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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 29 of the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution relating to launching the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1853/49 of 14th March 2014, which were presented on 20.05.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1734/12 of 30th November 2011, which were presented on 20.05.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of Section 37 of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1998 as amended by Act, No. 23 of 2006 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1786/26 of 30th November 2012, which were presented on 20.05.2014, be approved.

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Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

(2)

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3733/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the employment agency named “Omar Travels” the registration of which was revoked for the offence of sending abroad the under aged school girl named Rizana Nafik in Muttur, who was executed by beheading in Saudi Arabia, through forged documents prepared by deceiving her, has been registered again under the name “Omalka Travels”;
 - (ii) the reasons for granting authority to register the agency named “Omar Travels”, which has been blacklisted, under another name with the same board of directors;
 - (iii) whether it is accepted that due to such authorized fraudulent agency holders are compelled to commit more crime and they would not be afraid of making forged documents; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to rectify that situation?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 18, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2622/'12

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

- (a) Will he state the projects implemented in the Northern Province under the “Uthuru Wasanthaya” programme during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to the aforesaid projects—
 - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Divisions level; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent under each subject?
- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid projects are sufficient to develop the Northern Province?
- (d) If not, why ?

(3)

3152/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total construction cost of the Oluvil Port; and
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority can be competitive while sustaining the continuous loss of money?
- (b) Will he also state the capital and general reserve movements of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the year 2007 to date on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

3213/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage and the solid waste that are collected by the Kandy Municipal Council are dumped at a place called Gohagoda in Harispaththuwa Pradeshiya Sabha area; and
 - (ii) the residents of that area contract various diseases consequent to the pollution of the sources of drinking water and the odour emitted as a result of the addition of the waste into the Mahaweli river?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to get the Kandy Municipal Council to manage the waste properly and turn the waste into a resource; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it is done?
- (c) If not, why?

3447/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the minimum qualifications one should have in order to be appointed to the Office of Zonal Director of Education;
 - (ii) separately, of the names and educational qualifications of the Zonal Directors of Education in each of the education zones in the North Central Province;
 - (iii) of the number of officers working in the capacity of Zonal Director of Education without possessing the qualification mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) of the names and the education zones of them?

(4)

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of officers belonging to Grades I, II, and III of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service working in the North Central Province;
- (ii) of their names and present places of work;
- (iii) of the number of Zonal Directors of Education working in that Province who have not gained the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service qualifications;
- (iv) of the names and the education zones of them;
- (v) of the basis on which officers who do not possess the required qualifications are appointed to the aforesaid position; and
- (vi) whether action will be taken to recover from the officers who are not qualified to hold the aforesaid offices any allowance they have obtained by improper means after accepting posts for which they are not qualified?

(c) If not, why?

3688/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
- (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
- (ii) of the funding source for that; and
- (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?

(d) If not, why?

(5)

4313/'13

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the people living in areas like Udawalawa, Yala, Wilpattu, Wasgamuwa, Galgamuwa and Anuradhapura still become victims of attacks by wild elephants; and
- (ii) as a remedial measure to protect the people of those areas from the wild elephant menace, persons were recruited as casual labourers from the year 2002 to serve in the Department of Wildlife Conservation for activities such as maintenance of electric fences, chasing away wild elephants, bringing to book hunters and sellers of game, etc.?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of employees recruited as mentioned in (a)(ii) above;
- (ii) whether he admits that the danger caused by wild elephants has increased again in those areas as the service of the said employees has been suspended with effect from 01.01.2013 and that those people who lost their jobs have been subjected to severe inconvenience; and
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to re-instate those employees, confirm them in service and solve the wild elephant issue that prevails in those areas?

(c) If not, why?

4318/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which a survey on the literacy rate of the people of the Eastern Province was held last;
- (ii) separately, the literacy rate of females and males as a percentage of the total population of the Eastern Province; and
- (iii) the number of children not receiving primary education out of the children upto 10 years of age in the Ampara District of Eastern Province?

(6)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the rates referred to above are accepted by the educational authorities as of a sufficient level;
- (ii) of the factors that have been identified for the decline in the literacy rate; and
- (iii) of the programme implemented to change that situation?

(c) If not, why?

