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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 30 read with Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1770/15 of 08th August 2012, which were presented on 24.01.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Health,— Regulation under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act (No.2),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Health under Section 30 read with Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1783/16 of 08th November 2012, which was presented on 24.01.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health under Section 30 read with Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1797/22 of 15th February 2013, which were presented on 24.01.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Land Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 63(2)(f) of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1837/47 of 22nd November 2013, which were presented on 23.01.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

(2)

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1946/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(4)

- (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 the 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?

2465/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (3)

- (a) Will he state for the last five years—
 - (i) the total cost incurred on the cricket grounds owned by Sri Lanka Cricket on per year basis;
 - (ii) the allocation of the aforesaid cost in terms of capital and interest components; and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained from the cricket grounds referred to in (a) (i) on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

3061/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (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?

(3)

- (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?

3143/'12

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (4)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the percentage of students that gets qualified to pursue higher education out of nearly forty three lakhs of school children ;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that this percentage is at a minimum level when compared to other countries of the world ;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent on education during the last twenty years except in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue in each year ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on education by the government in the year 2012, as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Revenue?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) seeking monetary contributions from parents for school education has become a common practice now ; and
 - (ii) the reason for that is the government's failure to allocate adequate funds for education?
- (c) If not, why ?

3347/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (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?

(4)

- (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?

3618/13

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the name of the institution that is in charge of the development activities in the ‘Sigiriya’ archeological area reputed for tourism and cultural importance;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to renovate the gravel access road to Sigiriya and to develop sanitation facilities in and around Sigiriya;
 - (iii) if so, the name of the institution which carries out renovation of the said gravel road;
 - (iv) if measures have been taken to develop Sigiriya town, the name of the institution which carries out the same; and
 - (v) the party which is entitled for the income generated from activities in connection with the Sigiriya archeological area?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

3695/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an advertisement was published by the Bank of Ceylon in 'Rivira' newspaper of 06.03.2013;
- (ii) of the aim of publishing that advertisement;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the Bank of Ceylon on that advertisement;
- (iv) the Head of Expenditure under which that amount of money was spent; and
- (v) whether it is possible to publish advertisements by the Bank of Ceylon in the event of the appointment of a certain person to a certain post of some political party?

(b) If not, why?

3912/'13

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (3)

(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?

(6)

(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?

3939/'13

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

(a) Will she inform this House of—

- (i) the names of all the companies that have been established for generation, transmission and distribution of electricity of which the Ceylon Electricity Board has the ownership of at least one share;
- (ii) the break down of the share ownership of each of the aforesaid companies, separately;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid share holders;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the members of the board of directors of each of the aforesaid institutions; and
- (v) the number of persons that have been appointed to the Ceylon Electricity Board out of the members of each board of directors mentioned above, separately?

(b) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti, — To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(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 recruitment 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?

4252/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is necessary for the officers who are recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service based on the results of the Limited Competitive Examination held under the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Minute No. 509/7 of 07.06.1988 to pass the First Efficiency Bar Examination;
- (ii) if so, the clause of the aforesaid service minute which states that idea;
- (iii) if such a clause is not available, the measures taken under clause 28 of the aforesaid service minute to include a condition in the appointment letters stating that it is necessary to pass the above Bar Examination; and
- (iv) if such a clause is not clearly indicated in the service minute and if measures have not been taken as per article 28, the basis on which the condition mentioned in (a) (iii) has been included in the letters of appointment of the officers recruited as above?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any relief will be provided to the officers who are inconvenienced as a result of including conditions which are inconsistent with the aforesaid service minute in the relevant letters of appointment as mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, of the aforesaid relief?

(c) If not, why?

1965/'11

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(4)

(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 the 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?

(9)

(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?

2469/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (3)

(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 “Deyata 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?

3431/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of plant species that has been identified in Sri Lanka up to now;
 - (ii) the number of plant species that are endemic to Sri Lanka out of them;
 - (iii) the number of extinct plant species out of those by now;
 - (iv) whether a list of aforesaid extinct plant species will be presented;
 - (v) the causes that are led to the extinction and to be threatened with extinction of the plant species of Sri Lanka; and
 - (vi) the action that has been taken by the government to protect the plant species that are threatened with extinction?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) separately, of the number of plants that has been planted under the tree planting programme in Sri Lanka ,annually, from the year 2005 to 2012;
 - (ii) of the varieties of plants so planted;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the aforesaid plants;
 - (iv) whether the varieties of plants extinct or plants threatened with extinction have been planted under that programme; and
 - (v) of the amount of money that has been spent, annually, within past 5 years, for that planting programme?
- (c) If not, why?

