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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2740/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, with respect to each year, the amount of loans written off as bad debt out of the loans granted by the People's Bank from the year 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of loans written off by the People's Bank as bad debt within the said period, as a percentage of the total amount of loans granted by that bank?
- (c) If not, why ?

3547/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Members of Parliament in the present Parliament of Sri Lanka
 - (ii) the names of the Members of Parliament who have created Trusts from the year 2000 onwards to facilitate ease in performing public duties;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid Trusts along with the dates that they were incorporated?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the taxes are paid for the aforesaid Trusts;
- (ii) if not, the areas to which the taxes are not applicable;
- (iii) the overall loss out on revenue owing to the incorporation of the Trusts;
- (iv) whether the stipulated objectives of each Trust are being implemented in the present day context; and
- (v) whether there is any misuse taking place in relation to aforesaid Trusts?

(c) If not, why?

4264/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Major General W.P.B. Jayasundara, Director – National Cadet Corps was born on 5th April 1950 and has exceeded 64 years of age by now; and
- (ii) he has been given service extensions in the years 2012 and 2013 disregarding objections expressed by the Treasury and the Public Service Commission regarding the extensions?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) the government has to bear an extra cost due to the retaining in service an officer who has completed the statutory retirement age; and
- (ii) officers of lower grades get frustrated as they lose the opportunity for promotions when officers scheduled for retirement are granted service extensions in this manner?

(c) If so, will he inform the House whether action will be taken to terminate the service extension of the officer mentioned in (a) (i) above?

(d) If not, why?

(3)

4424/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to start a cement factory based at China Port in Trincomalee;
 - (ii) whether an environmental report has been obtained pertaining to the construction of the proposed factory;
 - (iii) if so, whether he could submit the contents of the report to this House; and
 - (iv) whether complaints or objections have been received to the effect that there is a threat of the fish resource being destroyed due to the construction of the factory concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

4468/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had transactions with the company named Cranford Johnson Robinson Wood in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
 - (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
 - (iv) the benefits derived from them;
 - (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
 - (vi) the expenditure head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
 - (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

4677/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the increase in the number of Dengue patients reported within Sri Lanka in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, separately; and
 - (ii) the number that died of Dengue in the aforesaid years?

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- (b) Will he table the names of the Districts in descending order with the highest number of deaths due to Dengue reported in the said years?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the programme that has been implemented to eradicate Dengue;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the said purpose within the last three years;
 - (iii) the results gained through that?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which the BTI bacteria for Dengue eradication was imported;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the importation of those bacteria in 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
 - (iii) whether it is possible to produce the BTI bacteria in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if that is possible, the reasons for not using the BTI bacteria in Sri Lanka?
- (e) If not, why?

4773/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether local purchase of pharmaceuticals has been permitted as a remedy for the shortage of drugs in hospitals;
 - (ii) of the procedure of calling for bids for the aforesaid purchases;
 - (iii) whether there is a procedure for comparing the aforesaid prices with those of the Medical Supplies Division; and
 - (iv) whether the Ministry is aware of the malpractices that have taken place with regard to purchase of pharmaceuticals by the Peradeniya General Hospital;
- (b) If not, why?

5087/'14

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the people who come to the Delthota Divisional Secretariat to get their work done, are highly inconvenienced for the reason that a permanent Divisional Secretary has not been appointed for the aforesaid office?
 - (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to appoint a permanent Divisional Secretary for the Delthota Divisional Secretariat?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 04, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2742/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students who passed the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in the year 2011 ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who receive scholarship grants out of those students in each of the Districts;
 - (iii) whether a sufficient amount of scholarship grant commensurate with the current increase of prices in the market is paid to the students who have passed the scholarship examination ;
 - (iv) if not, whether the aforesaid scholarship grant will be increased ;
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done ; and
 - (vi) the amount of the expected increase?
- (b) If not, why ?

3548/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last five years from 2009 to 2013 on per year basis—
 - (i) the companies, institutions or industrial investors who bought Treasury Bonds or Treasury Bills;
 - (ii) the rate and the time period that the aforesaid debt instruments were sold for; and
 - (iii) whether there was any guarantee given to the buyers of the Treasury Bonds or Treasury Bills saying that the Government will incur the loss due to exchange rise?
 - (iv) the five biggest investors or the industrial investors who bought the Government debt instruments;
 - (v) the total debt instruments in terms of short term, medium term and long term sold by the Government along with the value and the period it was sold.
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

4265/'13

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

(a) Will he admit that –

- (i) Arrangements are being made to extend the Southern Expressway to Mattala in Hambantota via Godagama, Matara ;
 - (ii) the Aparekka road had been proposed as the closest entry point to the Southern Expressway from the Divisional Secretariat divisions of Thihagoda, Kirinda and Dondra and surveying has also been conducted already;
 - (iii) a move has been made to change the proposed Aparekka entry point and shift the entry point to Walakanda in the Kirinda-Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat division; and
 - (iv) if the entry point is subjected to a change as mentioned in (iii) above, the opportunity to give the benefits to a wider population will be lost?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will ensure that the entry point will not be changed as stated in (a) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

4578/'13

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total length of the railway track from Omanthai to Kankasanthurai;
 - (ii) of the total cost that was incurred on the construction of the aforesaid railway track;
 - (iii) accordingly, of the approximate construction cost of a kilometer of the railway track;
- (b) If not, why?

