flood experienced in December 2012;
- (ii) separately, on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the extent of paddy lands that were affected by that flood; and
- (iii) the name of the institute through which the compensation is paid for the aforesaid paddy lands ?

(b) 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 problems 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?

3936/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the Trainee Teachers' Training Final Examination was held last;
- (ii) the number of trainee teachers who have not been able to sit the final examination for various reasons and have not received the trained certificate ;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to hold a special examination for those teachers;
- (iv) if so, when; and
- (v) if action will not be taken as per (iii) above, what measures will be adopted in respect of the said trainee teachers who have not secured trained certificates?

(b) If not, why ?

4173/'13

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is a statutory institution that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Finance and Planning; and
- (ii) if not, whether it is an independent institution, outside the purview of a Ministry?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) as to whom the chief accounting officer;
- (ii) the task of the monetary board; and
- (iii) as to whom the ultimate authority concerning, management and administrative decisions?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether there is an approved procedure and a salary structure pertaining to the recruitments of employees to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so ,of the officer who approved it; and
- (iii) whether the approval of the National Salaries and Cadre Commission and the Department of Management Services has been granted?

- (d) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the manner in which the salary revision of the staff of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is done and the criteria adopted in that respect; and
 - (ii) whether the approved procedure and the salary structure, will be tabled as aforementioned in (c)(i)?
- (e) If not, why?

Saturday, December 14, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1949/'11

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Nakkala weekly fair which comes under the Badalkumbura Pradeshiyasabha in Monaragala District was opened about one year ago ;
 - (ii) at present, traders are unable to come there and carry out their business activities due to the influences of various persons; and
 - (iii) the weekly fair has been deserted as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to prevent this situation and allow the traders to carry out their business activities freely by solving the problems related to their security; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time required for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2318/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (a) Will he state for the year 2011—
- (i) the amount spent by the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on the construction of houses ;
 - (ii) the number of houses built up; and
 - (iii) the locations where those houses have been constructed?

- (b) Will he also state for the year 2012—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for housing; and
 - (ii) the amount that has been spent on the same to date; and
 - (iii) the locations of newly constructed houses ?
- (c) If not, why?

2371/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka in which thalassaemia has spread;
 - (ii) separately, the number of thalassaemia patients and the number of deaths from thalassaemia reported in each year during the period from the year 2005 to year 2011;
 - (iii) the total number of thalassaemia patients found in the districts in which thalassaemia has spread at present;
 - (iv) the name of the district in which the highest number of thalassaemia patients are found and from which the highest number of deaths from thalassaemia have been reported;
 - (v) the number of deaths caused by thalassaemia in the aforesaid district; and
 - (vi) the number of thalassaemia patients found in the aforesaid district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a permanent cure for thalassaemia;
 - (ii) if so, whether that treatment is provided in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the type of vaccine given to thalassaemia patients;
 - (iv) the name of the country from which the aforesaid vaccine is imported; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent annually on importing the aforesaid vaccine ?

- (c) If not, why?

3427/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether relief will be provided to the farmers for the vegetables, fruits and grain cultivations, which were destroyed due to floods;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of compensation that would be paid, per acre;
 - (iii) if such a compensation will not be paid what kind of relief would be provided to the aforesaid farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

3900/'13

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

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the (intense) shortage of medicines in government hospitals during March and April of 2013;
- (ii) what medicines fell short;
- (iii) of the number of government hospitals affected by the said shortage of medicines;
- (iv) of the percentage of deaths that occurred in government hospitals during the above mentioned two months; and
- (v) the proportion of the medicines that were not received out of the amount needed by the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama during the said period ?

(b) If not, why?

1955/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a three-storey house located at Wilegoda, Ambalangoda donated to Ga/Prajapathi Gothami Balika Vidyalaya by a private owner three years ago has been left to decay without being put to any use;
- (ii) the above house which is in a dilapidated state has posed a threat to the lives of students studying in the school; and
- (iii) the principal has repeatedly requested the authorities to demolish the aforesaid building and construct an auditorium in that place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether provisions have been allocated to take action as per the above request of the principal; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which construction activities will be started?