3903/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House –
 - (i) whether permission has been given to establish co-operative societies that are empowered to grant permission for mining sand from the river Mahaweli;
 - (ii) whether any levy is charged on sand transported from the river Mahaweli;
 - (iii) if so, what are the parties that charges that levy; and
 - (iv) what is the amount charged for issuing a permit to mine sand?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 19, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2451/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will admit that a large extent of lands situated in the present insecure area of the Nilwala River Scheme can be developed by implementing its III Phase ;
 - (ii) whether plans necessary for its implementation have been made ;
 - (iii) whether the funds necessary for it have been allocated by now ;
 - (iv) of the amount of money thus allocated ;
 - (v) of the country or the institution that provides funds for it ; and
 - (vi) if so, the date on which this project will be commenced ?
- (b) If not, why?

2681/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Colombo Commercial Company (CCC) Limited —
 - (i) the reason for privatisation or transferring of the management to private sector despite the policies of the Mahinda Chinthana;
 - (ii) the new owners or managing partners and the agreement;
 - (iii) as to when the management accounts were submitted; and
 - (iv) if not, as to when it will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the reasons for selling lands of CCC Ltd. to the foreigners;
 - (ii) the selling price of the lands;
 - (iii) whether the 100% tax on the aforesaid transaction has been paid;
 - (iv) if so, date of payment; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for not paying?

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(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tenders were called on the aforesaid land transaction;
- (ii) if so, the members of the Tender Advisory or Selection Committee; and
- (iii) if not, the basis on which it was done?

(d) If not, why?

3264/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of centers from which admission cards were issued from 20th August 2012, for sitting for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination; and
- (ii) the number of applications that have been issued from those centers?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of applications issued for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in the year 2011, the number of candidates who sat for the examination, the number of candidates who passed the examination and the number of individuals who received foreign employment opportunities in Korea based on the results of the aforesaid examination; and
- (ii) whether possession of the passport has been made mandatory for obtaining applications for the Korean Language Proficiency Examination in 2011 ?

(c) If not, why ?

3348/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(3)

(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?

(13)

- (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?

3469/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign tours the President has participated in, from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to which those tours were made;
 - (iii) the amount spent on each of those tours, separately;
 - (iv) the number of persons who joined the President in each of those tours, separately;
 - (v) the deliberations held and agreements signed in each of those tours; and
 - (vi) the benefits enjoyed, are being enjoyed or expected to be enjoyed by the country, through each of those tours, discussions and agreements, separately ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3928/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the location called 'Ibbagewatta', Modara of Colombo 15 is still in a great unhygienic condition, though it has been declared that the beautification and the development of the Colombo metropolitan is an objective of the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) the public toilet system of that place which is totally unhygienic, has become a venue that spreads stench to the surrounding atmosphere; and
 - (iii) the dwellers are confronted with grave health issues due to the contaminated water with germs that flows out of the dilapidated toilets?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken—
 - (i) to create an environment which is favorable for human existence in that area; and
 - (ii) to construct a modern toilet system instead of the decayed toilets?
- (c) If not, why?

3943/'13

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

- (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?

4075/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of road accidents reported to the Traffic Police in the year 2012 and from January 2013 up to now;
 - (ii) the number of deaths and the disabilities caused to the people by those accidents;
 - (iii) the types of vehicles which meet with the most number of accidents; and
 - (iv) the measures taken by the Traffic Police and the Ministry of Transport to minimize these accidents?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) there is a possibility of obtaining a new licence by a person who has been subjected to the penalty of the suspension of the driving licence after being convicted of causing a road accident by fraudulently submitting other details ; and
 - (ii) whether there is a method of identifying such persons?
- (c) If not, why?

4139/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to acquire lands to widen the Eheliyagoda-Dehiowita road (Panawala Road) and Eheliyagoda-Kiriella Road (Nedurana Road); and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (b) If not, why?

4250/'13

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people who were residing close to coastal belt in Kinniya were resettled in the village of Naduvuttu following the Tsunami disaster in 2004;
 - (ii) the basic facilities required to these people have not been provided though nearly eight years have elapsed since the resettlement; and
 - (iii) these people are undergoing immense hardships in obtaining potable water from the date of their resettlement up to now?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to address problems concerning the provision of basic facilities to these people who have been resettled as no action whatsoever has been taken so far despite pledges made by the authorities on various occasions to provide basic facilities such as the road network, drinking water facilities and transport?
- (c) If not, why?

4331/'13

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

- (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; and
 - (iii) if pension benefits have not been granted as mentioned above, the reasons for that?
- (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?