4678/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform in this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of people who die of smoking daily and annually in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of people who died of smoking in the year 2013;
 - (iii) the number of people who become sick owing to smoking annually; and
 - (iv) the annual income earned by the government by importing cigarettes?
- (b) Will he table this House in relation to the last five years—
 - (i) the number of people who became sick owing to smoking;
 - (ii) the income earned by the government by importing cigarettes?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps taken by the government to minimize smoking;
 - (ii) the date on which the cigarette packets with pictorial warnings depicting the harm caused by smoking will be issued to the market;
 - (iii) if there are any obstacles to that, what they are;
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of reducing the use of cigarettes by introducing such a packet of cigarettes; and
 - (v) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

5145/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether areas or villages which are occupied by groups engaged in gold and silver jewellery making industry as their livelihood have been identified; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of those areas and villages?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the nature of the assistance that is provided and the names of the programmes implemented to support the aforesaid persons for the continuation of their industries;
- (ii) whether facilities have been provided to the aforesaid craftsmen to source raw material (gold, silver, gems and precious stones) that is required;
- (iii) if so, as to what kind of facilities have been provided;
- (iv) whether there is any programme to place production orders with the aforesaid craftsmen; and
- (v) the methodology that is adopted for the supply of gold/silver jewellery to institutions such as the Laksala where creations of local craftsmen are displayed and sold?

(c) If not, why?

5148/'14

Hon. Dunes Gankanda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of teacher trainees admitted to the National Colleges of Education per year (approximately);
- (ii) separately, the monthly allowance paid to a teacher trainee in the Colleges of Education each year from 2009-2013; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that a public statement was made by the President before the trainees of the Ruwanpura College of Education, Kahawatta when he visited there on 10th November 2009 that measures would be taken to increase the said allowance up to Rs. 5000/-?

(b) Will he state whether necessary steps will be taken to increase the said allowance paid to the teacher trainees up to Rs. 5,000/- at least from the next month as per the above statement of the President?

(c) If not, why?

5175/'14

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

- (a) Will he state whether the Sapugaskanda Petroleum Refinery is sufficient to fulfill the petroleum refinery requirement of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the instances in which the refinery operations of the Sapugaskanda Petroleum Refinery were fully stopped between the years 2010 and 2012;
 - (ii) of the durations for which the refinery operations were stopped on each of the aforesaid occasions; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for stopping operations in the aforesaid manner?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to close down the Sapugaskanda Petroleum Refinery;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons that contributed towards such a decision;
 - (iii) whether a decision has been taken to construct a new petroleum refinery; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not giving priority of the Government to construct a new oil refinery?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 05, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2744/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of government schools located within the Southern Province ;
 - (ii) separately, the number of qualified principals serving in these schools and the number of principals those who have not qualified such qualifications;
 - (iii) the basis on which the persons who have not completed the qualifications appointed as acting principals;
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken regarding such acting principals;
 - (v) whether the principals who have completed the qualifications will be appointed to these schools; and
 - (vi) how long will it take?
- (b) If not, why ?

3549/'13

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total balance at Samurdhi Banks at the time of the Divineguma Bill was enacted in Parliament on 8th of January 2013;
- (ii) whether the name of the Samurdhi Bank has been changed or a new Bank has been brought into existence; and
- (iii) the cumulative total at Samurdhi Bank from the date of inception to-date on per year basis as at 1st January of each year?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the interest rates that have been paid to the depositors of Samurdhi Bank who had been forced to put their savings to the said Bank; and
- (ii) interest paid in total to the capital that have been deposited by them?

(c) If not, why?

4266/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Sinharaja Forest Reserve is subjected to an enormous environmental damage due to the hotel named 'Rainforest Eco Lodge' that has been constructed in the Ensalwatte area on the boundary of the Reserve;
- (ii) a severe threat has been posed to the sensitive soil organisms and aquatic species living within the Forest due to the disposal of waste into the Forest by the hotel; and
- (iii) the construction of such hotels adversely affect the existence of the entire forest ecosystem?

(b) If so, will steps be taken to put an end to adverse effects being caused to the environment by the above-mentioned hotel and to prevent the construction of hotels on the boundary of forests?

(c) If not, why?

4469/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Qorvis Communications in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
 - (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
 - (iv) the benefits derived from them;
 - (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
 - (vi) the expenditure head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
 - (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

5176/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has prepared Annual Final Accounts pertaining to the period from 2005 to 2013; and
 - (ii) the net profit or loss recorded by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the year 2013?
- (b) If not, why?

5182/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of tanks and irrigation projects in the Panduwasnuwara Electorate that were renovated under Deyata Kirula, Gama Neguma and other development projects during the period from year 2013 to the first quarter of 2014;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of each of the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) the dates of commencement and completion of each of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that had been spent on each of the aforesaid projects by the time the work was completed?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the nature of the initial estimated plan of each of the aforesaid projects;
- (ii) of the names of the institutes by which the aforesaid plans were approved and those by which payments were approved accordingly;
- (iii) of the names of the persons who monitored the implementation of the aforesaid projects;
- (iv) separately of the names of the projects which were completed in line with the estimate and those that were not thus completed;
- (v) if projects could not be completed in line with the estimates, of the reasons for such failure;
- (vi) whether payments have been made for such projects; and
- (vii) if so, the names of the officers who approved the payment for such projects?

