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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4847/'14

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

(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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.

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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. 1878/44 of 05th September 2014, which were presented on 24.09.2014, be approved.

* *Indicates Government Business*

(2)

Friday, October 10, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4712/'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

(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; and
- (ii) that the Chief Engineer of the 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?

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2691/'12

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the deficiencies of human and physical resources prevalent in the University of Peradeniya; and
- (ii) the date on which action will be taken to remedy these deficiencies and shortcomings ?

(3)

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total number of undergraduates studying in the University of Peradeniya at present;
- (ii) the number of faculties available in the aforesaid university;
- (iii) the total value of provisions allocated for the aforesaid university for the year 2012; and
- (iv) the amount increased or decreased when compared with the amount allocated for the university in the year 2011?

(c) If not, why?

3270/'12

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

(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?

3958/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware that a large number of human lives are lost annually as a result of the human-elephant conflict in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, the number of human lives lost annually as a result of this from the year 2005 to date; and
- (iii) separately, the amount of money paid annually as compensation for the human lives lost and property destroyed as a result of the human-elephant conflict during the above period of time?

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(b) Is he aware —

- (i) that an electric fence has been designed as a solution to the human-elephant conflict by Dr. Sarath Wimalasuriya (retired) of the Midigama Government Hospital, Matara;
- (ii) that the aforesaid apparatus was obtained by wildlife officers to conduct tests; and
- (iii) that it has not been returned to him up to now?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether action will be taken to examine the electric fence designed by Dr. Sarath Wimalasuriya at a low cost and use it as a solution to the human-elephant conflict; and
- (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard?

(d) If not, why?

4296/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the source of water from which drinking water is supplied to the people of Trincomalee area;
- (ii) of the name of the institution which supply water from that source,
- (iii) of the reasons for the shortage of drinking water that the people of Trincomalee area had to face since June 2013;
- (iv) of the urgent measures that were taken to overcome that shortage of drinking water; and
- (v) whether an additional source of water will be used to address the shortage of drinking water in Trincomalee area?

(b) If not, why?

(5)

4443/'13

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(4)

- (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?

4464/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 11 secured cards and 02 multimedia equipments used to prepare identity cards in the Department of Registration of Persons have been disappeared in the year 2013;
 - (ii) if so, whether persons responsible for have been identified by conducting an investigation in the departmental level with regard to the disappearance; and
 - (iii) whether the loss has been recovered from them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the investigations that are being carried out by the Cinnamon Garden Police has been able to find out the aforesaid lost materials and equipment or identify the culprits; and
 - (ii) the stance of the government with regard to that incident that took place at an institution that is responsible for national security?
- (c) If not, why?

4640/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of companies registered in Sri Lanka for the importation of agro-chemicals;
 - (ii) of the names of companies that import agro chemicals at a large scale out of the aforesaid companies; and
 - (iii) of the number of agro-chemicals that have been banned from being imported to Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) in relation to (a)(i) above, the names of such companies, their addresses and the dates on which they have been registered; and
 - (ii) the names of the companies that imported the banned agro-chemicals until the time of their ban;
 - (iii) the names of institutions that have been blacklisted due to the importation of banned agro-chemicals?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Directors of the blacklisted companies have registered companies in other names; and
 - (ii) if so, the legal action that will be taken against such individuals?
- (d) If not, why?

4761/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether small and medium scale poultry farm development programmes are in operation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount allocated for the said programmes in the year 2012;
 - (iii) of the number of poultry farms that has been registered within the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iv) whether a programme to develop small scale poultry farming as a form of self employment, has been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

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4796/'14

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(3)

- (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?

4798/'14

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will she state —
 - (i) the number of breakdowns that the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant suffered up to now since the date on which it began generating electricity and the periods of time that it was not functional during each of the aforesaid instances;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been spent up to now for repair work in the aforesaid plant in the aforesaid instances of breakdown;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money that was spent for repairs on each of the aforesaid instances of breakdown of the power plant;
 - (iv) the reasons for spending money as mentioned above, if the aforesaid breakdowns occurred during the warranty period of the relevant equipment?