2457/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabha Office Building in the Matara District, which was commenced about four years ago has been stopped half way?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total amount of money allocated for the construction of the aforesaid building;
 - (ii) of the institution which provided funds for it;
 - (iii) of the reasons for stopping the construction work, if funds have been provided; and
 - (iv) if the construction work of the aforesaid building is recommenced, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2684/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (3)

- (a) Will he explain the concept of 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition?
- (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of jobs created at each 'Dayata Kirula' exhibition up to date;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid jobs; and
 - (iii) whether those jobs are permanent and pensionable?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Head from which the money was actually spent on Deyata Kirula at Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether some labour and assets used for the last Deyata Kirula exhibition without any payment i.e. personnel or labour of Armed Forces and buses of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board, have been included as cost components in the calculation of the total cost;
 - (iii) if not, as to how the total cost for the said exhibition was calculated; and
 - (iv) of the anticipated cost for the next three Dayata Kirula exhibitions to be held, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

2895/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the value of the tax exemption given in 2002-2003 by the then regime of UNP was as big as 1,000 billion of SLR as indicated by the successive UPFA government;
 - (ii) if not, the exact value of it; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid tax amnesty was withdrawn in 2004 - 2005?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the government in 2004 had proven that the tax amnesty granted by UNP was wrong and illegal;
 - (ii) the value of tax collected after the withdrawal of the said tax exemption on per year basis to date; and
 - (iii) the reason for collecting taxes of such a low value?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the UPFA Government has come up with tax amnesties after 2004, although it had negatively criticised the same introduced by the UNP; and
 - (ii) if so, the value of the tax amnesties granted by the UPFA government?
- (d) If not why?

3292/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of complaints received with regard to harassment caused to journalists during the period from the year 2005 up to the time when a Ministers' sub-committee was appointed in the year 2008 to look into the harassment caused to journalists;
 - (ii) the number of journalists who have been abducted or assaulted up to now since the appointment of the aforesaid Ministers' sub-committee; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government regarding the aforesaid acts?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, February 19, 2014)

2905/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
 - (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (a) (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
 - (iii) the average cost per Minister in the years 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
 - (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burden on the country?
- (c) If not, why?

3736/'13

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.L. Premachandra at No. 124 D, Christoper 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?
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Thursday, February 20, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2439/'12

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

- (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?

2713/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the first meeting was officially held with the State Secretary of the U.S.A. prior to the bringing of a resolution against Sri Lanka to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in March 2012;
 - (ii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid meeting;
 - (iii) whether it had been envisaged after the above meeting that the U.S.A. would have brought a resolution as per above ; and
 - (iv) whether the negligence, the arrogance and incompetence caused the losing of the aforesaid resolution in Sri Lankan point of view?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the corrective measures taken to date in relation to the resolution passed in Geneva ;
 - (ii) as to why the government consented to meet Mrs. Hilary Clinton ,State Secretary of the USA on 18th May 2012 changing its stand otherwise; and
 - (iii) the matters discussed there and the matters that are being implemented now as per the outcome of the said meeting?
- (c) If not, why?

3351/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(3)

- (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?
- (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?

3624/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

- (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?

(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?

3698/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

(a) Will she inform the House—

- (i) whether a fuel adjustment surcharge was added to the electricity bills in the year 2012;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed;
- (iii) of the reasons for imposing that fuel adjustment surcharge;
- (iv) the incomes which were earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each month since the fuel adjustment surcharge was imposed, separately;
- (v) whether the fuel adjustment surcharge is still charged; and
- (vi) if not, the date on which that charging was terminated ?

(b) If not, why ?

3931/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the corrupt agreement that was entered into, in two instances, with the Singaporean company called "PV oil"; on the dates of 07.10.2011 and 25.01.2012, is being arranged to be revived, by Petroleum Corporation Authorities;
- (ii) a loss of 116 cores, was incurred by the Ceylon petroleum Corporation by the agreement entered in to, with the aforesaid company, to import 2,40,000 metric tons of petrol for a period of six months; and
- (iii) the trade unions level allegations that the decision has been taken to revive the aforesaid agreement in the year 2013?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) Ceylon Petroleum Corporation is incurring losses day by day due to the aforesaid corruptions; and
- (ii) the fuel price is increased, time to time, as to settle such losses?

(c) If not, why?

4001/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a land called Millaniya Watta (Horekanda Group) is located in the Kalutara District which comes under the purview of the Land Reform Commission; and
 - (ii) the assessment value of the granite rock in extent of 09 acre, 03 root, 29.85 perch situated in Lot No. 9 of that land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to lease out the above granite rock to Dr. Thirananda Silva of Nalluruwa, Panadura;
 - (ii) of the date on which that decision was arrived at;
 - (iii) of the basis for that decision;
 - (iv) of the annual lease value of it;
 - (v) of the basis on which that amount was decided;
 - (vi) of the date on which that lease agreement was signed;
 - (vii) whether a copy of that lease agreement is submitted; and
 - (viii) if not, the reason for that?
- (c) Will he also state the steps that have been taken to protect transparency in transactions of lease when lands belonging to Land Reform Commission are leased out?
- (d) If not, why?

