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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4787/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that the Police officials and the Special Task Force of the Police too, made their contributions in concluding the war; and
 - (ii) if so, whether they have been recognized as War Heroes?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons led not to permit the Police officials to take part in the competition “Ranaviru Real Star” which is organized with the intention of encouraging War Heroes?
- (c) If not, why?

4987/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
 - (i) centers established;
 - (ii) coordinating centers which operated for coordinating the aforesaid centers;
 - (iii) supervisors deployed in service;
 - (iv) teachers deployed; and
 - (v) hall assistants deployed;
- for conducting the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination held in the year 2013?

(2)

- (b) Will he table separately the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the hall assistants mentioned in (a)(v) above?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of employees who are related to the field of education and the number of employees who are not related to that field out of the aforesaid hall assistants separately; and
 - (ii) the amount paid as salaries and allowances for the hall assistants who were recruited from outside for the duties of the aforesaid examination?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to prevent the non academic employees of the education sector from losing the opportunity of obtaining an allowance due to the fact that out side persons are deployed for the duties of the examination whilst the aforesaid employees are available for it; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

5436/'14

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

- (a) Will he state the percentage of Sulphur that contains in the diesel that was imported for the storage tanks complex of the Muthurajawela Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Ltd?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the sulphur percentage that contains in Lanka Auto diesel and super diesel, that is available for sale in the filling stations of Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) of the fuel storage terminal by which Auto diesel and Super diesel is provided for the filling stations of Gampaha District?
- (c) If not, why?

5845/'14

Hon. Mohommad Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is an unauthorized construction on the urban public lavatory system obstructing the access road to the places bearing assessment numbers 108 and 108/20 in Ven. Hikkaduwa Sri Sumangala Mawatha, in the Kuppiyawatta West Division, No. 32 of the Colombo Municipal Council area?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken forthwith to remove those constructions since the public lavatory system has become a personal property due to the unauthorized constructions built with the support of the certain officers in the Colombo Municipal Council?
- (c) If not, why?

5919/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately as to why and following whose complaint and whose order the remainder of a stock of goods that had been purchased out of personal funds and distributed among the public as flood aid and had been kept stored in an election operations office that was run at No.49/1, Samanala Mawatha, Kandy Road, China Bay, during the last presidential election period was sealed by the police on court order and was referred to courts for initiating legal proceedings?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of Police will take the responsibility for the damage that could be caused to those goods as a bulk of most of the goods sealed are consumer items;
 - (ii) the basis on which the driver who was taking the Double Cab bearing no WP PA-4549 belonging to the then Ministry of Economic Development that was parked at that office premises on the same day, was arrested and the persons who made the complaint; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such arbitrary incidents as mentioned above in future?
- (c) If not, why?

5922/'15

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the approved projects of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board for the provision of drinking water cannot be implemented as a result of permission not being granted by the Western Province Road Development Authority to break the shoulder of the road from Horana to Labugama junction via Hegalla, the road from Sawgashandiya, Horana to Thalgahawila up to Kuda Uduwa, the road from Kulupana, Horan to Mawgama up to Olaboduwa and the road from Horana to Uduwa via Ovitiyagala, Henkanda?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to grant permission to break the shoulders causing minimum damage to the abovementioned roads which had been carpeted more than five years ago, in order to implement the drinking water projects for the people of the said areas?
- (c) If not, why?

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5931/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether deeds have been provided by now for the houses given to the people of Matara District who lost their houses due to the Tsunami disaster;
- (ii) if the deeds have not yet been provided, the reasons for it;
- (iii) whether the National Housing Development Authority has recommended that deeds can be provided for the houses given in the areas of Kandegodalla in Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division (HHO houses), Madawatta (Lunukalapuwa) Mudiyansewatta in Abimanpura and Dickwella Divisional Secretariat Division, and Gallagewatta, Thudawa, Kodikara building and Lorene city in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division as unit houses or separate houses;
- (iv) whether a cabinet memorandum has been submitted to assign to the Condominium Management Authority the task of providing deeds for the aforesaid houses; and
- (v) the reasons for not providing deeds the aforesaid house recipients mentioned in (iii) above on the basis of condominium property or under separate house ownership?

