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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3271/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the revenue earned through the Southern Expressway for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
- (ii) the number of cars that have travelled upto now on the said Expressway;
- (iii) the number of accidents that have occurred upto now on the said Expressway;
- (iv) whether the Southern Expressway was closed for any reason; and
- (v) if so, the reasons for the closure?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 19 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/32 of 29th January 2014, which were presented on 18.06.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with Section 128 A and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1848/29 of 06th February 2014, which were presented on 17.06.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment under paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of Section 51 read with paragraph (g) of Section 6 and Section 39 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1771/19 of 15th August 2012, which were presented on 18.06.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy under Section 51 read with Sections 27 and 28 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act, No. 35 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1816/37 of 28th June 2013 and corrected and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1829/38 of 27th September 2013, which were presented on 18.06.2014, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, July 09, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4486/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the estuary in Chilaw is naturally filled every year and the fisher folk in the area are severely inconvenienced due to that reason; and
- (ii) a number of deaths and damages to boats have occurred by now due to the accidents caused when launching boats, by reason of the filling of the estuary?

(3)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any course of action has been taken by now to develop the Chilaw estuary;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to carry out a suitable investigation in regard to the filling of the Chilaw estuary and provide a lasting solution for it;
- (iii) if so, the courses of action taken for that; and
- (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to develop the aforesaid estuary through the courses of action mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, July 10, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4738/'14

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a proper programme is not available for sending the school children who are selected for various foreign sports tournaments to foreign countries to participate in those tournaments; and
- (ii) the parents of the children who are selected for foreign sports tournaments are severely inconvenienced under the aforesaid circumstances?

(b) Will he inform this House whether there is a plan to establish a fund for sending the students who are selected for foreign sports tournaments ?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

4846/'14

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of places registered with the Department of Inland Revenue for carrying on the business of 'bookmaker' from the year 2005 to 2013 on per year basis separately under namely three categories— using of agents, the provision of live telecast facilities and without live telecast facilities;
- (ii) the names of persons or companies under which each of the above registrations have been made;
- (iii) if any of the above registration has been done under a company, the names of the directors of the said company; and
- (iv) the total levies collected for each year from the year 2005 to 2013 separately under the three categories given in part (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, July 11, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4847/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of licenses issued so far to carry on the business of gaming in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of persons and/or companies who have obtained such licenses; and
- (iii) the date of issue of each of the above licenses;

(b) If not, why?

(5)

4851/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House for the years 2005 to 2013-

- (i) the number of places registered with the Department of Inland Revenue on per year basis for carrying on the business of 'gaming' separated by 'Rudjino';
- (ii) the names of persons or companies under which each of the above registrations have been done;
- (iii) the names of the directors of the each registered company; and
- (iv) the total levies collected for each year separately, from the Rudjino?

(b) If not, why?

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2224/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(6)

(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?

(6)

3248/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Customs-
 - (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?

3708/'13

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

- (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 these secretaries in comparison with that cost?
- (b) If not, why?

3831/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the project to widen the Mulatiyana Kotapola road in the Matara District is being implemented at present;
 - (ii) the funding sources for the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) the estimated expenditure for that purpose; and
 - (iv) the moneys spent exceeding the estimated amount?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that allegations are leveled by the people of the area that widening activities of the road are continued without paying any compensation for the landowners from whom the Swarnabhumi lands and freehold lands have been acquired for the expansion of the Mulatiyana-Kotapola road;
- (ii) of the reasons for not making arrangements to pay compensation to the relevant parties in relation to this road following the similar procedure in paying compensation to the relevant parties when widening other roads;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to pay compensation to the above landowners having examined this matter; and
- (iv) if so, what that date is?

(c) If not, why?

3906/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a large number of acres of land in "Kularippu" forest reserve in Muhudubada Pattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District, "Mattusudan" crown forest in Mankulam Divisional Secretariat Division, and the forest reserves that belong to three Divisional Secretariat Divisions i.e., Musali, Madu and Manthai West in the Mannar District are being cleared of forest at the moment;
- (ii) separately, the extent of land that has been cleared of forest from each of the aforesaid forest areas; and
- (iii) separately, of the purpose of clearing the aforesaid forest areas?