4076/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the stipulated age limit of retirement for the public sector officials; and
 - (ii) the criteria adopted in deploying any official in the public service exceeding this age limit?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the designations to which the retired officials of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service are recruited when they are recruited again to the service;
 - (ii) the salaries and other perks such as vehicles, fuel and telephones provided to them;
 - (iii) the amount of each of the above items; and
 - (iv) whether the above recruitment and the provision of perks are carried out strictly in line with instructions of the relevant circulars?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of officials other than the Secretaries of Ministries currently in service in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who have exceeded the retirement age;
 - (ii) the Ministries and Departments in which they serve;
 - (iii) the number of Secretaries of the Ministries currently in service who have exceeded the retirement age; and
 - (iv) their names, ages and the Ministries in which they serve?
- (d) If not, why?

4215/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money due to be paid to the registered suppliers who supplied food and beverages to Sri Lanka Army in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) of the sum of money that has been paid by now; and
 - (iii) separately, the sum of money due to be paid for the aforesaid three years on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the suppliers have informed the authorities that continuation of the relevant supplies is difficult due to non payment;
 - (ii) of the action that will be taken to settle the aforesaid dues; and
 - (iii) of the date on which settling of the aforesaid dues will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

4251/'13

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer, — To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) due to the non-renovation of the Jumma Grand Mosque Street which links the Main Street and the Central Street of Pottuvil, that road is not fit for transport; and
 - (ii) the people which use that road face immense difficulties due to its dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to reconstruct the above road?
- (c) If not, why?

2460/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to deepen the stretch of Nilwala river from Matara Mahanama bridge to the sea ;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives, expected to be achieved through that plan ;
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be spent on that project ;
 - (iv) whether the money required for that will be obtained from the domestic funds or the foreign funds ; and
 - (v) the names of the relevant countries of institutions, if foreign funds are obtained ?
- (b) If not, why?

2714/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of national hospitals and private hospitals in the country to date?
- (b) Will he also state pertaining to the above hospitals —
 - (i) the total bed strength;
 - (ii) the doctors to beds ratio;
 - (iii) the nurses to beds ratio; and
 - (iv) the doctors to nurses to patients ratio?
- (c) If not, why?

3363/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(3)

(a) Will he state —

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

(b) Will he inform this House —

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

(c) Will he also state —

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

(d) If not, why?

3904/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what is the building which has been built in a land area of about 5 acres in the Eastern boundary of the Girithale National Park in Minneria;
 - (ii) of the purpose of constructing that building;
 - (iii) whether the document that gave the written permission to construct this building be submitted;
 - (iv) the party by which this permission was granted; and
 - (v) if such a permission has not been obtained, the reason for that?
- (b) If not, why?

2896/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a Privy Council is now operative in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether such a Council was ever operative before;
 - (iii) if so, the period it was operative; and
 - (iv) the mechanism to have a sense of appeal in judicial system today as the Privy Council or its likes has been abolished?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the retrospective laws that have been applied to date from independence;
 - (ii) as to when they were legislated and implemented separately;
 - (iii) whether it is agreeable that the retrospective laws generally not enforced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if not, as to how the tax amnesty law in 2003- 2004 was implemented?
 - (c) If not why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, February 20, 2014)

2303/'12

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the number of school children who were hospitalized or who lost their lives due to dengue fever, motor accidents, committing suicide, food poisoning or being subjected to physical or mental harassments in each of the years during the period from the year 1990 to 2011, and the names of the schools to which they belonged; and
 - (ii) as per the age group and the school to which the child belongs, the number of school children who were accused of committing various offences and produced before the Juvenile Court during the past year?
- (b) If not, why ?

Friday, February 21, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2787/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (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?

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- (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?

3013/'12

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a student of H/ Tangalle Boys' National School was severely abused by the then Mayor on 04th 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?

3267/'12

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

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

3367/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

3654/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of national schools, Navodya schools and primary schools located within the Ampara District;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers available according to each subject the number of students in each of those schools separately;
 - (iii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in these schools;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the schools in which a shortage of teacher prevails and subjects for which the shortage exists; and
 - (v) if a shortage of teachers do exist in the area, the steps that have been taken to remedy it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House which of the schools lack libraries and access to water and sanitation (latrine) facilities out of the schools in the Ampara District referred to in (a)(i) above?
- (c) If not, 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 the 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?

3699/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the average import price (CIF Value) per Metric ton at which petrol was imported within February 2013;
 - (ii) the approximate volume of a Metric ton of petrol in litres;
 - (iii) as such, the average price of a litre of petrol as it is unloaded at the port in February 2013;
 - (iv) the amounts of different taxes charged by the government on each litre of petrol, separately;
 - (v) the profit derived by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from each litre of petrol; and
 - (vi) the distribution cost of a litre of petrol and the profit derived by the filling station by selling a litre of petrol?
- (b) If not, why?