(b) If not, why?

5939/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the report of the Commission Chaired by Supreme Court Judge Hon. Shirani Thilakawardane that was appointed to investigate into the arms deal has been prepared;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid commission report will be published; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which such publishing will be done?

(b) If not, why?

4999/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the proposal of the 2014 budget to grant incentives of Rs. 15,000/= and Rs. 5,000/= respectively to District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries and Rs. 3,000/= for Planning Directors and Chief Accountants attached to District Secretariats has been fulfilled by now; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such payments commenced?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the reason for proposing an incentive of a lower value for Planning Directors and Chief Accountants attached to District Secretariats;
- (ii) whether he admits that the service of the officials mentioned in (i) above has been underestimated as a result of the decision to pay a lower incentive;
- (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to increase their incentives;
- (iv) of the amount of such increase; and
- (v) of the date on which such an increase will be carried out?

(c) If not, why?

5224/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of houses in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) separately, the number of slums and line rooms in the said district; and
- (iii) the number of homeless families in the district?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of houses in the Kurunegala District without toilets; and
- (ii) the system for providing toilets to houses that have no toilets?

(c) If not, why?

5920/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a programme that media maliciously publish incidents of keeping elephants even before the wild life conservation department search the places where the elephants are kept with or without permits and verify the authenticity of the permits and take the suspects into custody;

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of elephants-tuskers with permits that were taken into custody after the previous Presidential election;
 - (ii) of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the aforesaid permit holders;
 - (iii) of the number of elephants- tuskers reared without permits that were taken into custody during the aforesaid period of time;
 - (iv) of the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the persons who kept the elephants-tuskers without permits;
 - (v) of the places where such elephants-tuskers who have been taken into custody have been kept;
 - (vi) about their health condition;
 - (vii) whether the elephants-tuskers that should be handed over legally have been identified; and
 - (viii) if so, the date on which they will be handed over?
- (c) If not, why?

5932/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of Cultural Officers and Cultural Development Assistants employed in Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariats at present;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid officers are entitled to the promotions that the other officers of the public service are entitled to;
 - (iii) if so, of the service conditions applicable to granting the aforementioned promotions;
 - (iv) if promotions are not applicable, whether the past held by the aforesaid officers at the time of their retirement would be the same as the designation held by them at present;
 - (v) whether Cabinet approval for granting promotions to the aforesaid officers had been granted before this;
 - (vi) if so, of the reasons for not implementing the aforementioned approval; and
 - (vii) whether Assistant Cultural Officer positions have been abolished by now under Public Administration Circular No. 6/2006?
- (b) If not, why?

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5225/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether money is granted by local banks for road development?
- (b) If so, will he table—
 - (i) the names of local banks which have granted money for road development projects; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money granted by each of the said banks and the road projects for which money has been granted?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the method of recovering of the money thus granted?
- (d) If not, why?

5722/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people living in the Hulandawa estate in Akuressa in the district of Matara do not even have minimum basic facilities; and
 - (ii) therefore these people face severe hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to improve the requirement of drinking water, road, housing and health facilities of the people living in the Hulandawa estate;
 - (ii) if so, how;
 - (iii) the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iv) the amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (c) If not, why?

5927/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a land issue has cropped up between the old possessors who had been settled in the villages of Thorankaduwa, 2nd mile post, 4th mile post, Thoramarippu, Borawewa, Kullakalliya and Nelumwewa belonging to Thennamarawadiya Grama Niladhari division and its outskirts in the Kuchchaweli Divisional Secretary's Division bordering the Padavi Sripura Divisional Secretariat Division under the Padavi Scheme and the new owners?