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(b) Will she inform this House of—

- (i) the additional sum of money that was spent for obtaining electricity from other power plants to be added to the national grid during the aforementioned periods of time in which breakdowns occurred in the Norochcholai Power Plant;
- (ii) the total cost that has been incurred for the production of one unit of electricity after adding the additional cost incurred as a result of the breakdowns in the aforesaid Power Plant?

(c) If not, why?

4941/'14

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

(a) Will he table—

- (i) separately and on the basis of each higher educational institution of the number of students who receive financial assistance from the commencement through the Mahapola Scholarship programme every year;
- (ii) the number of students who received financial assistance through the Mahapola scholarships from 1981 up to date?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the sources that contribute to the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund;
- (ii) whether the selection of low income students to grant Mahapola scholarships takes place in accordance with an acceptable methodology; and
- (iii) if so, what that methodology is?

(c) Will he inform this House whether a follow up has been done on the benefits reaped by the recipients of the Mahapola Scholarship who have completed their higher education?

(d) If not, why?

5027/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of energy drinks that are sold in the local market at present;
 - (ii) the number of drinks produced locally out of the aforesaid energy drinks;
 - (iii) the criteria that determines the quality and hygienic levels of energy drinks;
 - (iv) the number of complaints received regarding energy drinks by the Consumer Affairs Authority in the year 2014; and
 - (v) the steps taken regarding those complaints?
- (b) If not, why?

5072/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a post named Special Projects Operations Director within the approved cadre of the Archaeological Department;
 - (ii) the duties entrusted to that post; and
 - (iii) the date and the year on which the aforesaid post was created in the Archaeological Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the person who holds the post of the Special Projects Operations Director of the Archaeological Department at present;
 - (ii) of the educational qualifications that are in possession with the said individual in order to hold the aforesaid post; and
 - (iii) of the objective behind appointing a military officer for the said post?
- (c) If not, why?

5199/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the objectives of the 'Bim Saviya' programme;
- (ii) whether there is a possibility to survey lands under the 'Bim Saviya' programme violating a ruling given by the court; and
- (iii) if so, the legal provisions under which the aforesaid survey of land has taken place?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that a land divided into three blocks as per the final decision given by the Homagama District court for the partition case bearing case number 2061, has been divided into two blocks by 'Bim Saviya' officers violating the aforesaid decision; and
- (ii) the reason for the aforesaid land to be divided in that manner?

(c) If not, why?

5259/'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 people who use the main road from Delthota to Pallegama face many difficulties because that road has been in a highly dilapidated condition for along time;
- (ii) the school children who use that road face many difficulties during the rainy season?

(b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to repair that main road speedily for the well being of the residents of Delthota and Pallegama area?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, October 23, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2693/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the Eastern University was established;
 - (ii) separately of the number of undergraduates studying and the number of academic staff members serving in that University at present;
 - (iii) the number of faculties in that University; and
 - (iv) the names of those faculties ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) human and physical resource shortages that exist in the Eastern University;
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to address those shortages and deficiencies;
 - (iii) whether there is a development plan for that University;
 - (iv) if so, the details of that plan;
 - (v) the estimated expenditure for the implementation of that plan;
 - (vi) the time frame within which the government will take action to provide those financial provisions ?
- (c) If not, why?

3309/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of government hospitals in the Colombo District at present;
 - (ii) separately the number of doctors, nurses, attendants, labourers and officers in other grades that should be in the approved cadre for each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (iii) the numbers of staff, in relation to each of the above positions, who serve in those hospitals at present;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to fill the vacancies in aforesaid hospitals, if any;
 - (v) if so, the period of time within which it will be done; and
 - (vi) if there is excess staff in aforesaid hospitals, the tasks for which they will be deployed?
- (b) If not, why ?

3960/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) about 300 milch cows that were in estates coming under the purview of Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila have been sold for meat by calling a forged tender;
 - (ii) among those cows sold, there were milch cows, calves and pregnant cows; and
 - (iii) according to the rules and regulations of the government only oxen can be sold for meat?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the weight and age of each cow/calf sold as above; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have purchased those cows/calves?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the above mentioned cows/calves have been sold in violation of the existing rules and regulations; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to hold a formal investigation about this fraudulent transaction?
- (d) If not, why?