4413/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to commence expeditiously the construction work of the reservoir project proposed to be constructed damming the Ma-Oya close to the Mawanella town by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board with the aim of using the water of the Ma-Oya to supply water for drinking water projects continuously throughout the year;
- (ii) how much the project costs;
- (iii) the funding source;
- (iv) if that amount of money will be sought as loan aid, of the interest rate;
- (v) from which institution the loan will be obtained; and
- (vi) how long it will take to implement the project?

(b) If not, why?

4433/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether India has purchased weapons from Sri Lanka according to a statement made by the Indian Minister of Defence in the Lok Sabha;
- (ii) if so, the time period in which that transaction was taken place;
- (iii) the types of weapons that have been purchased by India;
- (iv) the income earned by Sri Lanka by selling those weapons; and
- (v) of the report that ensures the transparency of that transaction?

(b) If not why?

(7)

4587/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that several casinos are operating in Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of casinos operated in Colombo as at 29.11.2013 and their registered names;
 - (ii) the annual taxes, levies and all other fees due from each of the above for the years 2006 to 2012 and for the first three quarters of the year 2013; and
 - (iii) the annual taxes, levies and all other fees paid by each of the above casinos for the aforesaid time period?
- (c) If not, why?

4749/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the length of the roads maintained by the Central Government;
 - (ii) the length of the roads maintained by the Provincial Councils; and
 - (iii) the length of the roads maintained by the Pradeshiya Sabhas?
- (b) Will he state the length of the roads carpeted by now, out of the roads maintained by the Central Government?
- (c) If not, why?

2627/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken by now to develop the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated annually for the fisheries sector from the year 2005 to 2011 ; and
 - (iii) whether the money allocated was sufficient for each of the said years?
- (b) If not, why ?

3149/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (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?

3218/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage and solid waste disposed of from the area of Galagedara Thumpane Pradeshiya Sabha are dumped at the land called Dikoyawatta of Pujapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the people of surrounding area have been exposed to illnesses as the water of the aforesaid area has been contaminated with the waste materials that are disposed of;
 - (iii) the people of the area make allegations to the effect that a solution has not been materialized up to now, even if the officials concerned were made aware as to stop the dumping of waste materials in the aforesaid place; and
 - (iv) some nearby roads also have been damaged by now due to the transportation of garbage?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to develop the roads that were damaged due to the transportation of garbage; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to put an end to the dumping of the garbage at the aforesaid place?
- (c) If not, why?

(9)

3701/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
- (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
- (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
- (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
- (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
- (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, June 19, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2642/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken to grant a loan not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Thousand under a concessionary interest rate to each family of woman headed households in the North and East for them to take up a suitable economic process; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families that have been granted the said loan?

(b) If not, why?

3236/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka—
 - (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 bank;
 - (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?

3591/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts the reports which say that the number of telephones that are used in Sri Lanka is greater than the total population of the country; and
 - (ii) of the number of fixed telephones and mobile telephones that are used in the country at present?
- (b) Will he state separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of mobile telephones and fixed telephones that have been imported during the period from the year 2005 to-date;
 - (ii) the number of telephones in terms of the country from which they were imported; and
 - (iii) the total amount of foreign exchange spent on importation of those telephones?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that spending of foreign exchange on the importation of telephones exerts impact on the deficit of the balance of payment;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken to control that situation;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that telephones of poor standard are imported into the country; and
 - (iv) of the action that has been taken to prevent that situation?
- (d) 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?

3827/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a housing scheme has been constructed on the Diyathithhawewa road in the Horowpathana Divisional Secretariat Division, by the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the amount of money granted to a recipient of such a house to construct each house; and
 - (iii) whether that amount was granted as a loan or an aid?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the recipients of those houses—
 - (i) the extent of a plot of land so given;
 - (ii) whether freehold ownership of those lands have been granted; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to provide those people with drinking water?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of houses that has been constructed;
 - (ii) the number of houses which has been occupied by the recipients; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken in relation to the unoccupied houses?
- (d) If not, why?

4335/'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 number of vacancies that exist in Classes I II and III of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service by now, separately,
 - (ii) the date on which the Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment of Officers to Class III of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service was held last;
 - (iii) the date on which the officers were appointed on the results of that examination;
 - (iv) the number of appointments granted on that occasion; and
 - (v) the number of female officers found among the said officers who were granted appointments?
- (b) Will he slate—
 - (i) the date on which the Limited Competitive Examination for Recruitment of Officers to Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service was held last,
 - (ii) whether officers have been recruited on the results of that examination; and
 - (iii) if not, the dates on which recruitment of officers is expected to done?
- (c) If not, why?