(c) If not, why?

5205/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a Consular General Office is run in Melbourne, Australia in addition to the Sri Lankan High Commission that is at Canberra, Australia;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid Consular General Office was declared opened;
- (iii) the purpose of opening a Sri Lankan Consular General Office in Melbourne;
- (iv) the benefits that have been reaped by Sri Lanka through the aforesaid Consular General Office?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the name and professional qualifications of the person who acts in the capacity of the Consul at the Sri Lankan Consular General Office in Melbourne;
 - (ii) of the number of other officers who are employed there;
 - (iii) separately of the name, designation, professional qualifications and duties of each of the aforesaid officers;
 - (iv) of the amounts of salaries that are paid to the aforesaid officers including the Consul according to their respective positions;
 - (v) of the official vehicles and other additional facilities and allowances that are provided to the aforesaid officers;
 - (vi) of the total expenditure borne by the Sri Lanka government for the aforesaid office monthly?
- (c) If not, why?

5418/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the statutory law that applies for the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund;
 - (ii) the members in the Regulatory Board of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund under that stipulated law;
 - (iii) how often does this Regulatory Board meet adhering to that law;
 - (iv) the number of times that this Regulatory Board of the Mahapola Higher Education Trust Fund met during the last year; and
 - (v) whether the representatives from the students participated at those meetings?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the benefits expected from investing the money of Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund in Private Companies, if they have invested their money in such companies;
 - (ii) if they have incurred a loss as a result of such investments the persons who are responsible for such a loss?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 07, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2745/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of years that have lapsed by now since the inception of the Delkanda fair ;
 - (ii) the name of the authority that manage the Delkanda fair ;
 - (iii) the names of the current owners of the land on which the Delkanda fair is held ; and
 - (iv) the number of traders who conduct their trade in this fair?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether justice will be served to those traders who were subjected to injustice by the removal of the Delkanda fair ;
 - (ii) the alternative that will be offered if Delkanda fair is to be removed ;
 - (iii) the cost that has to be borne for that alternative ; and
 - (iv) the date on which it will be put in to action?
- (c) If not, why ?

3550/'13

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the extent of Government lands that has been allocated to private sector and foreign investors through the Board of Investment or any other Government Institution in the year 2010 and during the period from 2012 to-date;
 - (ii) the receiver, the selling price, the extent, the location and the purpose of buying of each land separately;
 - (iii) whether the relevant business has commenced on each land given by the Government up to date since 2010;
 - (iv) if not, the time that will be taken to commence the business; and
 - (v) the total value of the investment and the creation of employment in relation to the business in lands given as per (i) above?
- (b) If not, why ?

4267/'13

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the inhabitants around the Sinharaja Forest have been clearing the reserved areas of the Forest and cultivating tea without permission;
 - (ii) as a result, the Sinharaja Forest, which is a world heritage site, is rapidly shrinking in size; and
 - (iii) this situation can be controlled through the acquisition of lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission located surrounding the Reserve and vesting them in the Sinharaja Forest Reserve?
- (b) If so, will he inform the House whether action will be taken to acquire the lands mentioned in (a) (iii) above for the Sinharaja Forest Reserve?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the owner of the business named Guruge Gems has forcefully taken possession of a forest area of 300 acres in Manikkawatte area belonging to the Sinharaja Reserve and is preparing to mine for gems;
 - (ii) whether he admits that many environmental issues will crop up within the Reserve if such an act is committed; and
 - (iii) whether he will take steps to put an end to that situation?
- (d) If not, why?

4579/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licences that have been issued for casino gambling in Sri Lanka from year 2012 to date;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforesaid licence holders;
 - (iii) of the areas in which those casino resorts are operated;
 - (iv) whether it has been reported that casino resorts are being operated without licence;
 - (v) if so, the action that has been taken against such casino resorts?
- (b) If not, why?

4774/'14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a contract has been awarded for the construction of a two storey building in the main pharmaceuticals premises of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation;
- (ii) the name of that contract company; and
- (iii) the value of the contract that has been awarded to the aforesaid company?

(b) If not, why?

5099/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he knows that it becomes impossible during the drought seasons for farmers of Rajarata to conduct farming activities due to shortage of water;
- (ii) whether the programme to conserve every tank so that the level of ground water can be maintained as envisaged on page 21 in the Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future has been implemented;
- (iii) the names of the tanks that have been conserved under the programme above; and
- (iv) the steps that have been taken to save the rainwater in order to solve the water problem faced by farmers during the drought season;

(b) If not, why?

