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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2224/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(5)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Semata Niwasak - Hithata Sevanak” programme of ‘Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the future’ manifesto that three new housing schemes with 15,000 housing units exclusively for persons in the Kurunegala, Kandy and Anuradhapura Districts who are employed abroad, would be started?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the above housing projects were started;
 - (ii) the number of projects of which construction work has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the towns where those housing projects have been implemented; and
 - (iv) the number of families that have been settled in the housing schemes of which construction work has been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

3223/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the dates on which the pensionable government servants got salary increases from 1st January 2005 to date along with the relevant amounts increased in each occasion;
 - (ii) the total number of government servants those are working as at today and subject to the salary increment;
 - (iii) the allowances that have been increased from 1st January 2005 to date on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the total impact of the increase of allowances and the number of public servants to whom the said impact is affected?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3332/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of complaints received by the Children and Women Bureau of Police concerning child abuses, during the period from the year 2008-2012, annually; and
 - (ii) of the average of child abuses that took place per day according to police reports of the year 2012?
- (b) Will he state for the period between 2008-2012—
 - (i) whether there were instances where the individuals involved in politics were named as accuses of the cases of child abuse; and
 - (ii) if so, number of such instances?
- (c) If not, why?

3592/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is known that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division are being filed;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy lands in that Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether action has been taken according to the law after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) of the courses of action taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to reclaim the paddy lands in the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be reclaimed;
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to reclaim the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

3708/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of Coordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President;
 - (iii) of the sectors for which the aforesaid Coordinating Secretaries have been appointed;
 - (iv) separately, of the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each of those secretaries;
 - (v) of the salary, other allowances and the facilities granted for a Coordinating Secretary;
 - (vi) accordingly, of the total cost borne on behalf of the Coordinating Secretaries during the past three years; and
 - (vii) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by the these secretaries in comparison with that cost?
- (b) If not, why?

3913/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the North Central Province separately of—
 - (i) the total number of cancer patients who died during the period from the year 2005 up to 2012;
 - (ii) the number of patients that died in each hospital;
 - (iii) the total number of cancer patients who receive treatment from government hospitals at present; and
 - (iv) the number of patients who receive treatment in each government hospital?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether medicines are sufficiently available to the cancer patients in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the number of cancer patients in that province has rapidly increased;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for it; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to prevent the aforesaid reasons?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

4109/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that has been paid on separate occasions to the Lanka Logistics Company for the e-NIC project by the Department of Registration of Persons;
- (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid payments were made;
- (iii) whether the Lanka Logistics Company asked for a sum of Rs. 37,649,044.00 for the aforesaid project on 31.12.2012; and
- (iv) whether the above sum of money has been paid to the aforesaid company?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) separately, the services provided by the Lanka Logistics Company for the e-NIC project and the corresponding cost borne for each service; and
- (ii) the reason for paying a large sum of money to an intermediary agency while a suitable supplier was due to be selected to handle all the aspects of the e-NIC project?

(c) If not, why?

4312/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the year in which the State Distilleries Corporation was privatized;
- (ii) of the number of employees that served in the State Distilleries Corporation at the time of Privatization;
- (iii) of the amount of money deposited in the treasury by Dr. N.M. Perera who was the Minister of Finance at the time of the commencement of the State Distilleries Corporation, for the employees of the state Distilleries Corporation;
- (iv) whether arrangements were made to pay compensation out of the money deposited in the treasury, to the employees of the State Distilleries Corporation who resigned, were dismissed and vacated their posts out of those employees who did not like to work in the new company after the State Distilleries Corporation was privatized; and
- (v) if so, the amount of money paid in relation to each employee as compensation?

(b) If not, why?

