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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Municipal Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Urban Councils (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Pradeshiya Sabha (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

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Local Authorities Filling of Vacancies (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Construction Industry Development Bill — Second Reading.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1872/5 of 21st July 2014, which were presented on 19.08.2014, be approved.

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The Minister of Sports,— Regulations under the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Sports under Section 34 read with Section 3 of the Convention Against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1863/4 of 19th May 2014, which were presented on 19.08.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation - 2011,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 21.01.2014 under Section 30 (2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act. No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 24.04.2014.)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science Foundation - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the National Science and Technology Commission together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 23.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 37(3) of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution Act, No. 6 of 1984 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the National Research Council - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the National Research Council together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 22.10.2013 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Institute of Fundamental Studies - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Institute of Fundamental Studies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 22.10.2013 under Section 36(4) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Fundamental Studies Act, No. 55 of 1981 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 29(5) of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 34(2) of the Atomic Energy Authority Act, No. 19 of 1969, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st of December 2011 and presented on 23.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 27 of the Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission Act, No. 53 of 1979 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

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The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies - 2011,— That the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, September 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?

3240/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(3)

- (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?

(5)

3688/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(4)

- (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?

3919/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that some businessmen use various chemicals to make fruits like mangoes, bananas and papaw last longer and ripen quickly;
 - (ii) of the scientific names and the trade names of the chemicals used in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the substances that are harmful to the human body out of those chemicals?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the measures taken to nab the businessmen who use chemicals harmful to the human body to make fruits ripen and last longer;
- (ii) the number of such businessmen nabbed in the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (iii) the number that has been punished out of them?

(c) If not, why?

4433/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (4)

(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) of the types of weapons that have been purchased by India;
- (iv) of 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?

4506/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a plan to purchase ten new aircrafts for the Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the amount of money due to be spent on those aircrafts; and
- (iii) the country from which those aircrafts will be purchased?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, the loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines and the Mihin Lanka (Private) Ltd. from January 2013 to date;
- (ii) the manner in which funds will be raised to purchase new aircrafts to Sri Lankan Airlines which is run at huge losses; and
- (iii) whether the purchase of new aircrafts is approved?

(c) If not, why?

(7)

4588/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

(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?

4590/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a register maintained at the Ministry, regarding early childhood development centers and pre-schools conducted in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, of the number of early childhood development centers and pre-schools in existence at present in each of the districts accordingly;
- (iii) whether all of the aforesaid institutions have been registered either under the central government or under Provincial Councils; and
- (iv) of the criteria used when registering pre-schools?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the minimum qualifications of the teachers and matrons of the early childhood development centers should possess as accepted by the Ministry;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid teachers and matrons have fulfilled the required qualifications; and
- (iii) the programme implemented by the government to develop and regulate pre-schools and early childhood development centers?

(c) If not, why?

4741/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the schools in which aesthetic subjects are taught from grade 6 up to Advanced Level out of the schools in the island;
 - (ii) the number of such schools found in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iii) the number of teachers of aesthetic subjects of music, dancing, art and drama and theatre employed in the schools in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iv) the number of schools in the District, which need teachers of aesthetic subjects?
- (b) If not, why?

4845/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that the Secretary to the Ministry of Power and Energy has stated that the Norochcholai thermal power plant is not up to the expected standards?
- (b) Will she inform this House in relation to that power plant—
 - (i) the estimated sum and the sum spent on the first phase;
 - (ii) whether an agreement with a warranty period of time had been entered into with the relevant construction company with regard to the standard, equipment and operational standard;
 - (iii) the action taken against the company that constructed the power plant regarding low standards and breakdowns that occur;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to recover the massive amount of money spent on repairs and the lost power during that period from those who responsible for that; and
 - (v) if the company which did not complete the first phase properly engages in the construction of the other phases too, the reasons for it?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to provide electricity to the people in a beneficial manner in future; and
 - (ii) the plan that seeks to bring down the electricity tariff with the stipulated period of time?
- (d) If not, why?