3932/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a 2/3rd of Kollonnawa Oil terminal that comes under Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPSTL) has been offered to the Indian Oil Company; and
 - (ii) whether the discussions are held to hand over the 80 acre land, which was taken over from the surrounding of Petroleum Corporation, situated in Kolonnawa, to the Indian Oil Company free of charge?
- (b) If not, why?

4182/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the environmental pollution that has been caused by the quarries located in Pathakada and Delgoda areas in the Millaniya Divisional Secretaries Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken and the steps that will be taken to prevent such pollution?
- (c) If not, why?

2819/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

- (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?

3081/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether there is an attempt to incorporate amendments to the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for delaying it; and
 - (iii) the date on which the amendments will be introduced after clearing the obstacles that delay them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately and on per year basis, the number of persons who died of smoking during the last 8 years including the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of money that the government has to spend per person afflicted with cancers or other diseases caused by smoking; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of hospital beds that had to be allocated for persons afflicted with diseases caused by smoking from the year 2005 to 2012?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the percentage of the funds allocated for persons afflicted with cancers or other diseases caused by smoking, out of the allocations made for the health sector by the Budget 2012; and
 - (ii) whether that sum has increased compared to last year?
- (d) If not, why?

3378/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of school children and the number of schools in the districts of 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?

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(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?

3731/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that a letter dated 20.02.2012 signed by the Director of Education of the Piliyandala Education Zone and sent to the Principal of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala, has instructed the Principal of the school—

- (i) to make prompt arrangements to enroll the students who get through the grade 5 scholarship examination in that school, in the Darmaraja Vidyalaya Mampe; and
- (ii) that a huge sum of money has been allocated by the government on the development of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala under the “Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the Future?”

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money utilized on the development of Ananda Samarakoon Vidyalaya in Wewala;
- (ii) of the purposes for which those funds have been utilized; and
- (iii) as to who made such monies available and under which programme?

(c) If not, why?

3905/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether certain recommendations have been submitted with regard to the environmental impact on the places around the "Kudankulam" nuclear power plant built in India;
- (ii) if so, whether that written recommendations be submitted to this House;
- (iii) whether the radiation that is released from this power plant will endanger the living creatures; and
- (iv) whether the conditions or agreements between India and Sri Lanka with regard to this project be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

3933/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) he is aware that the loss incurred by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has exceeded Rs. 95 billion;
- (ii) the aforesaid Corporation is due to pay over Rs 43 core, simply for the bank overdrafts of Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank;
- (iii) the state banks have rejected issuing loans to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by now; and
- (iv) he is aware the fact that the arrangements are made, under the aforesaid circumstances, to obtain fuel from foreign oil companies, on conditions of higher loan interests?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, March 04, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2946/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

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

3083/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the types of cigarettes, the prices of which have escalated corresponding to the increase in the per capita Gross Domestic Product from 2002 to 2011;
 - (ii) if there are any types of cigarettes the prices of which have not escalated so, what they are;
 - (iii) the amount by which the price of the cigarette of the brand Dunhill went up in March 2012; and
 - (iv) separately the revenue received by the government and the Tobacco Company by selling one cigarette as a result of the above price hike?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately the total number of cigarettes sold in Sri Lanka in the year 2010 and 2011; and
 - (ii) of the percentage of the increase or decrease of the sale of cigarettes as per the above figures?
- (c) If not, why?

3379/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately and on the basis of each District, the number of hospitals administered by the North-Central Provincial Council;
 - (ii) separately, the approved cadre including the approved number of doctors, nurses, labourers and other staff in each such hospital; and
 - (iii) out of the above hospitals, the number of hospitals with vacancies in the approved cadre existing under each hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by the North Central Provincial Council to the Ministry of Health of that province in 2012;
 - (ii) of the services discharged in hospitals out of that amount;
 - (iii) of the number of patients who have received treatment from each of the hospitals in the North-Central Province in 2012; and
 - (iv) as a whole, the amount of money spent by the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3630/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a dearth of lecturers at the Faculty of Management;
 - (ii) of the number of Professors at the aforesaid faculty;
 - (iii) whether there is a dearth of lecturers and other members of the academic staff at the Faculty of Geomatics; and
 - (iv) whether there is a dearth of lecturers at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages;
of the University of Sabaragamuwa?
- (b) If not, why?

4092/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
 - (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
 - (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
 - (iv) the resource persons who participated in these workshops; and
 - (v) the amounts spent for expenses including transport, meals, lecture fees separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4220/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of full-time members of the Sri Lanka Judges Institute;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money spent by that Institution in the year 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (iii) whether an investment has been made by the government to improve the quality of Judges in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a decision had been taken while Hon. Athauda Seneviratne was the Minister of Justice to establish a University level institution to train Judges similar to the system prevailing in countries like India and Malaysia;
 - (ii) whether he is in agreement with the idea of establishing a university level institution to train Judges; and
 - (iii) if so, the steps that would be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

3114/'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 Puttalam 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 Puttalam 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 Puttalam 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 ?