(c) If not, why?

2322/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the total funds allocated to all nine Provincial Councils in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 ; and
 - (ii) the Ministries of each Provincial Council that the funds allocated for, in the aforesaid years ?
- (b) Will he also state for the years 2010,2011 and 2012 separately—
 - (i) the amount of money spent out of the government allocations by each Provincial Council ;
 - (ii) the value of expenses made out of the money generated from the Provincial Council itself;
 - (iii) the amount of money obtained by the each Provincial Council as government grants and revenue sharing; and
 - (iv) as to how the deficit in budgetary requirement of each Provincial Council is met?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the revenue collection method in Provincial Councils has been improved after the arrogation of powers in Central Government to the said Councils?
- (d) If, not why?

2437/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number;
 - (ii) the names and present places of employment; and
 - (iii) whether applications were called prior to making the appointments;
- of the acting directors of education covering duties of the offices of directors of education in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service ?

- (b) Will he also state separately with relevance to those appointed as acting directors—
 - (i) the previous places of employment;
 - (ii) the classes and grades of Sri Lanka Teachers' Service or Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
 - (iii) the professional and academic qualifications; and
 - (iv) by whom the appointments were made?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) officers covering duties of the office of directors can not be appointed as per the circular of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service; and
 - (ii) only the Public Services Commission has the authority to make acting appointments for the posts in the aforesaid service ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of permanent vacancies available in the above service at present; and
 - (ii) whether suitable officers will be recruited to fill the aforesaid vacancies by calling for applications through Gazette Notification as per the service circular ?
- (e) If not, why ?

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2606/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the comment made on page 67 of the summery 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?

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 ?

3013/'12

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

- (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) 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,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Mullaitivu 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 Mullaitivu 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 Mullaitivu 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 ?

3926/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, for each year for the period from the year 2005 to 2011—
 - (i) the total number of garment factories that have been registered under the Board of Investment;
 - (ii) the number of factories that have been closed down out of them;
 - (iii) the total number of employment opportunities prevailed the garment industry sector;
 - (iv) the amount of foreign exchange earned through garment exports;
 - (v) the percentage of Sri Lanka’s garment export market share in United States of America; and
 - (vi) that percentage of market share in the European Union?
- (b) If not, why?

3943/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Presidential Commissions appointed during the period of the year 2005 to 2013;
 - (ii) the names of those Commissions; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been spent for each of those Commissions separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members of each of the aforesaid commissions, their names and qualifications;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such appointments;
 - (iii) whether they have submitted their reports;
 - (iv) whether those reports will be tabled; and
 - (v) whether the recommendations of those reports have been implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

3964/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of children who have been orphaned;
 - (ii) the names of the programmes which have been initiated to rehabilitate them; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated from the Budget of 2013 for the rehabilitation activities of women who were widowed and children who were orphaned;
- as a result of the war that prevailed in the North and the East?

- (b) If not, why?

4172/'13

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of buses parked at the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board and other sites in the Gampaha District for more than 30 days;
 - (ii) of the reasons for keeping those buses at parking places without being root for plying; and
 - (iii) if these buses needed repair to put them into running condition, the cost needed for that?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of buses received by the SLTB as grants after the Tsunami disaster;
- (ii) the number of those buses that are in running condition by now;
- (iii) the number of buses imported for SLTB since January 2012 up to now; and
- (iv) the cost incurred for that?

(c) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2445/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a plan has been made by the Water Supply and Drainage Board to construct a salinity barrier in the Bandattara area of the Nilwala river;
- (ii) the objectives expected to be achieved by the construction of this salinity barrier;
- (iii) if such a barrier is to be constructed, the amount of money estimated to be spent on it;
- (iv) whether such funds are sought from local or foreign sources;
- (v) the institution/institutions that provide funds for the construction of the aforesaid barrier and the amount given by each institution separately; and
- (vi) whether farmers in the Bandattara area complain that crops grown in a large extent of agricultural lands will be affected as a result of the construction of this salinity barrier ?