(b) If not, why?

4289/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Cabinet decision has been taken on 15th August 2013 to have a public issue of shares of the People's Bank owing to the financial crisis confronted with by this major state bank in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether the People's Bank Act will be amended due to the fact that as per the Peoples Bank Act number 29 of 1961 a public issue of shares of the bank in the share market is not possible; and
- (iii) whether he admits that the government loses the ownership of the bank by allowing the private sector to purchase the shares issued by the People's Bank in the share market?

(b) If not, why?

(8)

4442/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the facilities provided to the Technical College at Kuliyaipitiya under the Deyata Kirula Development Programme for 2014;
 - (ii) of the value of the provisions made for providing those facilities; and
 - (iii) whether modernization and provision of facilities under the said provisions were completed prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

4558/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that a housing loan programme styled “Rataviruwo Naya Wedasatahana” (Emigrant Worker Heroes Loan Programme) for low-income earner emigrant workers who do not have a house of their own?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the loan programme referred to above was implemented;
 - (ii) the banks through which the loans are facilitated;
 - (iii) the number of branches belonging to each such bank, which are operating within this country; and
 - (iv) the expenditure borne for enlightening officers on this loan project and for other administrative activities carried out in this regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the conditions and qualifications necessary to be eligible for a loan under this scheme;
 - (ii) the maximum loan amount given to a person;
 - (iii) the rate of interest charged for the loan; and
 - (iv) the number of applicants who have applied for the loan and the number of those who have been granted the loan?
- (d) If not, why?

4567/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has taken action to allocate funds up to Rs. 200,000/- for all between 18 to 22 years of age in order to enable them to obtain tertiary education or training as mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future”;
- (ii) if so, of the number of youth who have obtained the aforesaid facility by now;
- (iii) of the procedure to be adopted in order to obtain the aforesaid financial facility;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid funds provided will be recovered; and
- (v) if the aforesaid money is to be recovered, of the period of time after which the aforesaid funds will be recovered once the study or the training for which the said money was used has been concluded?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to made the pledge given to the youth by the “Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future” a reality, if a programme to provide the aforesaid facility has not been formulated up to now; and
- (ii) if so, what that date is?

(c) If not, why?

4586/'13

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

(a) Will she state—

- (i) whether the Criminal Investigation Department has initiated an investigation on a recent importation of coal to be used at the Norochcholai power plant;
- (ii) the quantity of coal connected to the aforesaid importation; and
- (iii) as to why an investigation as of above was initiated?

(b) Will she also state—

- (i) the name of the importer of the aforesaid consignment of coal;
- (ii) as to how the said importer was selected?
- (iii) the action that has been taken to recover the loss from the importer; and
- (iv) the action that will be taken to avoid such an occurrence pertaining to the importation of coal in the future?

(c) If not, why?

4746/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the continuous losses incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the date on which the Sapugaskanda oil refinery was established;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to increase the efficiency of that oil refinery;
 - (iv) of the amount of crude oil imported annually to this country within the period from 2011 to 2013; and
 - (v) whether he admits that a loss is suffered by the government as a result of importing refined oil due to the decline in the importation of crude oil?
- (b) If not, why?

4796/'14

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare sent Sri Lankans to jobs in the hotel sector in Italy in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons so sent?
- (b) Will he table their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the basis on which they were selected;
 - (ii) whether publishing of advertisements in newspapers or other modes of disseminating was followed in selecting these persons; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

4809/'14

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a problem prevails with regard to the drinking water supplied to the village named Kugala belonging to the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) people claim that iron has been mixed with the water hitherto supplied; and
 - (iii) in the circumstances, they have had to purchase drinking water at Rs. 35.00 per can?

(11)

- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to resolve expeditiously the situation prevailing with regard to drinking water in Kugala?
- (c) If not, why?