5206/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the bowser bearing No. LY5467 which was transporting aviation fuel from Kolonnawa to the Mattala International Airport, was destroyed by fire after meeting with an accident at the Meegahajandura junction of Sooriyawewa around 1.30 a.m. on 12 April 2014?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the aforesaid fuel bowser was owned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
- (ii) if the aforesaid bowser was owned by a private individual, the name and address of the owner;
- (iii) the number of liters of fuel that were being transported by the aforesaid bowser?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether fire trucks arrived at the location to extinguish the aforesaid fire;
 - (ii) if so, of the time at which the fire trucks arrived and the name of the institution to which the aforesaid fire trucks belonged;
 - (iii) of the names of institutions and locations of the fire units that were closest to the location of the aforementioned vehicle that was caught on fire;
 - (iv) of the reasons for not calling the fire unit of the Mattala International Airport to extinguish the fire mentioned in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

5260/'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 main road which provides access from Deltota Town to locations such as the Deltota Government Hospital, Malaimagal Hindu Central College and Deltota Muslim Central College is in a dilapidated condition due to non-renovation over a long period of time; and
 - (ii) the people who use this dilapidated road have to face many difficulties?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken for the prompt renovation of the above road for the welfare of the people of Deltota?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 08, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2746/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of local surgical gauze factories functioning at present ;
 - (ii) the number of employees employed in those factories ;
 - (iii) the quantity of surgical gauze purchased for the government hospitals from the local producers ; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to protect that industry which is fallen into decline due to the reductions in the quantity of local gauze products purchased by the government hospitals?
- (b) If not, why ?

3551/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the statement made by the Minister of Finance and Planning during the impeachment of the former Chief Justice that the Golden Key and foiled Ceylinco subsidiary companies will be compensated, is correct;
 - (ii) if so, as to when compensation was offered or expected to be done;
 - (iii) the total outstanding to depositors of the aforesaid companies;
 - (iv) the percentage that can be paid by the assets and reserves within those companies;
 - (v) the name of each company sold along with amount obtained; and
 - (vi) the payment plan for the balance?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the Institutions existed under the 'Golden Key Company' and the foiled Ceylinco subsidiaries and other companies in Ceylinco group;
 - (ii) the value that each company was sold for;
 - (iii) the valuer ; and
 - (iv) whether the last Balance Sheets of those companies as at the date of crashing will be submitted ?
- (c) If not, why ?

4268/'13

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Padaviya Forest, which has a endemic ecosystem and is situated in the North Central Province, has been declared a forest reserve by a Gazette Notification;
 - (ii) the reason for such declaration is its unique significance;
 - (iii) action is being taken to reacquire a portion of 12,900 hectares from that forest reserve through a gazette notification for the purpose of relocation of displaced communities and for development activities;
 - (iv) the loss of part of that reserve as stated in (iii) above may result in many weather and climatic changes in the area; and
 - (v) it may cause severe impacts on the lakes system led by the Padaviya Lake?

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- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether quick action will be taken to prevent this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4580/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money that was spent on the recently held CHOGM by the Ministry of Mass Media and Information and the other institutes coming under the purview of that Ministry;
 - (ii) of the manner by which the aforesaid money was raised;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the aforesaid money was spent;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money spent on media publicity for the aforesaid conference;
 - (v) of the names of electronic and print media through which publicity was given; and
 - (vi) separately of the amount of money that was paid to each of the aforesaid media institute?
- (b) If not, why?

4679/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names, designations and the institutions of the persons selected by the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture for the expert Committee appointed to solve the Kidney disease issue in the North Central province;
 - (ii) the date on which that committee was appointed;
 - (iii) the number of meetings held by that committee so far;
 - (iv) the date on which the final report of the committee was handed over;
 - (v) the person/persons to whom the said report was handed over by the committee; and
 - (vi) the steps taken to implement the recommendations of that report?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the use of 4 agro-chemicals has been banned by the recommendations of that report;
- (ii) whether the agro-chemicals so banned are still available for sale in the market;
- (iii) the pesticides imported to Sri Lanka in 2013;
- (iv) separately of the quantities of each such pesticide imported;
- (v) whether the standard of those pesticides was tested;
- (vi) if so, the laboratory and the place where they were tested;
- (vii) if no such standard test was conducted the reasons for it?

(c) If not, why?

4775/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of registered pharmacies available in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the number of registered pharmacists and the number of distributors of pharmaceutical drugs available in the country;
- (iii) of the number of pharmacists required for the country; and
- (iv) whether a proper methodology is in effect for training pharmacists?

(b) If not, why?

5100/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Mita menace has caused a severe influence towards the decline of local coconut production;
- (ii) of the annual coconut yield in Sri Lanka from the year 2010 to date separately;
- (iii) of the number of coconuts exported annually during the past five years separately;
- (iv) of the income received from the export of coconuts annually during that period; and
- (v) of the extent of coconut cover in each year during that period separately?

(21)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) what allocations were made by the government and non-state agencies to the Coconut Research Institute for the development of coconut cultivation and for conducting research necessary to counter the hazards faced by coconut plantations in last three years;
- (ii) what new researches were conducted by the Institute for the advancement of coconut cultivation;
- (iii) what recommendations have been given by the Institute after such researches;
- (iv) of the date on which those recommendations will be implemented in order to enhance and improve coconut exportation?

(c) If not, why?