(b) If not, why?

2467/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) to whom the fertiliser is being given on a subsidy basis ;
 - (ii) the amount of fertilizer given on subsidy basis per farmer ; and
 - (iii) the process to be followed by a farmer to apply for the subsidised fertilizer?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the actual amount spent on giving fertilizer subsidy in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately on district basis;
 - (ii) the cash flow to support the actual payment of such subsidy; and
 - (iii) the amount proposed to be allocated for fertilizer subsidy in the budget of the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

2504/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that there are number of shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources in Janakapura Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to overcome the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the period of time that will be taken for it ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Thursday, December 19, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2446/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) plots of lands of some land owners have shrunk to less than six perches due to the acquisition of lands for widening the road from Nupe to Matara / Godagama along the Colombo-Matara expressway;
 - (ii) the Matara Urban Council does not grant permission for construction activities in such lands; and
 - (iii) irrespective of this, the aforesaid Urban Council has granted permission to construct buildings from the point where boundaries have been demarcated by the Road Development Authority disregarding the minimum limit of six perches in the lands that remained following the widening of Dharmapala Mawatha from the Matara Bo-Tree to Nupe ?
- (b) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to people of one area due to the implementation of the methods as stated above in the same Urban Council area?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to grant permission for constructions in the small plots of lands on either side of the Nupe-Godagama Road under the same relaxed conditions referred to (a) (iii) above ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2469/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the “Deyata Kirula” Exhibition—
 - (i) the number of exhibitions held up to date;
 - (ii) the locations of each exhibition;
 - (iii) the cost per each exhibition separately; and
 - (iv) the exhibitions scheduled to be held in future ?

- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the “Dayata Kirula” exhibition held in Anuradhapura District—
- (i) the date it was held;
 - (ii) the location and the extent of lands taken over for the site;
 - (iii) the total cost and the cost per ministry;
 - (iv) the value of the money spent on capital items as a percentage of the expenditure;
 - (v) the capital items or the buildings remained; and
 - (vi) as to how the expenses made on the aforesaid capital items are justified?
- (c) If not, why?

2505/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there are a number of shortages of physical resources and human resources in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya situated in Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the shortages of physical and human resources that exist in Sampathnuwara Vidyalaya;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to remedy the aforesaid shortages; and
 - (iii) if so, of the time taken for that ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Friday, December 20, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1965/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that even though several years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone to construct a bridge across the Malamura canal at the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha area in Galle District, the construction activities have not been commenced?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for abandoning the construction activities of the aforesaid bridge halfway; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge speedily for facilitating transport activities of the people of that area?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether provisions have been allocated for the construction of the bridge across the Malamura canal;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated; and
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the date on which the construction of the said bridge will be commenced ?
- (d) If not, why?

2471/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money spent on Agro-Promotional Farms established in the Anuradapura District in line with the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition at Anuradapura;
 - (ii) the benefits accrued by those farms; and
 - (iii) as to where the 500 cows owned by the Oyamaduwa farm prior to holding the “Deyata Kirula” are now being located?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the amount of money spent on permanent water supply scheme established in parallel to “Deyata Kirula” exhibition; and
 - (ii) the number of families benefited by that project after completion of the “Deyata Kirula”?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the cost incurred to run the Oyamaduwa - Manissagamuwa - Thanthirimale train;
 - (ii) the income and other benefits earned by that train for 9 days during which “Deyata Kirula” was held; and
 - (iii) the amount spent to dismantle and remove the physical constructions established to run the aforesaid train?
- (d) If not, why?

2506/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there are several shortages of physical and human resources in Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya, situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the existing shortages of the physical and human resources in Kiriibbanweawa Vidyalaya ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to meet the aforesaid shortages ; and
 - (iii) if so, the time that will be taken in that regard ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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