4843/'14

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an irrigation project has been started by the name of “Nakkala Reservoir” by blocking “Kumbukkan Oya” which flows forming the boundaries of the Badalkumbura, Medagama and Moneragala Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the District of Moneragala;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that invest money for that project; and
 - (iii) the expected goals to be fulfilled from constructing this reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the land area that will be submerged when the Nakkala reservoir is constructed;
 - (ii) of the number of families that will be evicted from the area demarcated as a reserve for that project; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for the owners of the lands that will be acquired for that project?
- (c) If not, why?

4869/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which water will be provided to people in Rathupaswala and surrounding areas, who are unable to have their water needs fulfilled due to oxidation of ground water;
 - (ii) whether an initial payment will be charged from water consumers;
 - (iii) if so, how much it is; and
 - (iv) whether an additional amount other than the initial payment will be levied in providing water to households situated along by-roads where no water pipes have been laid?
 - (b) Will he inform the House whether action will be taken to use water tankers to provide drinking water necessary for the people in and around Rathupaswala area until the completion of the project to provide pipe-borne water to them?
 - (c) If not, why?
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(12)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, July 22, 2014)

4559/'13

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who were sentenced to death during the period from year 1989 to 2013; and
 - (ii) the name and the address of each of the persons who were sentenced to death during the aforesaid period, the court by which the sentence was pronounced, the date and the case number of each of those cases?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid persons who had been sentenced to death, of the names and addresses of those whose punishment has been reduced to life imprisonment by the President under the powers vested in him by the Constitution and the relevant dates of taking such action; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who were granted release under the presidential pardon during the periods from 1989 to 2005 and from 01.06.2012 to date and the relevant dates of granting release?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 23, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2581/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she state separately on district basis—
 - (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages ; and
 - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why?

3249/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Lanka Tourism 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 authority;
 - (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?

3833/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a tank desilting project was implemented in the Anuradhapura District in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for this programme;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for awarding contracts for the desilting project; and
 - (iv) if so, separately the names and the addresses of the bidders and the bids offered?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that payments have not been made for the relevant bidders for desilting the tanks in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not making their payments yet; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the payments will be made, if payments would be paid for the contractors?
- (c) If not, why?

3940/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of liquor outlets maintained in 500m proximity to the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy;
 - (ii) the individuals who have granted permission for those liquor outlets;
 - (iii) the minimum distance required from schools and sacred places including temples to the liquor outlet, in granting a licence for a liquor outlet;
 - (iv) other restrictions considered in granting such a licence;
 - (v) whether the said liquor outlets located in close proximity to the Temple of the Tooth Relic are illegal in the light of the restrictions mentioned in (iii) and (iv) above; and
 - (vi) accordingly, the measures that will be taken with respect to those liquor outlets?
- (b) If not, why?

4104/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a large extent of land, on the western slope of the Piduruthalagala range, which is a forest reserve with a high level of biodiversity, has been cleared to cultivate potatoes and vegetables;
 - (ii) if so, the parties that were involved in the clearing; and
 - (iii) of the persons who permitted them to do so?
- (b) If not, why?

4333/'13

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

- (a) Will he state the authority who decides the charges levied by the companies that conduct vehicle emission testing for conducting such emission tests?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether vehicles used by the public institutions are tested for emission;
 - (ii) whether the buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board are subjected to that test; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount paid by the SLTB annually to the relevant institutions for getting its buses tested for vehicle emission?

(15)

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an assurance can be given that vehicle emission testing is done in a satisfactory manner, by observing the emissions of vehicles that run on the roads at present; and
- (ii) if so, the factors on which such assurance will be based?

(d) If not, why?

4443/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of homeless families identified within the Kurunegala District for the construction of new houses for them under 2014 Deyata Kirula Development Programme;
- (ii) of the provisions expected to be made by the government for the construction of houses for those families; and
- (iii) whether construction of houses with the said provisions were completed and the said houses were commissioned to public prior to the commencement of Deyata Kirula exhibition of 2014?

(b) If not, why?

4569/'13

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Education Services,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the criteria on which the classification of the schools which are known as isolated schools was based;
- (ii) separately, the number of isolated schools available at present and the number of students studying in them;
- (iii) separately, the number of students of the aforesaid schools who received each of the facilities of additional set of uniform materials given mid year, free pair of shoes, a meal consisting of grains, eggs and milk as proposed in the budget proposal 2013; and
- (iv) the funds spent by the government for that purpose annually?