(5)

4321/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of vacancies existing in the Sri Lanka Nursing Service at present;
 - (ii) the basis (patients, number of beds or others etc.) used to calculate the aforesaid number of vacancies existing in the Nursing Service; and
 - (iii) the duration of the training provided to those who are selected for the Nursing Service before permanent appointments are awarded to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Nurses Training Schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of nurses that can be trained in these training schools in a year;
 - (iii) whether there are vacancies for academic staff (lecturers) in them;
 - (iv) if so, whether attention has been paid to fill the aforesaid vacancies; and
 - (v) the manner in which the those vacancies will be filled?
- (c) If not why ?

4410/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the roads that are being developed in Kurunegala District under the Deyata Kirula Programme in the year 2014 ;
 - (ii) whether tenders have been called to undertake the development activities of those roads;
 - (iii) if so, the institutions to which the tenders regarding the development of the above each road were awarded; and
 - (iv) separately, the agreed amounts of monies with regard to the tenders that have been granted for the development projects of each of the aforesaid road?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

4445/'13

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

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of persons who passed the competitive examination held in January 2013 to promote to the post of Audit Superintendent Class II Grade II of the Sri Lanka Audit Service on seniority and merit basis along with the number of subjects in that competitive examination and the number of persons who sat for the examination;
- (ii) the number of persons expected to be recruited to that post and the number of persons that have been called for the interview; and
- (iii) the marks obtained by them in the interview and in the written test?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the criteria adopted to give marks;
- (ii) the basis on which marks were given on seniority and merit bases;
- (iii) whether the post of Group Officer that was considered in giving marks for experience is a post that has been approved by the Department of Management Services;
- (iv) the laws and circulars that were used as a basis to give marks for that post;
- (v) the reasons for depriving the interview board of giving at least 05 marks; and
- (vi) the reasons for not giving marks for other higher educational qualifications acquired relevant to their duty?

(c) If not, why?

4557/'13

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of persons that receive the Samurdhi assistance at present;
- (ii) whether he accepts the accusation to the effect that the aforesaid benefit is not received by the people who are actually poor; and
- (iii) whether he accepts that the amount received by a Samurdhi recipient monthly at present is not sufficient to relieve himself from the poverty line;

(b) If not, why?

4628/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to how the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is calculated at present;
- (ii) as to how the unit value of the COLA (in Rupees per unit) is calculated;
- (iii) as to when the above (unit value) was last published in a gazette;
- (iv) whether there have been reasons since the last gazette to revise the said unit cost; and
- (v) if so, as to when instructions will be given to publish a gazette notification introducing the new unit value of COLA?

(b) If not, why?

4739/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of schools in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) of the number of schools to which electricity supply has been provided out of the aforesaid schools;
- (iii) of the number of schools of which the electricity bill is paid by the government;
- (iv) whether action will be taken for the electricity bills of all schools to be paid by the government; and
- (v) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(b) If not, why?

2506/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

(a) Is he aware that there are several shortages of physical and human resources in Kiriibbanwewa Vidyalaya, situated in the Sampathnuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Northern Province?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the existing shortages of the physical and human resources in Kiriibbanweawa Vidyalaya;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to meet the aforesaid shortages; and
- (iii) if so, the time that will be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, May 23, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2368/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “Mahinda Chinthana-Dinawamu Sri Lanka” manifesto, that a meal of rice would be provided free of charge to the school children for their mid day meal ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether all the students receive the mid day meal as per the aforesaid pledge;
 - (ii) if not, reasons for that;
 - (iii) of the number of schools, that provide a meal of rice for the mid day meal at present; and
 - (iv) of the basis on which the aforesaid schools were selected for the purpose of providing the mid day meal?
- (c) If not, why?

3231/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation—
 - (i) the profit or loss from 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3593/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is known that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy lands in that Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;

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- (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether action has been taken according to the law after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to reclaim the paddy lands in the Akuressa Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be reclaimed; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to reclaim the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3626/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the newly-laid “Sandwich” track of the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo had been in a state that needed repairing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Sports has appointed a Committee to look into the above matter;
 - (ii) if so, who the members of that Committee are;
 - (iii) the date on which the Committee was appointed;
 - (iv) what the Committee’s recommendations are;
 - (v) of the company or the persons to whom the laying of the new track was assigned; and
 - (vi) whether yet another Committee was appointed by the Presidential Investigations Unit to look into the laying of the track?
- (c) If not, why?