5183/'14

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

(a) Will she state —

- (i) the name of the company which presently carries out the operational activities and maintenance work of Phase I of Norochcholai Coal Power Plant, which has a capacity of 300 MW, and of which the construction work has been completed; and
- (ii) the date on which that company was assigned with such responsibility?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) whether arrangements have been made delegate the responsibility of carrying out operational activities and maintenance work of the aforesaid power plant to the same company which constructed that power plant;
- (ii) if so, of the date from which such responsibility will be delegated to that company; and
- (iii) of the scheduled dates of completion of the construction work of Phase II and Phase III of that power plant?

(c) If not, why?

Monday, November 10, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2747/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money that was spent for the drinking water supply project in Yatiyantota in the Kegalle District?
- (b) Will he admit—
 - (i) the drinking water supply project in Yatiyantota has turned a failure ; and
 - (ii) the National Water Supply and Drainage Board levies charges for the water supplied without proper purifying under the project?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to put a stop to the injustice of levying charges for distributing impure water feigned as drinking water to the people living in the area from the pumping station that has no water purification plant?
- (d) If not, why ?

3552/'13

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of unguarded railway crossings in the country as of today;
 - (ii) as to why the action cannot be taken regarding the unguarded railway crossings by using more protective measures;
 - (iii) the number of people who man the aforesaid unguarded railway crossings;
 - (iv) the total cost per year for such unguarded railway crossings; and
 - (v) the number of deaths that have occurred at these unguarded railway crossings since 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

4323/'13

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) mass scale gravel digging is done in the Boraluwala area belonging to zone 4 of the Wilpattu National Park in order to obtain gravel required to construct the Mollikulama-Silawatura road; and
- (ii) the residents of the area allege that this act receives the assistance of the Beat Security Officer of the Tantirimale Beat Forest Office?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that these acts mentioned in (a) (i) above violates Sections 3, 5 and 6 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance No. 2 of 1937;
- (ii) if so, as to who granted recommendations to Maga Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd. to dig gravel in the above area; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken forthwith to stop this act which causes grave damage to the environment of the Wilpattu National Park?

(c) If not, why?

4581/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the value of the National Income for the years of 2011 and 2012 separately;
- (ii) separately of the amount of the interest and the loan installment paid annually for the loans obtained by the government for the aforesaid years; and
- (iii) of the total of the loan installment and the interest paid in each of the aforesaid years as a percentage of the National Income of the relevant year?

(b) If not, why?

5177/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a fraud has been occurred in the process of providing fuel subsidy for the fisher folk;
 - (ii) whether there is any authenticity in the media statement that was made by the Managing Director of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the effect that a fraud to the tune of Rs. 500 Million has been occurred in the process of providing fuel subsidy;
 - (iii) whether a compliant has been lodge at the police, if such a fraud had been committed; and
 - (iv) of the progress of that investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

5198/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the website named Sri Lanka Mirror has been registered at the Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) the amount of the fee charged for the aforesaid registration;
 - (iv) whether the premises used to maintain the aforesaid website which is duly registered, has been inspected by the officers of the Department of Criminal Investigation and that computers in the aforesaid premises were taken into their custody; and
 - (v) if so, the ate on which it was done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the computers that were taken into custody of the Department of Criminal Investigation have been returned to Sri Lanka Mirror following a determination given pertaining to the two fundamental rights cases that were filed at the Supreme Court against the aforesaid conduct of the officers of the Department of Criminal Investigation; and
 - (ii) of the action that can be taken by the Ministry if there are constant break-downs in the provision of internet facilities by service providers to a news website that is registered at the Ministry of Mass Media and Information?
- (c) If not, why?

5261/'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 Arab Road at Maradana, Beruwala belonging to the Beruwala Urban Council is in a highly dilapidated condition as of now; and
 - (ii) the people of the area using this road face severe difficulties as pot holes are filled with water and the road gets muddy during the rainy season?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken for the prompt renovation of the above road for the welfare of the people residing in the area?
- (c) If not, why?

5420/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) arrangements have been made to construct a reservoir in extent of 800 acres by erecting an embankment across the river Kumbukkan Oya in Monaragala District;
 - (ii) as result of constructing this reservoir, the pepper cultivation and the rubber cultivation of the Monaragala District will be severely affected;
 - (iii) as a result, the economic activities of the people in the area will be hampered; and
 - (iv) a massive damage will be caused to the forest and the environment due to the construction of the reservoir?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the intended objectives and targets of this water scheme;
 - (ii) what development is expected to be achieved by constructing the reservoir; and
 - (iii) what amount of money will have to be spent for the scheme?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 11, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2752/'12

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total extent of land belonging to Madu Road Sanctuary in Madu Divisional Secretariat Division in Mannar District?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) digging and removal of soil in the aforesaid sanctuary cause damages to the wild animals and the forest ; and
 - (ii) soil has been dug in an area of 10 acres within the territory of the sanctuary by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to stop the aforesaid digging of soil in the Madu Road Sanctuary ; and
 - (ii) of the action that will be taken against the persons who encouraged the digging of soil and those who involved in the act?
- (d) If not, why ?

