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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4077/'13

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the damage sustained by paddy cultivations in the Killinochchi District as a result of the draught that occurred in the *Yala* season of 2012;
- (ii) of the reasons for not providing relief so far to the farmers for the above mentioned losses to paddy cultivation;
- (iii) of the acreage of paddy land that was damaged in the Killinochchi District as a result of the floods that occurred in the *Maha* season during the 2012-2013 period;
- (iv) of the loss sustained by the farmers as a result of the aforesaid flood;
- (v) of the reasons for not providing relief so far to the farmers for the above mentioned losses to their paddy cultivation?

(b) If not, why?

(2)

4159/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of university students who benefit from the Mahapola Scholarship fund in the year 2013;
 - (ii) of the value of the monthly installment of the Mahapola Scholarship given to a University student at present;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the value of the present Mahapola Scholarship installment given to a university student, which has not been increased over six years, is not at all sufficient in comparison to the increase of the prices of goods and services; and
 - (iv) whether attention should be paid to increase the Mahapola Scholarship installment up to five thousand rupees (Rs.5000/-) taking into consideration the prices of the goods and services at present and the period of time within which the installment was not increased?
- (b) If not, why?

4213/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the registered suppliers who supplied food and beverages to government hospitals in the years 2010,2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) separately of the total amounts of money due to be paid to those suppliers in the above mentioned years;
 - (iii) of the total amounts of money that have already been paid by now;
 - (iv) separately, and in relation to each year the outstanding amount to be paid?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the suppliers of food and beverages to hospitals in the above mentioned years were inconvenienced because they were not paid their dues;
 - (ii) if so, the mechanism that would be adopted to settle the relevant dues; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the making of payments will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

4322/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Land Reclamation and Development Corporation has been digging a canal shifting its specified course by approximately 200 metres towards the Horape Railway Station near the gunpowder warehouse at Welisara under the Black Canal Digging Project within the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether the specified course was changed on a request made by the Navy for the security of the gunpowder warehouse;
 - (iii) whether a compensation will be paid to the owners of the paddy lands that lie along the canal that is being dug; and
 - (iv) if so, on what date?
- (b) If not, why?

4331/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the pension benefits granted to the Bank employees in 1956 were abolished in 1972 by the United Front government, re-established in 1977 and abolished yet again in 1996 by the People's Alliance government itself?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the state bank employees recruited after 01st January 1996 have been granted pension entitlement as per the statement made by the Minister of Finance and Planning to the effect that the said employees would be granted those rights with effect from 01st January 2009;
 - (ii) if so, the relevant date;
 - (iii) if pension benefits have not been granted as mentioned above, the reasons for that?

(4)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether each of the state banks has been advised in writing by the Secretary to the Treasury on 19.05.2011 to establish a pension scheme the bank can afford;
- (ii) of the reasons for the non implementation of that recommendation by the bank officers; and
- (iii) of the reasons for not approving up to now, the pension proposal dated 23.05.2012 approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ceylon on the recommendation of its management and referred to the Secretary to the Treasury?

(d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, December 18, 2013)

3736/13

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. H.L. Premachandra at No. 124 D, Christopher Road, Peradeniya (P.F. No. 1060814), who was holding the post of Executive Officer at the Kandapola Branch of the Bank of Ceylon was interdicted on 18.04.2000 on a certain charges and he was reinstated on service with effect from 14.05.2001 due to the fact that the charges against him were not able to be proved; and
- (ii) he had been released on duty leave from 09.03.2010 up to 16.05.2010?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant salary arrears and other employee rights to Mr. Premachandra, who is presently holding the post of Junior Executive Officer at the Peradeniya Branch of the Bank of Ceylon, based on the Executive Officer Post he held before the year 2000?

(c) If not, why?