4091/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there were days in the year 2013 that the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery was not functioning;
 - (ii) the reasons for non functioning of the refinery;
 - (iii) whether the refinery was closed down due to the failure in obtaining crude oil;
 - (iv) what those days were;
 - (v) the gross loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the closure of the refinery due to the lack of crude oil;
 - (vi) whether an inquiry has been conducted about the shortage of crude oil;
 - (vii) whether disciplinary actions have been taken against the persons who were found guilty in that inquiry?
- (b) If not, why

4227/'13

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members who got elected throughout the period from the year 2004 up to now for the Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Provincial Councils and by now have allegations leveled against them with regard to corruption, crimes and other illegal activities;
 - (ii) separately, the names of them, the political parties to which they belong, and the positions held or being held by them in the Provincial Council, Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iii) of the number of elected members out of the aforesaid number that the legal actions have been taken; and
 - (iv) of the number of members who were brought before the law and were convicted and punished by the court of law?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that there is a possibility for the organized corruption, crimes and various types of illegal activities to take place as a result of the representation of those corrupt groups in Provincial Councils and Local Authorities; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken in future to prevent the corrupt persons who are engaged in illegal activities and criminals entering into provincial and local level politics?
- (c) If not why?

4297/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to sell the stocks of paddy in excess in warehouses belonging to the government at lower prices for animal feed;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for selling the stocks of paddy at lower prices for animal feed;
 - (iii) whether a moisture content test is carried out when purchasing paddy by the government warehouses; and
 - (iv) of the percentage of moisture content that should be contained in the stocks of paddy when being purchased?
- (b) If not, why?

4568/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the top ten Middle East countries from which the Sri Lankan immigrant workers bring the highest amount of foreign exchange earning;
 - (ii) separately, the number of Sri Lankans (approximately) employed in each of the aforesaid countries;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lankan embassies are available in all of the aforesaid countries;
 - (iv) separately, the numbers of translators and labour officers serving in each of the aforesaid embassies; and
 - (v) whether he admits that a sufficient staff has not been deployed to serve in the embassies when compared with the number of Sri Lankan workers employed in those countries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a systematic procedure has been formulated to inform the Sri Lankan embassies when Sri Lankan workers are arrested by the police in those countries; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that the Sri Lankan migrant workers who happen to encounter legal issues are bestowed with the opportunity to seek refuge from the embassies through the formulation of such a procedure by signing MOUs between Sri Lanka and the aforesaid countries?
- (c) If not, why?

4586/'13

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(4)

- (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?

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- (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?

4641/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a cabinet sub-Committee was appointed in November 2012 to obtain recommendations on the Kidney disease;
- (ii) the number of Ministers appointed to that committee; and
- (iii) the names of those Ministers?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a Committee of experts was appointed by the above mentioned Cabinet Sub-Committee;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was appointed;
- (iii) the recommendations submitted by that committee of experts relating to the prevention of the kidney disease and looking after the patients afflicted with the disease;
- (iv) whether those recommendations are at the implementation phase at present;
- (v) if so, the date on which the implementation of those recommendations commenced?

(c) If not, why?

4767/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the quantity of wheat imported to this country annually;
- (ii) of its value;
- (iii) of the quantity of wheat flour imported annually;
- (iv) of the daily consumption of bread; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to reduce the consumption of bread?

(b) If not, why?

4942/'14

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the areas where the jaggery palm cultivation is prevalent in abundance in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number, engaged in the jaggery palm cultivation and obtain income from jaggery palm related products;
- (iii) whether the jaggery palm cultivation is conducted at field/estate level by the individuals engaged in the said cultivation;
- (iv) the measures that have been taken in view of developing the jaggery palm cultivation;
- (v) whether action will be taken to popularize jaggery palm products overseas; and
- (vi) if so, what those programmes are?

(b) Will he table—

- (i) the names of the jaggery palm related products;
- (ii) whether the relevant annual productions have been evaluated;
- (iii) if so, what those quantities are; and
- (iv) separately on the basis of each post, the number of public sector employees engaged in jaggery palm cultivation and related industries?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money spent by the government for the payment of salaries and other allowances of the aforesaid public servants annually; and
- (ii) the income received by the government from jaggery palm products industry?