3553/'13

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the acreage of lands available to the Sri Lanka Railway Department on district basis;
 - (ii) whether those lands are available for commercial development; and
 - (iii) if not, as to why those highly valuable lands are not being exploited for commercial purposes?
- (b) Will he also state whether there is any land of Railway Department that has been given to the private sector or any other company?
- (c) Will he inform this House if there are lands given as of (b) above ,separately, on per land basis—
 - (i) the extent given in perches or acres;
 - (ii) the price;
 - (iii) the time period that it has been given for;
 - (iv) the nature of the transaction (solicited or unsolicited);
 - (v) the person to whom it has been given; and
 - (vi) the purpose it is being used for?
- (d) If not, why?

4425/'13

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether the operations of the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant had been stopped after August 2013;
 - (ii) what steps were taken to remedy the power generation gap that was created by this stoppage; and
 - (iii) what losses that were caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to that stoppage?
- (b) 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?

4473/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Matara Uyanwatta Stadium is a public stadium that is used to hold District and all-island level sporting events;
 - (ii) a large number of residents of the Matara town use the aforesaid stadium daily for physical fitness activities; and
 - (iii) action is being taken by the Matara Municipal Council to sell the aforesaid stadium to the 'Sri Lanka Cricket'?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the people of the aforesaid area would face a number of difficulties if the abovementioned stadium is sold to the ‘Sri Lanka Cricket’; and
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to stop the process of selling the aforesaid stadium?

(c) If not, why?

4505/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of tourist hotels that had been reserved for the Heads of State and other guests who participated in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM);
- (ii) the total amount of money spent on that;
- (iii) the number of hotels that provided meals to the guests who participated in that conference; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent on that?

(b) If not, why?

5149/'14

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

(a) Is he aware people residing in the villages of Pambahinna, Kumbalgama, Muththettuwegama, Diyawara village and Kinchigune belonging to the Imbulpe Divisional Secretariat division of the Balangoda electorate have been facing a grave scarcity of drinking water for a long period of time?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the action taken by the government to solve the problem of drinking water faced by the residents of the above mentioned villages;
- (ii) whether he admits the fact that steps taken so far to solve the aforesaid problem have not been sufficient; and
- (iii) if so, whether attention will be focused to initiate a satisfactory programme to solve the problem of drinking water of the aforesaid people?

(c) If not, why?

5208/14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of countries in which High Commissions that represent Sri Lanka are operated;
 - (ii) of the names and professional qualifications of the High Commissioners that have been appointed at present;
 - (iii) of the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service that have been assigned to the posts of High Commissioner;
 - (iv) of the total monthly expenditure borne by the Sri Lanka government for the High Commissions mentioned in (i) above;
 - (v) of the number of countries in which Consular General Offices that represent Sri Lanka have been established; and
 - (vi) of the names of the aforesaid countries?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 12, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2754/12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs of Sri Lanka toured the United States of America during May 2012;
 - (ii) if so, of the relevant dates;
 - (iii) of the others who participated in that tour;
 - (iv) whether a meeting with Mrs. Hilary Clinton, the American Secretary of State, was held during that tour;
 - (v) whether an action plan on the conclusions and commitments of the report of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission was handed over to the American Secretary of State at that meeting; and
 - (vi) if so, of the key components of that action plan?
- (b) If not, why?

3554/'13

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

- (a) Will he state from the year 2010 to date—
 - (i) the number of fully integrated fish canning factories opened in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a fully Sri Lankan integrated process is followed or fish canning is done only for export by the aforesaid factories;
 - (iii) the investment value and the labour generation of each fish canning factory operating in Sri Lanka separately; and
 - (iv) the number of canned fish produced in metric tons by each factory separately?
- (b) Will he also state the principal countries from which canned fish are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

3961/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it was published in the newspapers that the group that participated in the 6th South Asian University Cultural Festival held in the University of Patiala Punjab of India from 24.02.2013 to 28.02.2013 representing the University of Visual Arts, had been selected to be the first and most talented group;
 - (ii) however, competitions were not held in the aforesaid festival except for presentation of cultural items;
 - (iii) a fake felicitation ceremony too was held with the participation by you and a group of experts with a huge expenditure implying the aforesaid group won the first place, the group that received just a certificate of participation at the aforesaid festival; and
 - (iv) Secretary of the Students Union of the faculty of Visual Arts make allegations that aforesaid fraudulent act was committed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Performing Arts Mr. Jayasena Kottegodage on behalf of his son Janaka Kottegodage?

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- (b) Will he state whether the steps will be taken to hold a formal inquiry and punish the offenders in relation to the aforesaid fraudulent act?
- (c) If not, why?

4419/'13

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the quarters and the other buildings located in the premises of around 500 acres which belong to the Ambelipitiya Paper Mills, coming under the Walawa special area of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka are being used presently;
 - (ii) whether information has been received in regard to unauthorized occupation in the lands in the aforesaid premises,
 - (iii) whether information has been received in regard to the cutting down of trees in the lands in the aforesaid premises and the transport of timber; and
 - (iv) whether any programme is being implemented in order to protect the lands, buildings and the other property in the aforesaid premises?
- (b) If not, why?

4627/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (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?