(b) If not, why?

4584/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has introduced a compulsory insurance scheme that has been functioning with contributions from migrant workers; and
 - (ii) the activities under this insurance scheme were first operated by the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and later divested to a foreign recruitment agency, who in turn transferred the activities through a brokerage company to MBSL Insurance?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foreign recruitment agency concerned started to obtain the service of the brokerage company referred to above;
 - (ii) what percentage is paid to the brokerage company from the premium collected from a migrant worker;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been paid to the brokerage company so far;
 - (iv) whether the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation obtained the service of a broker when it operated the insurance scheme; and
 - (v) what benefits have been accrued through obtaining the services of the broker?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the representative of the brokerage company who received the fees paid for the brokerage services; and
 - (ii) whether the representative concerned had been in the employ of the brokerage company for the entirety of the period of recovery of fees by him?
- (d) If not, why?

4744/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that do not enjoy the facility of electricity in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to supply electricity to the venues where supply should be given by extensions;
 - (iii) whether actions will be taken to boost the voltage of the towns where there is a drop; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date, it would be done?
- (b) If not, why?

4810/'14

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the fishing village named Udappuwa in the Puttalam District does not have a ferry; and
 - (ii) school children and patients face numerous hardships in passing through the ferry there?
- (b) Will he state whether action be taken to construct a suitable ferry in Udappuwa?
- (c) If not, why?

4853/'14

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the Maththala Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport—
 - (i) the number of international flights originated and concluded (not the transit) separately in each month for the last 12 months on per airlines basis; and
 - (ii) the total revenue earned for each month for the last 12 months on per airline basis ?
- (b) If not, why?

4872/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the consumer Affairs Authority has paid its attention only on the price of a domestic gas cylinder with a capacity of 12.5 kg in controlling gas prices;
 - (ii) as a result, gas companies fill gas to small cylinders with less than 12.5 kg capacity and sell them at higher prices; and
 - (iii) it is poor people who cannot afford to buy a gas cylinder with a 12.5 kg capacity who generally purchase those small gas cylinders at higher prices?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to control the prices of all gas cylinders of domestic use in proportion to the price of a 12.5 kg capacity cylinder of gas?
- (c) If not, why?

4913/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of passenger shelters constructed by the Transport Ministry of the North Central Province and the Provincial Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) the money spent on a such passenger shelter; and
 - (iii) the number of passenger shelters utilized at the moment out of them?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the proper tender procedure has been followed when awarding contracts for the construction of the passenger shelters mentioned above;
 - (ii) if not, the basis on which the aforesaid contracts have been awarded; and
 - (iii) whether money has been obtained from the contractor or the relevant companies when offering the aforesaid contracts?
- (c) If not, why?

4948/'14

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

- (a) Is he is aware that the loss incurred by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has exceeded Rs. 95 billion?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the aforesaid Corporation is due to pay over Rs 43 crore, simply for the bank overdrafts of Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank;
 - (ii) the state banks have rejected issuing loans to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by now; and
 - (iii) if so 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?
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Thursday, July 24, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2585/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
 - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why?

3250/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital-
 - (i) the profit or loss for year the 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 hospital;
 - (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?

3834/'13

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

- (a) Will he state separately the names, addresses, educational and other qualifications, salaries and other privileges of the members of the Board of Director including the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation who were in office on 19.03.2013?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) certain individuals who have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation are accused of various allegations;
- (ii) cases are being heard in the Office of the Commissioner of Labour against certain Directors; and
- (iii) a group of officers who were charged with corruption have been recruited to serve in the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the entire Insurance Corporation is falling into disrepute and downfall owing to the situation mentioned in (b) above;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to dismiss the members of the Board of Directors and the corrupt officials against whom allegations have been leveled from the Corporation in view of preventing the aforesaid situation?

(d) If not, why?

4150/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there was a gem auction at Thammanawa area in Kataragama;
- (ii) if so, the total amount of money earned through this auction;
- (iii) whether that money has been obtained following the proper procedure;
- (iv) whether there are money still to be collected with regard to that auction; and
- (v) the amount of money spent for food and tea in that land auction?