3709/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of advisors approved for the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the areas for which advisors have been appointed under the present President;
 - (iii) of the cost borne for those advisors during the last three years; and
 - (iv) whether a satisfactory service has been rendered by the advisors in comparison with the aforesaid cost?
- (b) If not, why?

3823/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals in the Anuradhapura District that carries out dialysis treatment for kidney patients;
 - (ii) the names of such hospitals;
 - (iii) the number of dialysis machines available in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (iv) the number of patients subjected to dialysis treatment per day in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (v) the number of doctors and nurses staff attached to each of that hospital for dialysis treatments of kidney patients?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Health Service Offices situated in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the number of kidney patients identified by the aforesaid offices?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether kidney transplantation is carried out in the Anuradhapura hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which those operations commenced; and
 - (iii) if kidney transplantation is not carried out, of the matters that hinder it?
- (d) If not, why?

4290/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of funds spent on the construction of the new terminal or the Abhimantota terminal of the Colombo South Harbour;
 - (ii) the funding source of the above construction project;
 - (iii) the date on which an agreement was made with the Chinese Company for constructing this terminal; and
 - (iv) the conditions agreed to on that occasion?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any truth in the reports published to the effect that the aforesaid new terminal has been leased out to the China Merchant Holding Hong Kong Company for 35 years, until 2048;
 - (ii) if so, of the conditions of lease, the manner of income distribution and the ways in which the operations and duties are carried out; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the port operations are privatized by leasing out the harbour in this manner which was a national economic centre?
- (c) If not, why?

4332/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Colleges of Education functioning in this country, separately in terms of each subject; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in each College of Education in the year 2013, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the names and qualifications of the Presidents serving at the Colleges of Education;
 - (ii) of the minimum qualifications required to hold the post of the President of a College of Education;
 - (iii) whether there is a shortage of lecturers at those Colleges of Education; and
 - (iv) if so, the Colleges of Education and the subjects with relevance to which the shortage of lecturers exists?
- (c) If not, why?

4438/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which enrollment of students to follow the Medical degree (MBBS) course was done for the first time by SAIMT private medical college situated in Malabe;
 - (ii) of the number of local students registered to follow the said degree course by 30th September 2013;
 - (iii) of the total course fee to be paid by a student got registered in 2013;
 - (iv) whether an agreement has been reached on a method of granting scholarships to local students, when this institution was established;
 - (v) if so, what that agreement is; and
 - (vi) of the number of students who have been granted full scholarships out of the total number of students registered by now?
- (b) If not, why?

(12)

4528/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the procedure of recruitment for the post of Group Officer of Auditor General's Department has been cited in the current Service Minute of the Audit Inspectors;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid appointments have been made in keeping with seniority, interviews, competitive examinations or approved procedure of recruitment; and
- (iii) if not, of the procedure followed?

(b) If not, why?

4665/'13

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the positions for which diplomatic passports are issued by the Department of Immigration and Emigration;
- (ii) separately, of the names and positions of persons who have been issued diplomatic passports by the Department of Immigration and Emigration between 2005 and 31st December 2013?

(b) If not, why?

4745/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is an agro-chemicals branch under the purview of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
- (ii) of the method of distributing the agro-chemicals produced at that branch;
- (iii) whether warehouse facilities are available for that branch;
- (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that expired agro-chemicals are stored in those warehouses; and
- (v) of the measures that will be taken in relation to those expired agro chemicals?

(b) If not, why?