4636/'13

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for extending the age limit for the payment of farmers' pension to 63 years from the budget of 2014;
 - (ii) whether the extension of the age limit for paying the farmers' pension up to 63 years is a violation of the Farmers' Pension and Social Security Benefit Scheme Act, No. 12 of 1987 which stipulates that the pension should be paid to farmers at the age of 60 years; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to pay pension arrears to those who have become entitled to pension by paying installments from the year 2011 to November 2013?
- (b) Will he table separately of—
 - (i) the contribution of the farmers' pension scheme from 18 years of age; and
 - (ii) the contribution of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the Govisetha Lottery and farmers for the farmers' pension?
- (c) If not, why?

4847/'14

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

- (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?

4944/'14

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the specified duration of the Allied Health Services or Nursing and Para-Medical Services degree course;
 - (ii) the total number of students following that degree course by now; and
 - (iii) the number of students enrolled annually for that degree course?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the duration of the said course which had been designed as a four year degree course with the syllabuses prepared accordingly, has been reduced to three years by now;
 - (ii) if so, whether it is possible to complete that degree course which had been designed with syllabuses for four years, in three years;
 - (iii) whether those students are caused an injustice as a result of reducing the duration of that degree course; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 13, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2755/'12

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a programme was initiated to provide a glass of milk daily to schoolchildren of the Nuwara-Eliya District from the month of May, 2012; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of schoolchildren provided with a glass of milk under the said programme?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent on a litre of milk in implementing this programme;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent per month for the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) whether the project to provide a glass of milk to schoolchildren is still being successfully implemented in the Nuwara-Eliya District; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide a glass of milk to all schoolchildren throughout the island under this programme?
- (c) If not, why?

3246/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways—
 - (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?

3713/'13

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

- (a) Will he state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the amount of money received by the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the funding sources of that amount?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in each year—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the President's Fund during the last two years; and
 - (ii) the breakdown of that expenditure on each sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which people are selected for providing aid for medical treatment from the President Fund;
 - (ii) whether aids have been provided from the President's Fund for medical treatment to members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Provincial Councils and the Members of Parliament during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) if so, of their names and the amount of money provided to each person?
- (d) If not, why?

3925/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that the workers, who have been sent to foreign countries by many foreign employment agencies saying that they will be directed to specific jobs with high salaries, end up in employments with low salaries?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the legal steps that have been taken by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment against the Employment Agencies who send workers abroad providing false information?
- (c) If not, why?

4397/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the monthly allowance paid to a trainee receiving training at Colleges of Education;
 - (ii) the date on which the payment of that allowance was commenced; and
 - (iii) the amount paid prior to the introduction of the payment of the said allowance?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money paid to a trainee of a College of Education during the period of internship;
 - (ii) of the amount paid prior to the introduction of the payment of the said amount;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the amount paid at present is not sufficient in comparison with the current cost of living;
 - (iv) if so, whether arrangements will be made to increase the allowances or salary paid to them at present; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

4680/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a request was made to the World Health Organization to get a report with regard to the kidney disease in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government of Sri Lanka to prepare that report; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the World Health Organization to prepare that report?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of reports given by the WHO with regard to the kidney disease;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid reports were received by the Ministry of Health;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Health accepts the reports of the WHO;
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to control the kidney disease based on the facts in the aforesaid reports;
 - (v) the reasons for the non implementation of the recommendations in the reports issued earlier; and
 - (vi) whether influence from any party is the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4770/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of routes in Kurunegala District on which only the school buses deployed by the Sri Lanka Transport Board are operated;
 - (ii) of the number of routes on which school buses are not being operated;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to operate school buses in those routes;
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of buses assigned to the Wennappuwa bus depot in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) the number of buses operated daily by the said bus depot as of now;
 - (iii) the number of buses removed from running from the said depot as of now;
 - (iv) the total number of employees employed in the said depot;
 - (v) the amount of money required for the payment of their monthly salaries and allowances; and
 - (vi) the monthly profit or loss of the said depot?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, November 14, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) in paying pension, a person who retires on the 01st of the month is paid unreduced pension for the number of days that was spent on retirement of the relevant month, viz., for the entire month and a person who retires on 02nd is only paid unreduced pension only from the subsequent month;
 - (ii) this situation is a grave injustice committed to those who retire on a date other than the first of the month; and
 - (iii) nowhere has it been stated in the pensions minutes that the computation of pension should be done on such inequitable system?
- (b) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to do away with the above injustice with retrospective effect by using the powers vested under section 31 of the pensions minutes or in any other appropriate manner and pay arrears entitled to pensioners accordingly?
- (c) If not, why ?

3317/'12

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of state enterprises requested and the number of companies entered into agreement with the Board of Investment under Section 16 and Section 17 of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act from 31/05/2011 to date on per year and per section basis;
 - (ii) the number of enterprises in (i) above that have started commercial operations to date; and
 - (iii) the value of the investment that has been done as per (i) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the tax holidays enjoyed by the aforesaid companies; and
 - (ii) the number of companies registered and commenced operations during the period from 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2012 on the basis of per year and per section of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act?
- (c) If not, why?

3922/'13

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage collected in the city of Kandy is disposed of at a place in Gohagoda area in Kandy close to the Mahaweli river; and
 - (ii) an animal farm is run close to that place?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been granted to run an animal farm in the aforesaid place;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that have granted the aforesaid permission or the name of the institution that has granted the aforesaid permission;
 - (iii) the name and address of the owner of the aforesaid animal farm; and
 - (iv) if the owner of the aforesaid farm is employed in another institution in addition to that industry, the name of that institution and the post held by him?
- (c) If not, why?