(b) If not, why?

4176/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House under which officer the supervision work is done at the Main Service Station Equipment Workshop at Kolonnawa, which is governed under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation?

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- (b) Will he state for the period from the year 2005 to June 2013—
 - (i) the amounts that had been spent for purchasing pumps and spare parts and for carrying out repairs to the fuel filling stations; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was earned from selling spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of those employed at the workshop concerned by the end of June 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

4630/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Rs. 200 million was allocated by the budget 2012 to export 200,000 metric tones of rice in year 2014; and
 - (ii) a proposal has been made to set up four Rice Export Zones in Southern, Eastern, North Central and Northern Provinces, in that regard?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of rice mills, established by the government and the private sector in the aforesaid Rice Export Zones; and
 - (ii) out of such rice mills, the number of mills that have been constructed, under tax concessions?
- (c) Will he table—
 - (i) separately, the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, and the villages chosen in that regard coming under the aforesaid Rice Export Zones;
 - (ii) the amount of rice that is received from each of the aforesaid zone for exportation by now; and
 - (iii) the names and the addresses of the venues where the rice mills that were mentioned in the aforesaid (b) (i) are established?
- (d) If not, why?

4712/'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Is she aware—

- (i) that while Mrs. Marimuttu Shanmugam and members of her family who resided at their house in Maluwarayar, Kattai Adampan, Madhu Road, Murukkan belonging to the Murukkan police division were living in another area after abandoning the aforesaid house due to LTTE threats, a large electricity pylon to fix high tension wires has been erected on the place where their house was located;
- (ii) that the Chief Engineer of Ceylon Electricity Board, Vavuniya was sent a written communication by the Deputy General Manager of Ceylon Electricity Board through the letter dated 07.07.2011 bearing Ref. No. DGM(P&HM-R1)GEN recommending payment of compensation to Mrs. Marimuttu Shanmugam for removing her house and erecting an electricity pylon at that location?

(b) Will she state—

- (i) the reasons for not paying the due compensation to Mrs. Marimuttu Shanmugam who has become destitute after losing her house; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to pay the aforesaid compensation without delay?

(c) If not, why?

4743/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of loans that has been provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the Treasury by now;
- (ii) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans from Commercial Banks;
- (iii) if so, that amount of money; and
- (iv) whether measures will be taken to run Ceylon Electricity Board in a state in which there is neither profit nor loss?

(b) If not, why?

4811/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road leading to the village named Selvapuram in Udappuwa gets crumbled from time to time and turns into a state similar to a heap of earth; and
 - (ii) school children and sick persons face numerous hardships in passing through this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reconstruct the aforesaid road, taking into consideration the circumstances mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

4849/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Census and Statistics publishes a Report called the Household Income and Expenditure Survey every three to four years?
- (b) Will he inform this House based on the aforesaid report—
 - (i) the mean (nominal) Household income per month at the national level for the years 2006/07, 2009 and 2012/13; and
 - (ii) the mean (real) Household income per month at the national level for the years 2006/07, 2009/10 and 2012/13 by appropriate base year?
- (c) If not, why?

4904/'14

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

- (a) Will lie inform this House—
 - (i) whether an X-ray machine produced in Japan was purchased in the year 2013 for the hospital of Sri Lanka Navy in Welisara;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was purchased;
 - (iii) of the amount spent on it;
 - (iv) of the name of the Company which imported it;
 - (v) whether that machine was subjected to a quality check and approval was obtained prior to receiving it for the Navy hospital;
 - (vi) if so, the name and designation of the persons who granted that approval;
 - (vii) whether Sri Lanka Navy and the relevant company had entered into an agreement with respect to a guarantee for the X-ray machine and its functioning; and
 - (viii) if so, of the relevant warranty period?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the said machine is in working condition at present;
- (ii) if not, the date on which it became inoperative; and
- (iii) if that machine has become inoperative within the warranty period, whether it is possible to get it repaired by the relevant company free of charge?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether some irregularity has occurred in purchasing that machine; and
- (ii) if so, the action taken in that regard?