2505/'12

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

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

3233/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Road Development Authority—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

3737/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware the fact that a competitive examination was held in year 2012 to make recruitments for the post of Postal Officer of category 'b', Grade I 'b' of the integrated postal service?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) of the qualifications of recruitment for the aforesaid post;
- (ii) of the number of candidates, who passed the examination held, in order to make the aforesaid recruitments;
- (iii) out of the candidates passed, of the number of individuals who have been recruited by now;
- (iv) of the minimum mark that was considered when they were recruited;
- (v) of the institutions that issued acceptable certificates to certify their computer literacy, in addition to the marks obtained in the competitive examination that was held to select the qualified candidates?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the candidates level allegations that, at the time that the recruitments of Postal Officers were made, appointments have been given on friendly basis, depriving the ones who had got higher marks;
- (ii) if so, whether actions will be taken to carry out a formal inquiry and to make appointments to those who underwent injustice; and
- (iii) if so, of the aforesaid date?

(d) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 03, 2014

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2439/'12

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

- (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 the 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?

2469/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

- (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 the 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?

2504/'12

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

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

3264/'12

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

(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 ?

3367/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

(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 had been allocated for the year 2013 to look after each such child?

(b) Will he inform this 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?

3699/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(4)

(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?

4074/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of accidents that have occurred at unguarded level crossings during the years 2012 and 2013;
- (ii) the number of persons who became disable due to those accidents; and
- (iii) the measures that have been taken to mitigate such accidents?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the places that have been identified with unguarded level crossings;
- (ii) separately, the security measures that will be adopted to mitigate accidents in each of those places;
- (iii) whether the cost needed to take such precautionary measures has been estimated; and
- (iv) if so, the amount of money so estimated?

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(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the number of gates and electric signal systems that have been established at level crossings during the past two years;
- (ii) the places where such installations were made ; and
- (iii) the cost that has been borne for that?

(d) If not, why?

4219/'13

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the steps taken by the Ministry of Justice in the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 to reduce the backlog of the civil courts of first instance; and
- (ii) whether Judicial activities in the civil courts of first instance are carried out in a considerable speed?

(b) If not, why?

4340/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) many shortcomings exist at the old Post Office at Silawathura in the Mannar District;
- (ii) it would benefit the current residents of that area if the said Post Office is developed; and
- (iii) the current residents of that area have to go to Murungan Post Office located 17 kilometres away to obtain postal services?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to address the shortcomings that exist at the Post Office at Silawathura?

(c) If not, why?

4341/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an account bearing No.2323246 was maintained in the Independence Square branch of the Bank of Ceylon, in addition to the account bearing No. 2323310 maintained in the same branch by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy;
- (ii) the Executive Director and the Finance Manager of that Council ordered the transfer of a sum of Rs. 4,293,253.00 credited to the general account of that Council bearing No.4530801719 on 15.04.2005 and to some other account bearing No.004530207663 on 03.05.2005;
- (iii) it had not been revealed in the audit as to what purpose the said sum of money had been used since the institution mentioned above did not have particulars of that additional account; and
- (iv) the said institution does not have any particulars about the account bearing No. 2323246 mentioned in (i) above?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the reason for maintaining another account bearing No. 2323246 in addition to the account bearing No. 2323310;
- (ii) the corrupt officials who engaged in fraudulent transactions through accounts mentioned in (a) (i) and (a) (ii) above; and
- (iii) the action taken against such officials?

(c) If not, why?

4407/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of industrialists who are involved in the apparel industry in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) of the number of employees in those garment factories; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that there are 30 000 vacancies in those garment factories?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he accepts that the vacancies in the garment factories were filled using local labourers up to now;
- (ii) whether there is a programme to fill those vacancies by obtaining labour from the countries like Bangladesh, India and Myanmar in the future;
- (iii) if so, the factors that lead to such a situation;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that obtaining foreign labour for filling vacancies in the said field will be curtailed the employment opportunities for the youth in this country; and
- (v) if so, the courses of action that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

4629/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has allotted to the Urban Development Authority some portion out of the lands administered by the Balangoda Plantation Company and located within the limits of Ratnapura New Town for distribution among low income earners and public servants;
- (ii) if so, the total extent of such land;
- (iii) the number of lots that are to be distributed; and
- (iv) the assessed value of a perch of land so proposed to be distributed?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) of the name of each of the public servants to whom the plots of lands are proposed to be awarded, the designation last held by him or her and the extent of land scheduled to be allotted to him or her;
- (ii) of the name of each of the low income earners from among the recipients of the lands referred to above, his or her monthly income and the extent of land he or she is to receive; and
- (iii) in the case of the proposed recipients of lands who have made payments in this regard, if any, the name and the number of the account to which the payments have thus been paid?