(5)

Thursday, December 19, 2013

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4078/'13

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a stadium with international standards will be built in the Kilinochchi District;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the funds necessary for constructing the stadium will be sourced;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the aforesaid construction project;
 - (iv) if so, of the name of the contractor who will engaged in the aforesaid construction work;
 - (v) of the sum of money allocated for this project; and
 - (vi) of the period of time required for completion of the construction work of the aforesaid stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

4306/'13

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of state hospitals in the country;
 - (ii) the number of state hospitals in the country which have 'Magnetic Resonance Imaging' (MRI) scanners; and
 - (iii) the names of the state hospitals which have MRI scanners along with the number of MRI scanners available separately in each of the aforesaid hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the average number of patients who require the use of MRI scanners on a daily basis in the state hospitals;
 - (ii) whether the available MRI scanners in the state hospitals are sufficient to meet the demand for this equipment; and
 - (iii) if not, the options available for patients to obtain the MRI scans?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

4339/'13

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the reasons that are led not to implement the project to construct a multi- storey vehicle park by the Urban Development Authority, in the land in extent of 95 perch ,situated in Chatham Street, Pettah, which was transferred to the aforesaid Authority in accordance with the cabinet approval , granted in 1980;
- (ii) whether there is any legality in the transaction , having had leased out the land to the institution called South East Asia Construction (PVT) Ltd previously and transferring the same on a free hold deed, later on; and
- (iii) of the reasons that led not to take over the aforesaid land which has not been utilized for any development purpose up to now , to the Urban Development Authority again?

(b) If not, why?

4415/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the residents of Kuliypitiya town are facing severe difficulties in meeting their potable water requirements;
- (ii) if so, whether speedy measures that could be taken to address those difficulties, have been identified;
- (iii) of the time frame required to take those measures; and
- (iv) of the water sources that have been identified as usable for provision of potable water to residents of Kuliypitiya town?

(b) If not, why?

4430/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a circular banning the sale of foods made of wheat flour and soft drinks in school canteen was issued in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether that circular is still valid;
 - (iii) whether all schools follow that circular; and
 - (iv) the action taken against the schools that have not adhered to that circular?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the programme of providing mid-day meal to the students in the schools in difficult areas, as enunciated in the 'Mahinda Chinthana – A vision for the future' is still operative; and
 - (ii) if so, the schools in which it is operative?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, December 20, 2013
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4161/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the procedure followed in appointing Senior Advisors and Advisors to the President; and
 - (ii) the minimum educational qualifications considered in appointing persons to such positions?
- (b) If not, why?

4308/'13

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether computers were distributed to schools under the Education for Knowledge Society Project (EKSP);
 - (ii) if so, the number of schools to which computers were distributed under the aforesaid project?

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(b) Will he state as of December 2012—

- (i) the number of computers purchased under the EKSP project;
- (ii) the names of the suppliers to whom the contracts were awarded for the purchase of computers;
- (iii) the number of computers purchased under each contract awarded; and
- (iv) the price paid to the supplier/suppliers under each contract awarded?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the body responsible for selecting computer suppliers for the EKSP project;
- (ii) the method adopted to evaluate the suppliers in the selection process; and
- (iii) whether the selected suppliers satisfied the criteria stipulated in the selection process?

(d) If not, why?

4342/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government is engaged in tapping telephones of the Opposition personalities;
- (ii) if so, the telephones of whom are being tapped as of above; and
- (iii) the reason for tapping the aforesaid telephones?

(b) If not, why?

4417/'13

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

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether she is aware of the fact that Devon, St. Andrews, Poodalu Oya, Puna Oya and Ramboda water sources which were included in the preliminary plans of the Upper Kotmaley hydro power plant project have not been incorporated into the aforesaid project of which the work has been completed;
- (ii) whether generation of power as mentioned in the preliminary plans could be expected from the aforesaid hydro power generation project under such circumstances;
- (iii) whether it is expected to utilize all or some of the aforesaid water sources in future to increase the efficiency of the abovementioned hydro power plant of which the work has been completed;
- (iv) if so, of the names of the water sources expected to be used thus;
- (v) whether construction work necessary for annexing the aforesaid water sources to the above mentioned hydro power plant project has been carried out?

(b) If not, why?

4436/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the road from Ratnapura to Agalawatta via Thiriwanaketiya will be developed by laying carpet;
- (ii) the total length of the road which is scheduled to be so carpeted;
- (iii) the estimated cost of the project;
- (iv) the companies with which agreements have been signed for the project;
- (v) the date of the completion of the development work of this road, according to that agreement;
- (vi) the total length of the road which has already been carpeted;
- (vii) of the already completed portion of the road as per each company separately; and
- (viii) separately, the amount of money paid to these companies by now;

(b) If not, why?