4506/'13

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

- (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?

4758/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Homeopathic Medical Council was established;
 - (ii) whether the Homeopathic Medical Council is active at present;
 - (iii) of the number of registered Homeopathic doctors in Sri Lanka as at 2012; and
 - (iv) whether any programme has been implemented by the Ministry to make Homeopathy treatment method popular?
- (b) If not, why?

5031/'14

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Veterinary Surgeons serving in the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
 - (ii) whether vacancies for Veterinary Surgeons exist in the said Department at present; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to fill those vacancies expeditiously?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of elephants retained in the Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala;
- (ii) the number that has been contracted Tuberculosis out of the aforesaid animals;
- (iii) whether adequate facilities for the treatments of those sick animals are available in the Dehiwala Zoological Garden; and
- (iv) the preventive measures that have been initiated in view of averting Tuberculosis being spread by the affected elephants among the other animals in the Zoological Garden?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of elephants and tuskers in the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage;
- (ii) whether it has been reported that Tuberculosis cases have been found among such elephants and tuskers; and
- (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect the elephants and tuskers in Pinnawala from being contracted Tuberculosis?

(d) If not, why?

5171/14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to provide question papers solely in English to students who answer in Sinhalese and Tamil languages at the first, second and third year examinations of the Sri Lanka Law College;
- (ii) if so, the reason for that decision; and
- (iii) whether the Minister of Justice has given his consent to that decision?

(b) If not, why?

5184/'14

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (2)

- (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 also 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?
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Saturday, November 15, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2756/'12

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount of money allocated for “Puravara Pubuduwa” in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the main criteria adopted in the implementation of the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) the areas that have been selected for the “Puravara Pubuduwa” programme by now; and
 - (iv) the number of areas expected to be covered by the programme?
- (b) If not, why?

3555/'13

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of cows that have been bought from local and overseas during the last 3 years on per year basis;
 - (ii) the price of one cow bought from overseas;
 - (iii) the normal price of aforesaid cow;
 - (iv) the total cost per cow brought from origin to destination farm;
 - (v) the country from which they were purchased;
 - (vi) the reason for selecting that country for the purchase of cows;
 - (vii) whether the aforesaid purchasing has been done through a proper tender procedure; and
 - (viii) if not, the basis on which those purchase has been done?
- (b) If not, why ?

4398/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) five salary increments which the Technical Officers attached to the Coconut Research Institute are entitled to have been deprived to them by the administration of the institute;
 - (ii) an order has been made by the Commissioner of Labour to pay the said salary increments upon the said officers making a complaint to him in that regard; and
 - (iii) the said officers allege that the Director of the Coconut Research Institute continues to neglect the payment of those five salary increments?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made for those salary increments which the above mentioned Technical Officers are entitled to be paid to them; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

4948/'14

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that the loss incurred by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has exceeded Rs. 95 billion?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the aforesaid Corporation is due to pay over Rs 43 crore, simply for the bank overdrafts of Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank;
 - (ii) the state banks have rejected issuing loans to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by now; and
 - (iii) if so the arrangements are made, under the aforesaid circumstances, to obtain fuel from foreign oil companies, on conditions of higher loan interests?
- (c) If not, why?

5102/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belongs to the oil storage tank complex in Trincomalee;
 - (ii) whether there is a survey plan with regard to the aforesaid extent of land;
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to survey the aforesaid extent of land and prepare such a plan?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of oil tanks that belong to the oil storage tank complex in Trincomalee;
 - (ii) the number of tanks that are in use out of the number of tanks mentioned in above (i);
 - (iii) the number of tanks that have been given to the Lanka IOC company out of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iv) whether the agreed time period for which the oil tanks were given to the aforesaid company has expired by now;
 - (v) if so, whether action will be taken to update the aforesaid agreement and collect the money that is due from the aforesaid company?
- (c) If not, why?

5178/14

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

- (a) Will he accept the fact that the existing law of the country regarding Power of Attorney is outdated?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a committee has been appointed to look into the matters with regard to amend the laws concerning Power of Attorney;
 - (ii) the date on which the first meeting of the aforesaid committee was held; and
 - (iii) the reasons led for the disruption of the affairs of aforesaid committee?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a necessity has arisen, to take immediate measures to amend the laws with respect to Power of Attorney; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

5197/14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cash balance of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund by now;
 - (ii) whether the money in that fund has been invested in the share market;
 - (iii) if so, the names of the companies in which the shares were purchased investing such fund;
 - (iv) the number of shares that have been purchased from each of the such companies; and
 - (v) the progress of each of those investments at the end of the year 2013?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the money of that fund has been utilized to purchase Treasury Bills and bonds;
 - (ii) if so, whether the support of the brokers have been obtained for that;
 - (iii) if so, the names of those brokers; and
 - (iv) the value of the payments made to them?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the people of Killinochchi, Akkarayan, Skandhapuram and Anaivilundan areas are undergoing immense hardships with their transport facilities; and
 - (ii) they have to wait many hours on roads for buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board or the private sector?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to address the transport problems of the people of the said areas?
- (c) If not, why?
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