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the authorities who made arrangements to settle new settlers by providing them with Grants (L.D.O) to the lands previously occupied by the old possessors who vacated those lands for safety owing to terrorist activities of the L.T.T.E;
- (ii) the names and address of people who settled in the above manner;
- (iii) the old possessors who lived on those lands on annual grants; and
- (iv) their names and addresses?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the legal ownership of the aforesaid land has been either to the people who were settled under the Padaviya Scheme or the people who were settled later on Grants;
- (ii) of the measure to be adopted to resolve the above issue;
- (iii) the date on which that measure will be adopted?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 06, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4788/’14

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the quantity of seed paddy that is required to cultivate both Yala and Maha seasons of a particular year;
- (ii) of the quantity of seed paddy that is produced within the country by now;
- (iii) of the measures that have been taken to produce the required amount of seed paddy; and
- (iv) whether a National Seed Policy will be put into practice for the enhancement of the seed production?

(b) If not, why?

5141/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of staff deployed by the Ceylon Electricity Board through manpower supply agencies; and
 - (ii) the period of time for which the aforesaid workers have been deployed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees recruited directly to serve in the Ceylon Electricity Board within the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether special attention was paid to members of staff mentioned in (a)(i) above, who have acquired experience when recruiting the aforesaid staff;
 - (iii) if not, of the reasons for that; and
 - (iv) of the number of employees who were selected from those mentioned in (a)(i) above out of the workers who were recruited in the year 2014?
- (c) If not, why?

5708/'14

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of families that have been identified as suitable to be provided with the housing facilities in the district of Monaragala under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme-2011 which was implemented in line with the Deyata Kirula Programme 2011;
 - (ii) the number of families that were provided with the housing facilities under the aforesaid housing scheme;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the aforesaid housing scheme; and
 - (iv) the methodology by which the aforesaid funds were procured?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a written pledge has been made to the families that were identified to provide housing facilities under the Jana Sevana Million Housing and Settlement Development Programme -2011;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide houses to the families that have not yet received houses as per the aforesaid pledge; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that will be taken for the above purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

5723/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tourists who have arrived on tourist visa and have been taken into custody during the year 2014 for engaging in religious propaganda activities, various employments, businesses and anti social activities while staying illegally in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries to which they belong; and
 - (iii) separately, the offences committed by each of the aforesaid persons who were taken into custody and the penalty given to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a special course of action prepared to arrest the foreigners who have arrived on tourist visa and stay illegally in the country;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to make strict the laws and regulations that are in effect in this regard; and
 - (iii) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

5928/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the lands belonging to the Asirimale Asirikanda Purana Raja Maha Vihara located at Pulmudai in the Trincomalee District are surveyed and legally demarcated as per the ancient boundaries since the lands and other sacred properties belonging to the temple have been illegally captured by various communities;
 - (ii) the date on which the lands belonging to the Atha Negi Kanda Vihara, Yan Oya Raja Maha Vihara, Nagalena Raja Maha Vihara are surveyed and demarcated as they together with the other ancient temples have been grabbed by encroachers and the destroyers of Buddhist heritages; and
 - (iii) the reason for not allotting lands from other areas to the families who have settled on these lands without knowing that such lands belong to the above temples?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families identified by now to be evacuated from the lands belonging to each of the above temples; and
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of such residents?
- (c) If not, why?

6019/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the displaced Sri Lankans who are living in foreign countries are arrested on arrival when they return to this country;
 - (ii) if so, of the legal provisions under which such persons are arrested on arrival;
 - (iii) whether details of the persons who have been arrested in that manner will be tabled; and
 - (iv) whether judicial action has been taken against such persons?
- (b) If not, why?

6035/'15

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of child births recorded per day in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether an allowance of 20,000 rupees is paid to all those children;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for that annually?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated by the 2015 budget to provide the aforesaid allowance;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid allocation is sufficient to provide the allowance mentioned above; and
 - (iii) if not, the manner in which a sufficient amount of money is allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

6046/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that as per the section 19 of ACT No. 66 of 1981, Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund the Founder Trustee is the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the present Minister in charge of the subject of Trade;
 - (ii) the Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund; and
 - (iii) who appoint those Trustees?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) by whom the members of Board of Directors of National Wealth Corporation Limited and Natwealth Securities Limited under Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund are appointed;
 - (ii) of the date of appointment of the Directors of above companies; and
 - (iii) names and age of those Directors?
- (d) If not, why?