4871/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will she state the volume of electricity power that was lost to the national power grid due to suspension of power generation at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station owing to its breakdowns and maintenance work?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any truth in the assertion that salt or a chemical akin to salt has been introduced into the condenser system of the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station on 13 February 2014;
 - (ii) if so, what investigations have been conducted into it by now;
 - (iii) the persons who were found guilty for it; and
 - (iv) what legal action has been taken against them in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

4945/'14

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a teak cultivation of over 50-60 years old at the Baduluwela forest reserve in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat of the Monaragala District, which belonged to then existed River Valleys Development Board;
 - (ii) a certain person has prepared forged documents and enjoying the said land as a private freehold land; and
 - (iii) a few individuals are destroying the said state owned teak cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to protect the teak cultivation in the Baduluwela Forest Reserve which remained safe for many years from encroachers?
- (c) If not, why?

4962/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately on per crop basis the number of farmers who were given the fertilizer subsidy during the last year?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that an additional sum of Rs. 150/- is charged as an insurance coverage since last year per bag of fertilizer which was given at Rs. 350/- under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
- (ii) if so, of the basis of that insurance coverage which was started with the additional sum of Rs. 150/- that is charged per bag of fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
- (iii) of the total amount of money that has been charged from the farmers during the period from the date on which the aforesaid insurance coverage was commenced to date; and
- (iv) of the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the farmers in order to claim benefits of that insurance coverage?

(c) If not, why?

5167/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of families settled down without permission in state lands in Nawammahara village in No.179, Elapitiwala Grama Niladhari Division in Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (ii) the names of the chief occupant of households of the aforesaid unauthorized settlers?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for not taking action to issue them with permanent deeds or temporary permits to date despite that most of those families have been living in the aforesaid village for over 20 years;
- (ii) whether permanent deeds will be issued to the aforesaid families for the lands they are living in;
- (iii) if so, the action that has been taken with regard to that;
- (iv) whether temporary permits will be issued until permanent deeds are issued; and
- (v) if so, the date on which such permits will be issued?

(c) If not, why?

5359/'14

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the construction work of Palali Airport will be completed; and
 - (ii) as to when it will be opened for public?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 24, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2642/'12

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

- (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?

3247/'12

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

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Department of Immigration and Emigration—
 - (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 department;
 - (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?

3701/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(5)

(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?

3963/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the substances oozing from the place at Gohagoda which is used by the Municipal Council of Kandy for dispose of its garbage are added to the Mahaweli river;
- (ii) the measurements in regard to physical and chemical factors such as P.H. value, electric conductivity, transparency, temperature, oil and grease, bio oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand of the substances leaching from the aforesaid place, separately; and
- (iii) the composition of the heavy metals of Chromium, Cadmium, Lead, and Mercury and the components of Phosphate and Nitrate contained in the substances leaching from the aforesaid place?

(13)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that it is a harmful situation that the heavy metals continuously leaching from the heap of garbage at Gohagoda to the Mahaweli river are added to the under ground water system; and
- (ii) if so, the measures taken to prevent the aforesaid situation?

(c) If not, why?

4181/'13

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

(a) Will he state with respect to the plan of the Urban Development Council to develop Eheliyagoda – Napawala and Eheliyagoda – Panawala roads :

- (i) the maximum cost for the development of the aforesaid roads;
- (ii) the number of houses, boutiques and other buildings that has to be removed for the aforesaid development project; and
- (iii) whether any mechanism has been formulated to pay compensation for the houses, boutiques and other buildings so removed?

(b) If not, why?

4625/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether teaching History in schools in English medium has been stopped for approximately 1 1/2 years;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for that;
- (iii) whether the government considers teaching children History as an unimportant matter; and
- (iv) if not, the reasons for the inability to teach History in schools in English medium?

(b) If not, why?