(d) If not, why?

5034/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a programme by the name of Diverting Mahaweli Water to North-West has been initiated by the Department of Irrigation;
- (ii) if so, the objectives behind the aforesaid programme;

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- (iii) the major projects that have been implemented under that by now;
- (iv) the funds that have been allocated for the aforesaid programme;
- (v) the sources of funding; and
- (vi) the time period in which the programme of Diverting Mahaweli Water to North-West is expected to be completed?

(b) If not, why?

5168/'14

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that the Mr. A.M. Karunapala residing at 'Mayurasiri' in Diyakobala, Bibila joined the SLTB on 16.12.1980 and went on retirement on 24.06.2013; and
- (ii) that the said officer who has completed a service period of 32 years deserves a gratuity of Rs. 1,250,400.00?

(b) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to award the gratuity deserved by Mr. A.M. Karunapala expeditiously?

(c) If not, why?

5201/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that Southern Development Finance Company has been established in pursuance of a cabinet decision as per sub section 13(e) of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority Act;
- (ii) whether a decision has been taken to close down the above company that belonged to the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority under the Divi Neguma Act;
- (iii) if so, whether the approval of the cabinet has been obtained for same;
- (iv) whether the employees of the said company have been informed in writing that their services would be terminated as at 30 April 2014;
- (v) whether the termination of their services justifiable;
- (vi) whether the property and vehicles belonging to the said company have been acquired by the Southern Development Authority;
- (vii) if so, the reasons for same?

(b) If not, why?

5359/'14

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

- (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?

Friday, October 24, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2695/'12

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the world famous hot water springs of Madunagala are situated in the village of Mahapelessa in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District;
 - (ii) the area surrounding the aforesaid hot water springs was developed as a tourist zone;
 - (iii) a large number of Sri Lankans and foreigners visit this area at present; and
 - (iv) the facilities for tourism that were developed in the area surrounding the hot water springs are decaying at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme with proper targets will be implemented with a view to addressing the shortcomings prevalent in the tourist zone around Madunagala hot water springs; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time within which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3310/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31st December 2012 and to date ?

- (b) Will he state from 2009 to date—
- (i) the total foreign remittances flowed into the country through foreign employment separately in U.S Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;
 - (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the default working contracts;
 - (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;
 - (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent from the said Insurance Funds for the Sri Lankans working overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

4086/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) two charge sheets have been submitted under Schedule I of Chapter XLVIII of the Establishments Code against the Deputy Post Master General Mr. Senadheera who has been appointed as the Director of the project for networking Post Offices;
 - (ii) Mr. Senadheera has been subjected to punishment as he was found guilty of an allegation mentioned in one of the charge sheets;
 - (iii) a formal disciplinary inquiry has not been conducted regarding the other charge sheet yet;
 - (iv) the Auditor General has informed that the Deputy Post Master General Mr. K.A.S. Senadheera is not qualified to act as the Director of the aforementioned project; and
 - (v) the Auditor General has ordered that the money obtained by Mr. Senadheera through undue means as the Director of the project be recovered?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal disciplinary inquiry on the remaining charge sheet against Mr. Senadheera; and
 - (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken to recover the money that has been obtained by him as the Project Director in undue manner?
- (c) If not, why?

4281/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Company from which Blood Glucose Test Strips, which are used to examine the glucose level of diabetic patients, were purchased for government hospitals from June 2013;
 - (ii) the number of test strips purchased from the aforesaid company,
 - (iii) the purchasing price of a Glucose Test Strip mentioned above;
 - (iv) whether it has been reported that there is a shortage of Glucose Test Strips or they are completely unavailable in government hospitals from August 2013; and
 - (v) if so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

4571/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of ships that arrived at each of the harbours coming under the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the number of containers handled by each of those harbours during the period from the year 2011 to date;
 - (ii) separately, of the operational profit or loss of each of those harbours during the same period; and
 - (iii) separately, of the total income and the profit earned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority during the aforesaid period as a whole?
- (b) If not, why?