4793/'14

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of external graduates and internal graduates out of the total number of graduates registered in the island, separately;
 - (ii) the number of students that are enrolled by the government universities in a year;
 - (iii) the period of time taken for admission of students to universities from the day since the results of the GCE (A/L) exam were issued;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid period of time has increased up to a period of more than one year by now; and
 - (v) the reasons which have caused such a situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a programme is implemented for the admission of students to the universities soon after the results of the GCE (A/L) are issued?
- (c) If not, why?

5754/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent to clean the Bogambara prison after the inmates were removed from the prison; and
 - (ii) of the sources from which the aforesaid money was collected?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the purpose for which the Bogambara prison is used at present;
 - (ii) whether the ownership of that has been transferred to a private institution or an individual; and
 - (iii) if so, the name of that institution or individual along with the address and the telephone number?
- (c) If not, why?

5929/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that the government has lost the actual income it could have earned as a result of awarding for a very low tender the cafeteria located at the Cod Bay fishery harbour, which has potential to bring in a huge income?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the name, address and telephone number of the person who has been awarded the tender to run the said cafeteria;
 - (ii) the reason for reducing the monthly rent of that cafeteria up to Rs. 10,000/= through the agreement between the recipient of that tender and Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation signed on 05.03.2015; and
 - (iii) the reason for acting in the aforesaid manner causing the loss of a huge amount to the government could have earned, despite the alleged continuous default of payment of the due taxes in the past by the said recipient of that tender?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not calling for bids for the said cafeteria;
 - (ii) whether calling for bids in that respect would be done in future;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?
- (d) If not, why?

5755/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of litres of water issued by the Water Supply and Drainage Board for the consumption of people from 2010 to 2014;
 - (ii) the total number of consumers who have pipe borne water facility at present; and
 - (iii) the above number as a percentage of the total population?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the people who need water facilities but do not have pipe borne water facilities at present;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such people;
 - (iii) whether an estimate of the number of litres of water needed by those people has been made;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of water so required; and
 - (v) whether sources of water sufficient to meet that requirement are available in Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a plan to purify sea water and provide them to people as drinking water, has been made; and
 - (ii) if so, whether that plans would be presented?
- (d) If not, why?

5930/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the employment of the officers who held posts in the staffs of the Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the former government had been terminated with effect from 09.01.2015?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not paying the monthly salaries, overtime payments and transport allowances of the ministerial staff up to the above date on which their services had been terminated; and

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- (ii) the reasons for not providing the relevant benefits to the said officers in spite of the fact that they have properly applied to obtain the benefits of the Employment Provident Fund and the reasons for not even accepting the applications of the aforesaid officers belonging to the then Ministry of Economic Development ?
 - (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the reasons for the negligence of the responsibility by the ministry currently handling the subject under a situation where many of the ministries have abolished time to time, since the confirmation of service period and provision of history sheets by the former ministries in which these secretaries have previously served were requirements for the formulation of pensions of the said secretaries who have completed a service period of 05 years as per the Pensions Circular No.06/2011 with relevance to the payment of Pensions for the secretaries to the ministerial staff,
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to resolve the above mentioned issues with immediate effect?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 07, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4589/'13

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that a promise was given before the Presidential Election of the year 2010 to grant a pension to “Rata Viruwo (Migrant Heroes)”, who have gone abroad for employment?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed for granting a pension to “migrant heroes”;
 - (ii) of the manner in which contributions are made by the “migrant heroes”, by the establishment at which they work and by the government separately in providing “migrant heroes” with a pension;
 - (iii) of the amount intended to be paid monthly as the pension; and
 - (iv) what other countries in the world pay a pension to those engaged in jobs overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

4783/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, separately in respect of each year from the year 2005-2013—
 - (i) the number of persons who were killed by wild elephant attacks within the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the number of wild elephants that were killed due to human activities in that district; and
 - (iii) the number of wild elephants died in the whole island?
- (b) If not, why?