4637/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of institutions that import agro seeds to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the qualifications that a seed importing institution should have for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether there is a compulsory requirement for those with knowledge on agro seeds to serve in those institutions; and
 - (iv) if so, the qualifications they should possess?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there are government institutions that import seeds; and
 - (ii) the varieties of seeds imported by them?
- (c) If so, will he table the names of such institutions?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether seeds imported by private sector institutions are subjected to tests; and
 - (ii) if so, whether there is an institution for that purpose?
- (e) If not, why?

4734/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of pensioners currently receiving pensions in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of new additions to the aforesaid number within a year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the period of time it takes for the pensioner to receive the pension after reaching the age of retirement;
 - (ii) if there is any delay in receiving the pension, of the reasons that have been identified by the Department of Pensions as causes of such a delay;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted by the Department of Pensions to verify that pensioners living abroad and pensioners in Sri Lanka are still living; and
 - (iv) whether the required information can be obtained in a proper manner through that methodology?

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(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) of the number of persons who have not been able to obtain their pensions gratuity up to now even though they retired in the year 2013;
- (ii) of the reasons for not providing them with the gratuity payment;
- (iii) whether he admits that the delay in receiving the gratuity payment has caused a delay in receiving the pension; and
- (iv) of the course of action adopted by the Ministry to overcome the aforesaid delays?

(d) If not, why?

4763/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme was implemented under District Secretariats to distribute packets of agricultural seeds;
- (ii) if so, the number of packets of seeds distributed under that programme;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for that; and
- (iv) whether the expected results have been achieved through that programme?

(b) If not, why?

4852/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of registrations issued by the Department of Inland Revenue to carry on the business of gaming for the year 2013;
- (ii) the names of persons to whom each of the above registrations were issued; and
- (iii) the exact date of issue of each of the said registrations?

(b) If not, why?

4960/'14

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme has been implemented by the Provincial Ministry of Fisheries of the Northwestern Province to distribute fishing boats among fishermen;
 - (ii) the basis on which fishermen are selected for distributing those fishing boats; and
 - (iii) the value of the subsidy given to fishermen for each type of fishing boat?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, the types of fishing boats thus distributed and the price of a boat of each type; and
 - (ii) separately, the cost of production of fishing boat of each type?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately of the number of fishing boats that have been distributed annually by the Northwestern Provincial Council from the year 2010 to date on per Divisional Secretariat basis?
- (d) If not, why?

4963/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the number of students who are enrolled for the Management degree course of the Peradeniya University has been reduced?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the aforesaid degree course was started;
 - (ii) the number of internal students that have been planned to be enrolled for the Management degree course per year; and
 - (iii) the number of internal students who were enrolled for the Management degree course last year?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the project to broaden the road from Gampaha, Miriswatte to Wathurugama;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the estimate which was prepared for the aforesaid project will be tabled?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution by which the contract to broaden the aforesaid road was undertaken;
 - (ii) whether the accepted tender procedures were followed for the selection of that institution; and
 - (iii) of the reasons led, if the formal tender procedure was not followed?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the lands were taken over for the purpose of broadening the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid for the lands that were taken over;
 - (iii) if so, of the year in which the compensation was paid; and
 - (iv) whether compensation has been paid for all the lands that were taken over as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

5160/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the policy that is adopted in considering the applications that are submitted to obtain dual citizenships by the persons whose Sri Lankan citizenships have been cancelled for the reason of having the citizenship of another country, later on;
- (ii) whether he is aware that there is a delay in taking the aforesaid applications into account;
- (iii) the measures that are taken to avoid such delays;
- (iv) the number of applications that have been submitted for the purpose of obtaining dual citizenship and the number of applications that have not been considered by now; and
- (v) the number of persons to whom the dual citizenships have been granted since 01.01.2010?

(b) If not, why?

5194/'14

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

(a) Will he submit a report on the status of the outstanding installments in loans given to its Associate Members by the Colombo District Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd. as at 25.07.2013?

(b) Will he table—

- (i) the number of loans in which overdue number of installments exceed two; and
- (ii) the names of persons who obtained the aforesaid loans?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken to recover the overdue loan installments payable to the Colombo District Co-operative Rural Banks Union Ltd; and
- (ii) as per the Co-operatives Act, whether it is to the member banks or to individuals that loans can be granted by the Co-operative Rural Bank Union Ltd?