3381/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (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?

3395/12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority deducts an amount of Rs. 50/= from the monthly salary of the Samurdhi officers and managers to subscribe to the fund that was set up to ensure their social security; and
- (ii) the aforesaid fund does not entertain Samurdhi Social Security claims for about a period of two years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the balance of the account opened for that fund by now;
- (ii) the number of persons who have been paid the, claims from that fund after 30 June 2012;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for that; and
- (iv) whether immediate action will be taken to settle claims that have not been paid up to now?

(c) If not, why?

3908/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately the number of kraals and abattoirs in Dandugama area close to Ja_Ela town in the Gampaha District;
- (ii) of the system in place to dispose of the Bio-waste that gets constantly accumulated in this area; and
- (iii) whether there is any environmental or Health conservation programme in place in relation to such waster?

(b) If not, why?

4093/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the basis on which the fares of semi-luxury passenger transport service has been calculated;
- (ii) the standards set for the semi-luxury passenger transport service;
- (iii) the course of action that will be followed with regard to the buses that do not meet those standards; and
- (iv) the number of buses that were dealt with such a course of action during the past 3 years?

(b) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether he is aware that other buses similar to semi-luxury buses run at normal fares;
- (ii) whether an additional amount of money is charged through semi-luxury buses;
- (iii) what courses of action have been taken in line with the statement by the Minister with regard to the termination of the semi-luxury bus service; and
- (iv) what their results are?

(c) If not, why?

3131/'12

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

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Jaffna District—
 - (i) all lands allocated to or alienated or forcefully handed over to since 1st January 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for the taking over or transferring the aforesaid lands compensating the people ?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether state colonization is going on in the said district; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for doing so?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 05, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3132/'12

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

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

3398/'12

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

(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 sides 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?

3607/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of families that were affected by the floods which occurred in the Nuwaragampalatha Central Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District during the period from December 2012 to January 2013;
- (ii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division for which compensation was paid for been completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods;
- (iii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division that were completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods, but compensation has not been paid for?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the types of cultivations that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the area of cultivated lands that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
 - (iii) separately of the acreage of paddy lands that were completely destroyed and that were partly damaged;
 - (iv) of the acreage of lands that had been cultivated with other crops and that were completely destroyed;
 - (v) separately of the amount of the compensation that is paid for an acre of paddy land that was completely destroyed and for an acre that was partly damaged;
 - (vi) whether compensation has been paid for lands with other supplementary crops that were either completely damaged or partly destroyed;
 - (vii) if so, separately of the amounts of compensation that has been paid in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (viii) if compensation is not paid in the aforesaid manner, of the reasons for not paying compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

4094/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Sri Lankan Airlines Limited has purchased or obtained on lease basis, aircraft of any type in the year 2013;
 - (ii) of the methodology followed for purchasing or obtaining on lease basis such aircraft;
 - (iii) if the purchase or lease was effected through a calling of tender, the names of the institutions that tendered their quotations and the prices they quoted;
 - (iv) which institutions were selected out of them; and
 - (v) the reasons for selecting these institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount of money spent for purchasing or leasing aircraft mentioned above;
 - (ii) how this amount of money was financed; and
 - (iii) if the amount of money was acquired through loans, what the loan amounts, interest rates and repayment periods are?
- (c) If not, why?

4102/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that a racket of storing “burnt oil” by using an annual permit issued by the Central Environment Authority granting permission to store and transport “Oil discharged by ships” has been busted by the Police in Mulleriyawa and Dekatana Moragala areas?
- (b) Will he state in response to the said raid—
 - (i) the venue to which such burnt oil has been transported;
 - (ii) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has conducted an inquiry in to this incident;
 - (iii) the punishment meted out to the people arrested there in;
 - (iv) the volume of burnt oil transported; and
 - (v) the volume of burnt oil that had been stored?
- (c) If not, why?

3133/'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 Ampara 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 Ampara 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 procedure 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 Ampara 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 ?

3419/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, of the number of three wheelers and motor bicycles that have been registered annually during the past 10 years 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?

3608/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of families that were affected by the floods which occurred in Horowpathana Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District during the period from December 2012 to January 2013;
- (ii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division for which compensation was paid for been either completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods; and
- (iii) of the number of houses in the aforesaid Division that were either completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods, but compensation has not been paid for?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the types of cultivations that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the area of cultivated lands that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (iii) separately of the acreage of paddy lands that were completely destroyed and those that were partly damaged;
- (iv) of the acreage of lands that had been cultivated with other crops and that were completely destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (v) separately of the amount of the compensation that is paid for an acre of paddy land that was completely destroyed and for an acre that was partly damaged;
- (vi) whether compensation has been paid for lands with other supplementary crops that were either completely damaged or partly destroyed;
- (vii) if so, separately of the amounts of compensation that has been paid in the aforesaid manner; and
- (viii) if compensation is not paid in the aforesaid manner, of the reasons for not paying compensation?