4508/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Akurana town was submerged by rainwater at different occasions during the last fifteen years;
 - (ii) a massive damage has been caused to places of business and residents owing to the town being submerged;
 - (iii) the Kandy-Jaffna main road (A-9) could not be used when the Akurana town was under water;
 - (iv) portions of buildings, erected by blocking the stream that flows through the town, were removed on the instructions of the officials when the Akurana town was submerged in 1997;
 - (v) silt in that stream was dredged twice at a cost of Rs. 5 million contributed by the Akurana Grand Mosque and the residents of the area;
 - (vi) all timber mills located close to the stream were removed; and
 - (vii) however, Akurana town was submerged once again by the rain that fell on the 31st October 2013?

(13)

(b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to device a permanent solution to the problem of Akurana town submerging upon a study by the line ministry with the involvement of the other ministries?

(c) If not, why?

4588/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether a casino under the name “Marina Colombo” or a similar name was registered for the payment of gaming levy and other related taxes;

(ii) as to when the same was registered for the first time; and

(iii) the name (individual or company) under which the aforesaid casino was registered?

(b) If not, why?

4598/'13

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the teachers required to teach Science and Mathematics and the teachers required for the primary section are not available in the NWP/P/Koiyawadi Muslim Maha Vidyalaya belonging to the Puttalam Education Zone in the North Western Province; and

(ii) the aforesaid situation is a hindrance to the studies of the students of the said school?

(b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide the aforesaid school with the required teachers without delay?

(c) If not, why?

4652/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of —

(i) the number of buses parked without plying, within the Depots and the other premises, that come under the Sri Lanka Transport Board, excluding the Gampaha District;

(ii) the reasons led not to deploy the aforesaid buses for transportation;

(iii) the number of buses that could be put into running condition; and

(iv) the cost incurred, if such buses, which would be put into running condition should be repaired?

(b) If not, why?

(14)

4752/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the road from Mallawapitiya to Rideegama in Kurunegala will be developed and carpeted; and
- (ii) the period of time that will be taken for the aforesaid work?

(b) If not, why?

2647/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

3237/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he state, pertaining to the Lanka Sathosa—

- (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?

3651/'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 level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Welipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy land in the aforesaid 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 legal action has been taken 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 fill the paddy lands in the Welipitiya 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 filled; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3714/'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 basis on which qualified individuals were selected for the provision of Education Aid from the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the number selected for the provision of Education Aid during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the recipients and the amount of money granted to each individual?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, June 20, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?
- (b) If not, why?

3240/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the National Housing 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?

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 ?

3652/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) approximately twenty two baby elephants caught from Habarana and Udawalawa areas, are being kept in the custody of various businessmen, devalas and temples illegally; and
- (ii) the Department of Wildlife Conservation has not taken any step against that?

(b) Will he state as to why the Department of Wildlife Conservation has not taken any step with regard to the fact mentioned in (a) (i) above?

(18)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that a company called “Association of Tamed Elephants” has been registered;
- (ii) whether he accepts the fact that the officials of this Association set a wrong example to the society by keeping elephants and tuskens in their custody; and
- (iii) whether formal inquiry will be carried out and necessary steps will be taken to avoid the aforesaid situation, as the officials of the Association of Tamed Elephants are keeping Elephants and Tuskers in their custody and have made it into a racket?

(d) 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?

4163/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) a fire occurred at Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court on or around 26.11.2011;
- (ii) a large number of productions and documents of Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court were burnt or damaged due to that fire;
- (iii) the cases that were being heard at that court have been caused to delays of many years as a result of the damages caused to the productions and documents; and
- (iv) certain case files have been misplaced after that fire?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the cause for the fire that occurred at Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court;
- (ii) if the fire has been caused due to an act of arson, whether the persons involved have been arrested;
- (iii) if so, the action taken in relation to those persons;
- (iv) of the Police Station that is conducting investigations regarding that incident; and
- (v) of the results of such investigations?

(c) If not, why?