(d) If not, why?

Thursday, September 25, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

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

- (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?

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?

3718/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

- (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?

4053/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) due to the fact that necessary cooperation was not extended by the high officials of the Department of Forest Conservation to execute the eviction order given by the Court to dismantle and remove the unauthorized cardamom processing huts in Knuckles forest reserve, unauthorized cultivation of cardamom is being carried out in the aforesaid areas again ;
- (ii) the existence of the upper forest system of the Knuckles forest reserve is disturbed by unauthorized cultivation of cardamom ;
- (iii) it has been informed as per the letter dated 30.07.2012 submitted by the Conservator General of Forests not to execute the aforesaid Court order until the advice of the Secretary to the President is obtained; and
- (iv) though more than one year has lapsed since the aforesaid statement was made, advice has not been obtained for that until now ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to order the relevant officials again to execute the aforesaid Court order ;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?

(c) If not, why ?

4293/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the Rubber Glove Factory which has involved in the pollution of drinking water in Rathupaswala area in Weliveriya;
 - (ii) of the owners of the aforesaid factory;
 - (iii) of the companies or institutions by which the shares of the aforesaid factory are held; and
 - (iv) whether an Environment Impact Assessment has been carried out pertinent to this factory?
- (b) If not, why?

4626/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the 3 ½ acre land belonging to the family of Mr. Ravi Wettasinghe, situated in Rajagiriya, was taken over by the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which the said land was acquired ;
 - (iii) whether taking over that land is legal;
 - (iv) the public purpose for which that land is being utilized after taking over the same; and
 - (v) the amount paid per perch when the said land was acquired?
- (b) If not, why?

4638/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Rs.300 million was allocated from the budget of the year 2011 for the manufacturing of organic fertilizer; and
 - (ii) of the number of organic fertilizer manufacturing plants that have been established with the aforesaid money?
- (b) Will he state whether he will table—
 - (i) the names of the districts in which such plants have been opened; and
 - (ii) separately, the names and addresses of the plants that have been established in each of the districts?

- (c) Will he table separately, the names and addresses of the beneficiaries along with the amount of money spent if the funds mentioned in (a) (i) above were used to give monetary and equipment grants and to hold seminars and awareness programmes to private sector individuals for the manufacturing of organic fertilizer?
- (d) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of kilograms of fertilizer that is issued to the market annually through the organic fertilizer manufacturing process that was started with the aforementioned funds; and
 - (ii) the volume of fertilizer that has been purchased by now as per the statement which says that fertilizer will be purchased through the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Ltd. at the price of Rs. 400/-?
- (e) If not, why?

4735/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Teachers' Training Colleges in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of Teachers' Training Colleges that are functional at the moment; and
 - (iii) the names of them?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of teacher trainees that undergo training in the Teacher Training College, Maharagama at present;
 - (ii) whether the said teacher training college has been allocated exclusively for English teacher training;
 - (iii) if not, whether in the aforesaid Teacher Training College training is provided for other subjects as well; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of those subjects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether residential training facilities are available for the trainees in the Teacher Training College Maharagama;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of trainees who are provided with the aforesaid facility;
 - (iii) whether the buildings of the aforesaid Teacher Training College have been renovated recently;
 - (iv) if so, of that date; and
 - (v) of the amount of money spent on those renovation activities?
- (d) If not, why?

4764/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a program was implemented by District Secretariats to distribute local chicks as per Divineguma circular;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent for it by now; and
 - (iii) whether the expected results have been obtained from the aforesaid programme?
- (b) If not, why?