(c) If not, why?

2507/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(4)

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

2684/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (4)

- (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?

3013/'12

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

- (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' National 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?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2562/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the monthly salaries received by the peoples' representatives of various local government bodies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid representatives get adequate salaries;
 - (iii) the facilities and allowances provided to the peoples' representatives of local government bodies to render services to the public; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid allowances and facilities are adequate to render an optimum service to the public ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2787/'12

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

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

3083/'12

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

- (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 the year 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 years 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?

3268/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari Division in the island;
- (ii) of the amount allocated for that purpose;
- (iii) of the estimated amount for the construction of a “Seva Piyasa” office; and
- (iv) of the date on which the first “Seva Piyasa” office will be constructed ?

(b) If not, why ?

3379/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

(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, of the amount of money spent by the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year ?

(c) If not, why?

3654/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

3943/'13

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

- (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?

4408/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the age limit that the children in Children's Homes in Sri Lanka that are governed by the government and volunteer organizations are sent out of the Children's Homes and reintegrated to the society;
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to provide education to the children in Children's Homes until they reach that age;
- (iii) the steps that have been taken to safeguard the future of the children who are sent out of the Children's Homes; and
- (iv) whether there is a course of action to provide them with employment opportunities based on their educational qualifications?

(b) If not why?

4411/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of small hydro power plant project proposals owned by the Lanka Energy (pvt) Ltd., and acquired by the Sustainable Energy Authority in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of projects out of the aforesaid projects that the construction work has been started;
- (iii) what those projects are;
- (iv) the time period needed to complete the constructions of each of the aforesaid projects; and
- (v) the courses of action that are to be taken in the future to commence the projects that have not yet been started?

(b) If not, why?

4437/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether conducting of tuition classes on Sundays and Poya days has been banned;
 - (ii) if so, the areas where that ban is in force;
 - (iii) of the age limit of the students relevant to the tuition classes that are subjected to this ban; and
 - (iv) of the policy adopted by the central government in this respect?
- (b) If not, why?

2565/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that the drainage system of the Aluthgama tourist resort that has not been constructed systematically to suit the wide road system there, getting blocked with garbage, has caused a stench to spread throughout the town ?
- (b) If so, will he state as to when measures will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?
- (c) Will he inform this House the reasons for not making the shops and stalls of the new bus station constructed in Aluthgama town available to the vendors to date ?
- (d) If not, why?

3156/'12

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

- (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?

3293/'12

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

- (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, of 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) of 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, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (e) If not, why ?

3383/'12

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(3)

- (a) Will he state the number of Natural Wild Elephant Conservation Centres expected to be established in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to each of the aforesaid centre—
 - (i) of the name, location, extent and the estimated cost of construction separately;
 - (ii) of the desired objective;
 - (iii) of the length of the electric fences constructed and the amount expected to be allocated for their construction separately;
 - (iv) of the number of officers expected to be deployed for maintenance of the electric fences and the cost in that respect; and
 - (v) of the total number of officers to be employed at each centre?

- (c) Will he also state with respect to the Wild Elephant Conservation Centre of Horowpathana—
- (i) the number of tanks expected to be built and the estimated amount for them;
 - (ii) the number of pastures to be constructed and the amount allocated in that respect;
 - (iii) the period for which elephants are expected to be rehabilitated;
 - (iv) the areas to which those rehabilitated elephants will be released; and
 - (v) if a follow up of the elephants released after rehabilitation is to be done, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

3908/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (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 and health conservation programme in place in relation to such waste?
- (b) If not, why?
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