(c) If not, why?

4103/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of Power sets of S-II(SII) type that has been imported to this country at a number of occasions from April 2011;
- (ii) the number out of such Power sets that are in operation at present;
- (iii) the warranty period of those Power sets;
- (iv) the cost incurred to import those Power sets; and
- (v) the number out of those Power sets that have been taken off the tracks owing to various defects?

(b) If not, why?

4149/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a CCTV camera system was installed at gem mining land auction site at Thammannewa-Kataragama;
- (ii) of the period during which the CCTV camera system was in operation;
- (iii) whether those CCTV cameras were purchased;
- (iv) if not, whether they were obtained on lease;
- (v) if obtained under lease, the institute which provided the CCTV cameras;
- (vi) the procedure adopted either for purchasing or leasing the said camera system;
- (vii) whether pay gravel was transported on the sly from the Thammenna site on or about 03.04.2012 despite the installation of a CCTV camera system; and
- (viii) if so, whether the transport of pay gravel is recorded in the CCTV camera system?

(b) If not, why?

3134/'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 Trincomalee 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 Trincomalee 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 procedure 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 Trincomalee 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 allegations come about?

(d) If not, why?

3524/'13

Hon.Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(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; and

(iv) the funding sources of this project?

(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?

Thursday, March 06, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3146/'12

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

- (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 funds have been given;
 - (iii) the pay back 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 ?

3293/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that a Ministers' Sub-Committee was appointed in June 2008, in Room No. 2/08 at the Bandaranayaka Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) under the leadership of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid Sub-Committee has been abolished by now; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that ?
- (c) Will he state separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the rent, telephone bills and electricity bills of the building in which the Ministers' Sub-Committee to look into the harassments taking place against media personnel in Sri Lanka housed; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for other expenses in addition to the expenses mentioned in (i) above ?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the Ministry that the aforesaid expenditure was borne and the relevant Expenditure Heads; and
 - (ii) if the aforesaid payments have not yet been made by now the date on which it will be done ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3609/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of families that were affected by the floods which occurred in Wilachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District during the period from December 2012 to January 2013;
- (ii) the number of houses in the aforesaid Division for which compensation was paid for been either completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods; and
- (iii) the number of houses in the aforesaid Division that were either completely destroyed or partly damaged due to the aforesaid floods, but compensation has not been paid for?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the types of cultivations that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the area of cultivated lands that were destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (iii) separately of the acreage of paddy lands that were completely destroyed and those that were partly damaged;
- (iv) of the acreage of lands that had been cultivated with other crops and that were completely destroyed due to the aforesaid floods;
- (v) separately of the amount of the compensation that is paid for an acre of paddy land that was completely destroyed and for an acre that was partly damaged;
- (vi) whether compensation has been paid for lands with other supplementary crops that were either completely damaged or partly destroyed;
- (vii) if so, separately of the amounts of compensation that has been paid in the aforesaid manner; and
- (viii) if compensation is not paid in the aforesaid manner, of the reasons for not paying compensation?

(c) If not, why?

4105/'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 “Kumaratenna” village in the Haputale electorate in the Badulla District in the Uva Province—
 - (i) the number of families living;
 - (ii) whether money has been made available under the inter villages programme to renovate the access road;
 - (iii) if money has been allocated, the sum allocated so;
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work of this road is scheduled to be completed;
 - (v) separately, the number of teachers and students in the school; and
 - (vi) the area where a hospital for people to obtain medical treatment is located?
- (b) If not, why?

4153/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of school uniform material that was imported to Sri Lanka from China in year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iii) the name of the company by which the aforesaid uniform material was imported; and
 - (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid uniform material was imported through that company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the companies which had submitted tenders for the supply of the uniform material for year 2012 and the bids they had submitted;
 - (ii) whether the company that was selected was the one that had submitted the lowest bid;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
 - (iv) of the defects contained in the material that had been submitted by the company which had submitted the lowest bid; and
 - (v) whether he admits that the material submitted by the selected company contained more defects than those mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

3148/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the net amounts of loans in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; 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 ?

3529/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that people complain that paddy lands in the Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy lands that has been filled without permission in the Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division since 2005;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received with regard to such unauthorized fillings ;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints so received;
 - (v) whether investigations have been conducted and legal actions taken in relation to such complaints; and
 - (vi) the steps that have been taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been obtained to fill paddy lands in the Malimbada Divisional Secretariat Division from 2005 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission had been granted to fill; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill such paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3610/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date of commencement of the repair works of Muriyakadawala road through Pahala Ambathale from Maradankadawala of Kekirawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) of the distance and the estimated cost for the construction of aforesaid road;
- (iii) of the name of the contracted company and the owner of the aforesaid company by which the repair works of the aforesaid road is carried out?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the contracted date on which the completion of the works of the aforesaid road was due;
- (ii) of the reasons that were led if the works of the aforesaid road could not be completed within aforesaid period of time ;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid contracted company has undertaken construction of other roads within Anuradhapura district;
- (iv) if so, separately ,of the name of the each aforesaid road and estimated cost;
- (v) whether the allocated period of time has been exceeded in the completion of construction of aforesaid roads as well?

