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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4087/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether an office has been established for the project of networking Post Offices?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) if so, the names, addresses, designations and educational and other qualifications of the members of the staff working in that office; and
 - (ii) separately, the allowances that have been paid to the staff working at that office since its inception?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with consultancy duties of the project of networking Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the sum of money spent for purchasing computer hardware required for the aforesaid project up to now;
 - (iii) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with the duty of developing software of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) of total amount of money that has been paid to the aforesaid institution for developing software up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

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4091/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (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?

4767/'14

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

- (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?

5022/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the project to broaden the road from Gampaha, Miriswatte to Wathurugama;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the estimate which was prepared for the aforesaid project will be tabled?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution by which the contract to broaden the aforesaid road was undertaken;
 - (ii) whether the accepted tender procedures were followed for the selection of that institution; and
 - (iii) the reasons led, if the formal tender procedure was not followed?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the year in which the lands were taken over for the purpose of broadening the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid for the lands that were taken over;
 - (iii) if so, of the year in which the compensation was paid; and
 - (iv) whether compensation has been paid for all the lands that were taken over as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

5181/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to the period from the year 2009 to 2014—
- (i) the amount of money that was spent annually by the entities under the then Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on sponsorship advertisements, congratulatory cutouts and hoardings;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving the objectives of the aforesaid entities; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the facts to which publicity was given through the hoardings that were displayed for achieving the objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities;
 - (ii) of the names of persons who gave approval for the display of such hoardings;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the expenses incurred on them were reimbursed; and
 - (iv) whether documents pertaining to the expenses incurred on the same will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

5271/'14

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(3)

- (a) Is she aware that Mr. Ahamadu Lebbe Aziz (Sri Lanka Passsport No. N0628701), the husband of Mrs. M.L.Fathima Rizana residing at No. 4C/12, Danagama Road, Mahawatta, Mawanella died on 09.07.2012 in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?

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(b) Will she state—

- (i) the reason for not granting the insurance compensation despite the submission of insurance claim application under No.00884/2013 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment together with the relevant documents and affidavits on behalf of the deceased;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to pay the said compensation to the wife of Mr. Aziz without delay?

(c) If not, why?

5359/'14

Hon. A. Vinayagamoorthy,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(3)

(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?

5421/'14

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the profit or loss of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the importing of petroleum and refining in the years 2013 and 2014;
- (ii) of the expected profit or loss for the aforesaid period;
- (iii) of the capital and the reserves belong to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as at today;
- (iv) how many permanent and casual employees work in the Corporation;
- (v) whether there is a shortage or surplus of employees in the Corporation; and
- (vi) of the amount spent per year for the employees concerned?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a repair or a renovation has been carried out on the buoy belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the year 2014;
- (ii) if so, what its cost was;
- (iii) whether a break down has occurred in the buoy concerned after the repair referred to above;
- (iv) if so, what that breakdown was;
- (v) what loss was caused to the Corporation by the breakdown concerned; and
- (vi) whether that loss was recovered from the institution that carried out the repair?

(c) If not, why?

5423/14

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a person named D. Karunarathna has been appointed to a Working Director post in the National Film Corporation;
- (ii) whether the Board of Directors includes a post of Working Director according to the State Film Corporation Act;
- (iii) if not, whether it is possible to appoint such a person;
- (iv) the remuneration and perks received by that person; and
- (v) whether the person so appointed is performing his duties to the maximum satisfactory level expected of him?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

4465/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the net loss of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited in the year 2010/2011;
 - (ii) whether an opinion has been expressed on the existence of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited by Price Waterhouse Coopers, Chartered Accountants Firm which conducted the audit of the said year;
 - (iii) if so, whether it has been mentioned in the opinion that “The company had incurred a net loss of Rs. 940.49 million for the year and the company’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by Rs. 1,083.92 million reflecting a negative net value of Rs. 3,814.45 million which indicated the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern”; and
 - (iv) under these circumstances, whether the government admits that it is no longer productive to channel public funds for the maintenance of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, February 19, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4088/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project for networking all the Post Offices located around the island has been launched;
 - (ii) the name of the institution with which an agreement has been signed;
 - (iii) whether a feasibility study was carried out before signing that agreement;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to submit a copy of the said agreement to this House; and
 - (v) the date on which that agreement was signed?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sum of money expected to be spent for the project of networking of the Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the duration of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of Post Offices networked in each phase?
- (c) If not, why?

4467/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Patton Boggs 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?