4671/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the location and the hotel where the 'Commonwealth Business Conference –2013' was held at;
 - (ii) of the number of countries that the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference represented; and
 - (iii) separately of the amounts of money spent on the aforesaid conference by the government of Sri Lanka and the Commonwealth Business Forum?

(21)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether tax concessions have been granted for projects that were started in Sri Lanka after the aforesaid conference; and
- (ii) separately of the benefits that the government and the people of Sri Lanka receive through the aforesaid concessions?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) whether there are special projects which the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference were interested in investing in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, of the names of such projects?

(d) If not, why?

4768/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sub Post Offices available in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of Sub Post Offices which are operated by the government incurring expenses for rent;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to prevent the Sub Post Masters from paying the rents for office buildings from their personal money;
- (iv) whether action will be taken to increase the building rental allowance of Rs. 250/=; and
- (v) if so, what that date is?

(b) If not, why?

4856/'14

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) of the housing programmes operational under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
- (ii) the housing projects that have been completed and commissioned at present; and
- (iii) the procedure followed in selecting the recipients of houses under those housing projects?

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- (b) Will he table a list of names of the recipients of houses under the above housing projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the houses of the Maligawatta housing scheme to its original residents; and
 - (ii) the objectives of the housing programmes of the Ministry for 2014?
- (d) If not, why?

4871/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (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?

5035/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a big demand for Virgin Coconut Oil in the international market;
 - (ii) there is an opportunity of earning large amount of foreign exchange by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil which is being sold at high prices?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of factories manufacturing Virgin Coconut Oil in the country;
 - (ii) of the amount of Virgin Coconut Oil manufactured annually;
 - (iii) the income generated by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil in the year 2013;
 - (iv) of the government patronage extended towards such manufacturers;
 - (v) whether a standard quality control mechanism has been introduced in view of maintaining a higher level of the quality of Virgin Coconut Oil exported by Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

5174/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of debt and interest owed by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank and other Banks to date separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5180/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid for the last time for the construction of Welipennagahamulla Post-Office in Bingiriya electorate;
 - (ii) the number of occasions on which foundation stones were laid for the construction of the aforesaid Post-Office; and
 - (iii) separately the amount of money that was spent on the functions that were held in each of such occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to construct a permanent building to house the aforesaid Post-Office which is being run amidst difficulties;
 - (ii) the estimated construction cost of the aforesaid building; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the scheduled dates of commencement and completion of construction work and commissioning of the aforesaid Post-Office?
- (c) If not, why?

5202/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the documents that should be submitted together with the application forwarded to seek approval to travel overseas for the Umra and Haj pilgrimages by Muslim devotees employed in the public service;
- (ii) when the relevant individual is a teacher, whether he is entitled to leave with pay for such pilgrimage;
- (iii) whether he acknowledges that a simplified application and visa granting mechanism should be formulated for those who travel overseas for the Umara pilgrimage and Haj pilgrimage;
- (iv) if so, whether an intervention will be made in this connection;
- (v) the number of days of approved leave for public servants undertaking the above pilgrimage; and
- (vi) whether this number of dates is sufficient?

(b) If not, why?

2731/'12

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) bread is sold at various prices in different areas with the price increase of wheat flour ; and
- (ii) although the fixed weight of a loaf of bread should be of 450g, there is no fixed weight in the bread that is sold at the market by now?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the owners of the bakeries and the sellers of bread have been made aware by the relevant officials, of the fixed weight and the fixed price of a loaf of bread ; and
- (ii) of the measures taken, to bring to book the sellers those who sell bread without fixed weight and above the fixed price?

(c) If not, why ?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House since September 2010 to date, if any—
 - (i) the locations of refugee camps where people are detained after the North-East War; and
 - (ii) the number of persons so detained?
 - (b) Will he state since September 2010 to date—
 - (i) the number of persons arrested as LTTE suspects;
 - (ii) separately, the number of suspects detained in each camp;
 - (iii) the types of trainings given to them; and
 - (iv) the measures taken for their future well-being?
 - (c) If not, why?
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