4854/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the ratio of Exports to Gross Domestic Product (exports as a percentage of GDP) for the years 2002 to 2013 on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

4961/'14

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) arrangements have been made to utilize 14 islands located close to Kalpitiya Peninsula of the Puttlam District for tourist industry; and
 - (ii) the fishing communities living close to those islands that are used for tourist industry have been rendered utterly helpless as they have lost the ownership of their lands?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to protect the rights of the fishermen who have lost their lands consequent to the use of the aforesaid islands for tourist industry; and
 - (ii) whether satisfactory solutions have been provided to traditional fishing communities who lose their lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the institutes or companies to which the aforesaid 14 islands have been given for the use of the tourist industry;
 - (ii) the basis on which those islands were given to those companies or institutes; and
 - (iii) separately, of the prices at which each of those islands were given to the companies or institutes mentioned in (c) (i) above?
- (d) If not, why

5023/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the company that carries out the construction works of Gampaha Railway Station; and
 - (ii) the basis on which that company was selected?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the proposed plan for the development of the aforesaid railway station which is being carried out by that company, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) of the expenditure for the aforesaid development tasks?
- (c) If not, why?

5032/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the population of buffalos available in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the five districts with the highest buffalo population in the descending order;
 - (iii) the number of buffalos reared by the government farms;
 - (iv) of the names of breeds of buffalos that are reared in Sri Lanka;
 - (v) of the annual production of buffalo milk in liters; and
 - (vi) whether milk extracted from buffalos and cattle differ from each other in their nutritional value?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a methodology is available to utilize the buffalos towards the local dairy production efficiently;
 - (ii) if so, of the programmes that have been implemented under that; and
 - (iii) of the funds that have been spent in the year 2013 for projects related to buffalos?
- (c) If not, why?

5172/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the drafting of the Bill for the Protection of Witnesses has been completed;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Bill will be submitted to the Consultative Committee on Justice;
 - (iii) of the reasons for the delay in imposing laws regarding the rights of witnesses; and
 - (iv) of the officers responsible for such delay?
- (b) If not, why?

5195/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he table the total amount of imprests released by the Treasury Operations Department between 01 January 2013 and 31 December 2013 to each institution, separately in terms of the votes of recurrent expenditure, capital expenditure and advances of public servants?
- (b) Will he state the total amount of imprests released by the Treasury Operations Department between 01 January 2014 and 30 April 2014 to each institution, separately in terms of the votes of recurrent expenditure, capital expenditure and advances of public servants?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 26, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2674/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (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 US Dollar value of the loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the aforesaid irregularities in importing aviation fuel;

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- (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 ?

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?

3940/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(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;

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- (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?

4054/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is a plan to acquire 31,875 acres of forest land belonging to the Padawiya forest reserve in the Kebithigollewa Divisional Secretariat Division by the Mahaweli Authority and settle people; and
- (ii) people complain that there are attempts to acquire forest lands replete with natural resources by the Mahaweli Authority and lease them out to various businessmen?

(b) Will he admit the fact that clearing the forest system mentioned in (a) (i) above which is an elephant habitat and settling people in it will aggravate the human-elephant conflict?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements will be made to stop the transfer of lands in the forest reserve to the Mahaweli Authority; and
- (ii) if so, the date it will be made?

(d) If not, why?

4294/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the institution that imported the Saline DEXTRAN 40 which was given to the Dengue patients in the government hospitals;
- (ii) whether the quality of the aforesaid saline has been checked;
- (iii) of the number of Dengue patients who were provided with the aforesaid Saline during the period from January to August 2013; and
- (iv) whether any complaints or allegations on this particular Saline have been received?

(b) If not, why?

4627/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses projected to be constructed by the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities according to the Budget 2013;
 - (ii) the number of new houses constructed as per that budget proposal;
 - (iii) the areas in which those housing projects have been carried out; and
 - (iv) out of those housing schemes, the number of houses given to public servants?
- (b) If not, why?

4639/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of farms owned by the Department of Agriculture at present;
 - (ii) of the strength of the staff that has been deployed for the maintenance and supervision of those farms; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent by the government for each of those farms separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4736/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students studying in the Lahugala Maha Vidyalaya in Lahugala in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the number of classes held in it; and
 - (iii) the number of staff including the principal?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the primary school which is available to provide education for the small children of the Lahugala village;
 - (ii) of the issue that emerged in relation to the said school recently;
 - (iii) whether a primary school has been started for this village with the approval of the Eastern Provincial Council; and
 - (iv) of the current situation of that school?