4769/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sub Post Masters employed on permanent basis in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) whether the privileges enjoyed by the public servants will be granted to the Sub Post Masters too; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to grant an extra allowance to the Sub Post Masters for the duty they carry out on Saturdays?
- (b) If not, why?

5023/'14

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

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

5196/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of coal power plants that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the names of those power plants;
 - (iii) the number of new coal power plants that have been proposed to be built;
 - (iv) the locations in which the aforesaid power plants will be established;
 - (v) the methodology that will be adopted to acquire land that is required for the aforesaid construction activities;
 - (vi) the number of units of electricity that is generated by the Norochcholai coal power plant at present; and
 - (vii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total energy requirement of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

5422/'14

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the CT Scanner of the Kurunegala General Hospital has been defunct for a considerable length of time; and
 - (ii) as a result of it being defunct, the patients who come to that hospital have to bear a huge expense as they have to go to private institutions to obtain the service of a CT Scanner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any measure has been taken to repair the defunct CT Scanner or to install a new one;
 - (ii) how long it will take;
 - (iii) what amount of expenditure will be borne by the Ministry for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

4265/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion,—(2)

- (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 to the Southern Expressway will not be changed as stated in (a) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

4469/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

(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?

4777/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Malaria has been completely eliminated from Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether he is aware that malarial patients have been identified again in Sri Lanka recently;
- (iii) whether the use of the BTI larvicide which was locally produced to eliminate dengue, has been started;
- (iv) whether the BTI larvicide imported to control dengue has been completely distributed?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, February 20, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4405/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the domestic coconut consumption during the period from January to October in the year 2013?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the quantity of coconuts that was exported and imported during the aforesaid period of time, separately;
 - (ii) the export oriented coconut based products manufactured in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the quantity of each of those products exports each year, separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether coconut water was exported during the period of time mentioned in (a);
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid coconut water was exported in the form of coconut water or as a coconut water based products;
 - (iii) of the countries to which coconut water or coconut water based products were exported;
 - (iv) of the quantity of the aforesaid exports; and
 - (v) of the total income received from the export of coconut water or coconut water based products?
- (d) Will he also state —
 - (i) the concessions that the government can grant to a person who commences coconut production in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the methodology that should be adopted by a producer to obtain those concessions?
- (e) If not, why?

4573/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the quantity of liquid milk that is required to meet the annual requirement of milk and milk products in Sri Lanka?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money that is charged per kilogram of imported milk powder; and
- (ii) the aforesaid amount as percentage of the price at which the imported milk powder is sold in the local market?

(c) If not, why?

4771/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of buses that are operating under the Sri Lanka Transport Board at present;
- (ii) of the course of action adopted regarding the excess drivers and conductors employed in it;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to import buses to suffice the number of excess drivers and conductors; and
- (iv) whether money has been allocated from the budget for the aforesaid purpose?

(b) If not, why?

5112/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of units of electricity added to the national grid on 12th and 13th September 2013 in kilowatt per hour separately; and
- (ii) separately, the amount of money spent on that in millions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately and on daily basis, the number of units of electricity generated by the Hydro-power plants and added to the national grid (in kilowatt hours) on 11th, 12th and 13th September 2013 ; and
- (ii) if the number of units of electricity generated by the Hydro-power plants on the above mentioned dates varied from each other, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

5199/14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (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) of the reason for the aforesaid land to be divided in that manner?
- (c) If not, why?

4473/’13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Democratic Governance and Minister of Buddha Sasana,—(2)

- (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 Board of Cricket Control; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to stop the process of selling the aforesaid stadium?
- (c) If not, why?

4580/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Parliamentary Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of money that was spent on the recently held CHOGM held in the year 2013 by the then 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 Heads of States Meeting;
- (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?

4772/'14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a combined Time Table is to be implemented for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board and private buses;
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka Transport Board will be faced with a huge loss due to the aforesaid combined Time Table as the number of buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board is lesser than the number of private buses; and
- (iii) if so, whether any action will be taken to prevent the aforesaid loss that will be caused to the SLTB?

(b) If not, why?

5113/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of the increases of tax on agricultural tractors with effect from 01.01.2014; and
 - (ii) the advantage expected to be accrued to the farmer community or the country by effecting this increase of tax on agricultural tractors?
- (b) Will he also state the number of new four wheel agricultural tractors registered in 2012, 2013 and up to the end of April 2014 separately?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the increase of tax on agricultural tractors has had a harmful effect on the farmer community or agriculture; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures to be taken to negate that harmful effect?
- (d) If not, why?

5202/'14

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Muslim Religious Affairs and Posts,—(2)

- (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?
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