(d) If not, why?

4949/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a 2/3 of Kolonnawa 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 Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, situated in Kolonnawa, to the Indian Oil Company free of charge?

(b) If not, why?

2672/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the number of train accidents that have occurred;
- (ii) the number of persons that died as a result of those accidents; and
- (iii) the number of persons injured;

at unguarded level crossings with no barriers in each of the years during the period from the year 2010 to 2012 ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether a special compensation scheme will be implemented for those who are affected by the accidents that occur due to unguarded level crossings ; and
- (ii) if so, what that compensation system is ?

(c) If not, why ?

3251/'12

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

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

- (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?

3835/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mr. A. Piyal Hemantha residing at Lanumodara, Habaraduwa is a police officer who has served in different areas of the island after joining the Police service on 15.01.1991;
- (ii) he was serving attached to the Peliyagoda Police Station in the Kelaniya Division from the year 2010;
- (iii) he is an officer who has even received gifts of money appreciating various talents he has shown during his tenure;
- (iv) as a result of the coma status that he underwent for several months owing to a snake bite that he experienced on 13.04.2011 after returning home after duty he has failed to report for duty or break to inform about his sickness to the working place; and
- (v) an order for vacation of post has been issued under that circumstance considering him as a person who has vacated the post with effect from 14.05.2011?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to reinstate Mr. Hemantha in service considering the fact that he had been a talented police officer when he was serving in the police; and
 - (ii) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2673/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to clear 505 acres of the Nilgala forest in the boundary of the Galoya National Wildlife Park belonging to the Forest Conservation Department and to settle 400 families living in the villages of Maldamambe, Pitakumbura, Bulupitiya, Serava and Perana in the aforesaid land;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to prevent the damages caused to the existence and the bio-diversity of the Nilgala Forest Reserve due to the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) since implementing the above project without prior written approval of the Director General of Wildlife is an unlawful action contrary to the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance, whether action will be taken to prevent that ?

- (b) If not, why ?

3252/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;

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- (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the board;
 - (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?

3836/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount of money spent on the stall erected by the Ministry of Social Services at the Deyata Kirula exhibition held in Ampara in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on salaries, overtime allowances and other allowances of the officers of that Ministry in relation to the period of that exhibition; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on the transportation of the officers and other employees of the said Ministry who had been on duty at the Deyata Kirula exhibition?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the services rendered to the public by the said stall erected at the Deyata Kirula exhibition premises;
 - (ii) whether buildings which could be of long term use to the public were erected for the stall; and
 - (iii) if so, the purposes for which such buildings are being used at present?
- (c) If not, why?

4151/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an interview was held on 18 March 2013 to recruit a person to the post of Deputy Director General of the National Gem and Jewellery Authority;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid interview was conducted to recruit a person on permanent basis or on temporary basis;
 - (iii) the required qualifications for that post;
 - (iv) the names of the persons who applied for the aforesaid post along with their names, addresses and their qualifications;
 - (v) the name and the education qualifications of the person who got selected for the aforesaid post;
 - (vi) whether that person was recruited on permanent basis or on temporary basis; and
 - (vii) if he was recruited on temporary basis, the reasons for that?

(b) If not, why?

4177/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that gravel is extracted from the Minneriya Reserve and the areas located around it, namely Katukeliyawa, Haluweva, Ratmale and Habarana;
 - (ii) the name of the party who gave permission to enter the reserve area and extract gravel;
 - (iii) what legal action has been taken against such extraction of gravel; and
 - (iv) in which Divisional Secretariat Divisions the above areas of gravel extraction are located?

(b) If not, why?

4631/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the basis on which the Govi Setha lottery was commenced; and
 - (ii) the year in which the aforesaid lottery was commenced?
- (b) Will he state the minimum qualifications that a farmer who contributed to farmers' pension scheme under the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987, should possess, to be entitled for the pension?
- (c) Will he table—
 - (i) separately on per year basis, out of the funds of the lottery, the amount of money that has been transferred to farmers' pension scheme from the inception of Govi Setha lottery, to date; and
 - (ii) separately, on per year basis, of the number of farmers for whom the payment of farmers' pension has been initiated, on account of the completion of the necessary age limit?
- (d) If not, why?