4280/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of complaints lodged with the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption against Ministers (Cabinet and Non Cabinet), Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament, within the period from 19th November 2005 to 30th June 2013;
- (ii) the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament against whom such allegations have been leveled; and
- (iii) the allegations leveled against each Minister, Deputy Minister and Member of Parliament separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of complaints with regard to which investigations have been concluded by the said Commission;
- (ii) of further action taken in relation to complaints with regard to which investigations have been concluded separately;
- (iii) whether speedy and proper investigations will be carried out regarding the complaints with regard to which investigations have not been concluded up to now; and
- (iv) the time frame envisaged for that?

(c) If not, why?

4599/'13

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

- (a) Will he state whether a decision has been taken by the Urban Development Authority to remove the houses belonging to the residents of Applewaththa and R.B. waththa in Maligawaththa, Colombo 10 with a view to implementing the Colombo Urban Development and Beautification programmes?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) if so, of the number of houses and other property identified to be removed from the above locations; and
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and the assessment numbers of the proprietors of the aforesaid houses and the property?
- (c) If not, why?

4660/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the project for construction of Trincomalee outer circular road has already been commenced;
 - (ii) if so, as to when it was commenced;
 - (iii) the date proposed for completion of the project; and
 - (iv) if not, as to when the said project is due to be commenced?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the company to which the contract for the Trincomalee outer circular road project was awarded ; and
 - (ii) the total value of the contract awarded to the said company?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the manner in which this project will be funded (i.e. whether it is to be funded by way of a loan and /or grant); and
 - (ii) the breakdown of parties responsible for funding the project and the amount funded by each party?
- (d) If not, why?

2660/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether fully equipped language laboratories consisting of all facilities have been established in every higher education institute including Universities, as envisaged in 'Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) if so, what the details pertaining to the programme to establish those language laboratories are?
- (b) If not, why?

3241/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Urban 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?

3653/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a land of 250 acres in extent which is linked with Wilpattu National Forest Reserve of Puttlam District and attached to Thabbowa sanctuary, coming under the proposed Veerakkulicholai-Eluwankulama Forest Reserve, is being cleared by H.V.A. Farm company by using backhoes;
 - (ii) a bogus deed has been executed on this state-owned forest land; and
 - (iii) Vanathawilluwa Divisional Secretary has taken steps to legalize the bogus deed, executed on this forest land?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the lawful permission has been obtained, pertaining to the constructions carried out by the aforesaid institution;
- (ii) whether he accepts the fact that the operation of H.V.A Farm company in the aforesaid area where there are archeological and wildlife reserves, causes a severe environmental damage; and
- (iii) if so, whether steps will be taken to prevent that situation?

(c) If not, why?

3718/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately of the total amount of paddy purchased by the government in each season during the last four years;
- (ii) the aforesaid amounts of paddy as a percentage of the total production of each season;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on purchasing paddy last year; and
- (iv) the manner in which money was generated for the purchase of paddy during last four years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the stocks of paddy purchased in each season, the prices at which paddy was sold on each occasion, the persons who purchased and the amounts purchased by each of the aforesaid persons;
- (ii) separately of the profit made/ loss incurred through the above purchases of paddy annually; and
- (iii) of the reasons for the loss, if a loss has incurred?

(c) If not, why?

4164/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the names of the categories of Ayurvedic doctors found in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of doctors belonging to each of those categories; and
- (iii) the number of General Physicians among those categories, separately in terms of each district?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of massage centres that have been provided with licences by the Department of Ayurveda within the period from the year 2005 up to 2013;
- (ii) the number and the addresses of those centres separately according to the districts;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the doctors who have been permitted to maintain those massage centres; and
- (iv) if licences for maintaining massage centres have been provided by other institutions in addition to the Department of Ayurveda, the names of such institutions?

(c) Will he also inform this House of—

- (i) the minimum professional qualifications required to maintain an ayurvedic massage centre; and
- (ii) the conditions that should prevail at a place where such a centre is maintained?

(d) If not, why?

4661/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to when the tenders were called for the construction of the High Altitude Sports Complex in Nuwara-Eliya;
- (ii) of the name of the company to which the contract for construction of the said Sports Complex was awarded ; and
- (iii) of the reasons for selection of the aforesaid company for the construction?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the total cost of the project to construct a High Altitude Sports Complex in Nuwara Eliya ;
- (ii) of the name/s of the party or parties who are to fund the project; and
- (iii) if more than one party is involved in funding, the breakdown of funding among the parties?

(c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, June 20, 2014)

2905/'12

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

- (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?
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