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(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he admits that it is the responsibility of the central government to provide the students of that school with the facility to study without any hindrance, even though the above school are administered by the Provincial Councils; and
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken to resolve the issues prevailing in those schools?

(d) If not, why?

4766/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House in respect of the Kurunegala District—

- (i) the number of centres established to purchase paddy;
- (ii) the number of storage facilities available for storing paddy;
- (iii) of the paddy harvest, the percentage of the amount of paddy purchased by the government; and
- (iv) whether a system will be drawn up for converting paddy into rice and distributing in the District itself?

(b) If not, why?

5033/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it is a compulsory requirement to obtain the permission and registration from the Ministry of Health to conduct private medical laboratories in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, the number of private medical laboratories that have been registered by now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether activities of the private medical laboratories are being monitored by the officers of the Ministry of Health;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken in view of assuring the opportunity of the patients to obtain accurate medical testing report from such institutions;
- (iii) of the action taken in relation to institutions which fail to provide accurate medical reports; and
- (iv) whether any institution is available for the public to file complaints against laboratories that commit irregularities when issuing medical reports?

(c) If not, why?

5173/'14

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

- (a) Will he table the average values of the amounts spent for a barrel of crude oil by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in each of the months in the past three years?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason for the failure on the part of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to give Sri Lankan consumers the benefits of the price decreases in the international market?
- (c) If not, why?

5184/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a proposal has been incorporated in the budget proposals of 2014 with the aim of providing state subsidies for the purpose of conserving soil and water in tea small holdings;
- (ii) if so, of the amount of money that will be provided for an acre of tea;
- (iii) of the districts where the aforesaid programme has been implemented;
- (iv) separately, of the districts where the aforesaid subsidy has been provided in full or partly; and
- (v) of the number of tea small holders to whom the aforesaid subsidy will be provided?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons led not to implement the aforesaid programme in other districts and it has been informed that money advances concerned, would be provided only for the districts where the recent Provincial Council elections were held, despite the fact that the tea small holders of 8 districts should be provided with the aforesaid subsidies?

- (c) If not, why?

5196/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state—

- (i) the number of coal power plants that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the names of those power plants;
- (iii) the number of new coal power plants that have been proposed to be built;
- (iv) the locations in which the aforesaid power plants will be established;
- (v) the methodology that will be adopted to acquire land that is required for the aforesaid construction activities;
- (vi) the number of units of electricity that is generated by the Norochcholai coal power plant at present; and
- (vii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total energy requirement of Sri Lanka?

- (b) If not, why?

5360/'14

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—

- (i) three thousand (3000) people from Thayiddy and five thousand (5000) people from Myliddy in Valikamam North area have not yet been resettled;
- (ii) the said people have been in Camps for the last 20 years; and
- (iii) Sri Lanka Army is not allowing them to resettle?

- (b) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the aforesaid people are to be resettled; and
- (ii) whether a directive will be given to the Sri Lanka Army that the said people be allowed to resettle?

- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of students who sat for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the number of students who got through that examination in that year;
 - (iii) the percentage of students who got through that examination in 2011,2012 and 2013;
 - (iv) compared to 2012, if the results of that examination have increased in 2013, the percentage of that increase;
 - (v) the number of students who qualified to study for the G.C.E. (Advance Level) examination in the year 2013; and
 - (vi) the percentage of those students?
 - (b) Will he also state in relation to Moneragala District—
 - (i) the number of students who sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination in 2013;
 - (ii) the number of students who got through the examination;
 - (iii) the percentage of students who got through that examination in each year from 2006 to 2013;
 - (iv) compared to 2012, if the results of the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination have increased in 2013 the percentage of that increase;
 - (v) the number of students who qualified to study for the G.C.E (Advance Level) examination based on the results of the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination of 2013; and
 - (vi) the percentage of those students?
 - (c) If not, why?
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