(c) Will he inform this House further —

- (i) whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid contracted company is not able to carry out road development construction works properly;
- (ii) if so, of the step taken in relation to such a contracted company in time to come?

(d) If not, why?

4106/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he has become aware of the “National Physical Plan” submitted by the government under the National Physical Planning Department?
- (b) As per the said plan, will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of forest land to be utilized;
 - (ii) the number of areas in which roads are to be constructed across forests; and
 - (iii) the number of locations in which tourist zones will be constructed in the middle of forests?
- (c) If not, why?

4154/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of school uniform material for which approval was granted under cabinet approval dated 02 November 2011 to be purchased from State Trading (General) Corporation for distribution in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the amount of school uniform material purchased by the Corporation for distribution in the year 2012;
 - (iii) the reasons for purchasing extra uniform material exceeding the amount that had been approved by the cabinet;
 - (iv) the loss that had to be incurred by the government consequent to that purchase; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid purchase?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, March 07, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3149/'12

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

- (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?

3530/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately and on the basis of the make of each vehicle the number of vehicles purchased for the Plantation Human Development Trust from 2005 up to date;
 - (ii) whether Tenders were called for the purchase of those vehicles;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the tenderers and the bids submitted by each tenderer, separately; and
 - (iv) the purposes for which, vehicles purchased for this Trust are used?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the value of the petrol Hyundai recently purchased for the use of Mr. Ranjith Ellegala, the Director General of the Plantation Human Development Trust; and
 - (ii) as to why that vehicle stays parked in the garage without being used?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of the Provincial Council schools in the North Central Province according to the Districts;
 - (ii) of the number of primary and secondary schools out of those schools on the basis of educational divisions;
 - (iii) whether required basic facilities, have been provided to those schools adequately?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the North Central Provincial Ministry of Education in the year 2013;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers' guides, term note books and calendars that has been printed, to distribute among the aforesaid schools in the year 2013;
 - (iii) of the price of a printed calendar and a term note book;
 - (iv) of the amount allocated for a teachers' guide; and
 - (v) the total cost of printing of all the aforesaid documents?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a tender was called for all the aforesaid printing activities;
 - (ii) if so, of the institutions submitted tenders; and
 - (iii) of the name of the printer that carried out the printing?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to put on view the photograph of the aforesaid Provincial Minister of Education in each Provincial Council School; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that Rs 15 lakhs has been spent out of the Provincial Council funds to print and frame his photograph?
- (e) If not, why?

4107/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the manner in which the salary grades of the graduates who received appointments under the recruitment of graduates to the public sector are structured;
- (ii) whether a clarification can be made on the promotion procedure of graduates recruited to the Public Service on 260 designations;
- (iii) whether an opportunity will be afforded to the recently recruited graduates to sit the limited competitive examination for the recruitment to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service; and
- (iv) the maximum age limit considered in recruiting graduates to the Public Service?

(b) If not, why?

3150/'12

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

(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 separately, on per year basis, 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 ?

3531/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the graduates who have been recruited to the public service under the programme to provide employment to graduates in the year 2012, the number confirmed in the service by now;
 - (ii) that number, separately as per the Ministries;
 - (iii) the number remains to be confirmed; and
 - (iv) the date on which the service of those graduate employees will be confirmed?
- (b) If not, why?

3825/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether all pharmacies in Sri Lanka have been air-conditioned; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for running pharmacies which have still not been air-conditioned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether drug stores in all the hospitals of Sri Lanka have been air-conditioned;
 - (ii) if not, the reason for same;
 - (iii) whether it is essential to store all drugs in air-conditioned locations;
 - (iv) if not, the names of drugs which do not need to be stored under air-conditioning; and
 - (v) whether such drugs do not have expiry dates?
- (c) If not, why?

4108/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of drugs manufactured locally by the State Pharmaceutical manufacturing Corporation;
 - (ii) the number of drugs imported to the country;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money allocated by the Treasury in the year 2013 for the importation of drugs and surgical equipment;
 - (iv) the amount allocated from the Budget of 2013 to purchase drugs locally; and
 - (v) the amount spent of the said allocation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the value of the stocks of drugs purchased by the Ministry of Health from each pharmaceutical company in the year 2013;
 - (ii) whether any dues remain to be paid in connection with the said purchases; and
 - (iii) if so, the dues to be paid to each of the said companies, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3156/'12

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

- (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?
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