4713/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in response to General 126 form submitted requesting overseas leave by Mr. A.L.M. Nazis, who was working as an Assistant Teacher at M/Dullewa Vidyalaya in Matale Education Zone of the Central Province, approval of no-pay overseas leave for him from 01.04.1987 to 31.03.1992 was recommended by the Zonal Director of Education, Matale, by the letter No. මා/ගුරුආ/7/281 dated 05. 06. 1989 ; and
 - (ii) the Zonal Director of Education, Matale, in his letter No. මා/ගුරුආ/4/53 30.11.2007 to the Provincial Director of Education of the Central Province, has recommended reinstatement of Mr. Nazis considering his satisfactory service of 15 years?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to reinstate or sent Mr. Nazis into retirement as he has been left destitute since he was issued a letter of vacation of post due to an internal oversight of the Department of Education?
- (c) If not, why?

4755/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of coconut estates found in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) of the coconut production of the Kurunegala District from the year 2005 to 2013 separately in each year; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be implemented with a view to increasing the coconut production?
- (b) If not, why?

4850/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Department of Census and Statistics publishes the District Poverty Line every month based on the minimum expenditure per person per month to fulfill the basic needs?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the latest available official Poverty Line for Colombo District;
 - (ii) the 'basic needs' that are included in calculating the aforesaid Poverty Line?
- (c) If not, why?

4905/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the Grade Five Scholarship Examination in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the number of students who passed that examination in the said year;
 - (iii) the number that became entitled to scholarship grants out of the said number of students; and
 - (iv) the value of the grant provided monthly to a student who is entitled to such a scholarship?
- (b) Will he state the number of students who qualified at the Grade Five Scholarship Examination held in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and got admitted to Grade Six of Royal College, Ananda College and Vishaka Vidyalaya in Colombo, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

4950/'14

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 crores, was incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by the agreement entered in to, with the aforesaid company, to import 240,000 metric tons of petrol for a period of six months; and
- (iii) the trade union levelled allegations that the decision has been taken to revive the aforesaid agreement in the year 2013?

(b) Will he inform this House—

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

(c) If not, why?

2674/'12

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether 7500 metric tons of “sub standard aviation fuel” was imported alongside “quality aviation fuel” which was imported from British Petroleum Company of Singapore;
- (ii) separately, of the Rupee value and Dollar value of the loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the aforesaid irregularities in importing aviation fuel;
- (iii) of the action taken against those who are responsible for the aforesaid irregularity up to now; and
- (iv) whether a unanimous decision that petroleum should not be purchased from British Petroleum Company was arrived at, by the Tender Committee after the aforesaid importation of petroleum?

(b) If not, why ?

3270/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in the country as at today;
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 31st December of the years 2011 and 2012;
 - (iii) the criterion considered to receive such a dole; and
 - (iv) the break up of the Samurdhi recipient families based on the allowance they received per month and per year in 2010,2011 and 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether there is a reallocation of funds to the Samurdhi recipients in relation to buying power or purchasing power or inflationary tendencies?
- (c) If not, why ?

3918/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the volume of water obtained per day from the Mahaweli river for 2000-2005 Phase 1 Greater Kandy, Kandy North, Harispattuwa and Gohagoda pump houses;
 - (ii) the number of private residences, government quarters, public institutions including schools, private institutions, government and private factories and places of worship that are supplied with drinking water by those pump houses;
 - (iii) whether he admits a large quantity of harmful chemicals are absorbed into human body through drinking water distributed by the above pump houses located near the garbage dump at Gohagoda; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures taken to prevent this situation?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for the World Environment Day—2013;
 - (ii) the funding source of that money;
 - (iii) whether money has been obtained from other institutions in addition to the funds of the Ministry;
 - (iv) if so, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from them;
 - (v) whether Rs. 70 lacks each has been obtained from National Gem and Jewellery Authority, State Timber Corporation and Geological Survey and Mines Bureau, for the World Environment Day; and
 - (vi) if not, whether you have expected to obtain money in that way?
 - (b) If not, why?
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