5272/'14

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are categories of Police officers or officers who are not subjected to “Increase of allowances to Police officers 2013” under IGP Circular 2416/2013 and Establishments Circular 01/2013;
 - (ii) if so, such categories of Police officers or officers;
 - (iii) the reason for not increasing the allowances of that category of officers as per the above circulars?
- (b) Will he state whether those engaged in Sri Lanka Police Engineering Service do not come under the category of Police officers?
- (c) If not, why?

5907/'15

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of prisoners in prisons who have been sentenced to death at present;
 - (ii) the number of prisoners in prisons who have been sentenced to life at present;
 - (iii) the date, the penalty imposed on prisoners sentenced to death and prisoners sentenced to life was last commuted taking their good conduct into account; and
 - (iv) if such penalties have not been commuted, whether steps will be taken to do so?
- (b) If not, why?

5911/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a proposal was made to Parliament through Budget 2015 for the conformation of service of all those who have been recruited to the public service on temporary, casual (daily paid), substitution or contract basis and have completed a period of service of 180 days; and
 - (ii) the Public Administration Circular 25/2014 was issued with regard to the aforesaid confirmation of service?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the phrase “those who have completed a period of service of 180 days” in (a) (i) above has been revised as “those who have been in the public service for 07 years on casual basis” in the interim budget proposals presented for the year 2015;
 - (ii) as to which proposal will be implemented out of the aforesaid two budget proposals; and
 - (iii) whether the labourers who are not confirmed in service as per the aforesaid proposals will be further deployed on casual basis as per the service requirement?
- (c) If not, why?

5918/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a group of persons identifying themselves as election officials and a group of outsiders have entered the authorised election operations office at Mattikeli, Kandy road, Trincomalee on 04.01.2015 during the Presidential election period and behaved violently and snatched away video equipment and office equipment?
- (b) Will he state, whether—
 - (i) the inquiry made by the persons in the office at that time from the group of persons who entered the office will be considered a disturbance to the duty of the election officers;
 - (ii) display of information, screening of films, making speeches or carrying out an other election propaganda activity even within authorised election offices during election time cannot be done;
 - (iii) the forcible entry and violent behaviour set out in the code of Criminal Procedure are not applicable to election officers who behave in the manner mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken under good governance against the officers who behaved aggressively inside the aforesaid office, took away the office equipment and went on to file a case against those who ran that office?
- (c) If not, why?

5921/'15

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a part of a government land in the Wagawatta Grama Niladhari Division in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division has been obtained purportedly for a social service activity and has been used for a commercial waste recycle business by a private company;
 - (ii) water of Mawak Oya from which the residents of the area satisfy their drinking water requirements has been polluted as a result of the activities of the above company in a land located in a catchment area;
 - (iii) the Secretary of the then Ministry of Land and Land Development stated at the Consultative Committee Meeting of the Ministry of Land and Land Development held on 26 November 2013 that action would be taken to reacquire the land if action was not taken to return the land consequent to a request in writing to the relevant institution for the return of the said reservation; and
 - (iv) action has hitherto not been taken as stated above?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reacquire the abovementioned land?
- (c) If not, why?

5926/'15

Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, — To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) road development projects of Phase II of Mawiela - Kirimetiya road in Panduwasnuwara East Divisional Secretariat Division, Phase II of Nikatapitiya - Ihalagama road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division and Wadumunna - Madana road including carpeting of those roads were commenced after allocations had been approved and contracts had been signed;
 - (ii) the development activities of the aforesaid roads have suddenly been suspended by now; and
 - (iii) that the transportation activities of the aforesaid roads which are in a severely dilapidated state have become extremely difficult?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that led to the sudden stoppage of the development activities of the above mentioned roads; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the development activities of the aforesaid roads will be resumed?
- (c) If not, why?

5940/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, on annual basis, the educational qualifications which were considered in making recruitments for the Executive Branch of Sri Lanka Navy during the period from the year 2000 to 2010;
 - (ii) the number of individuals who were recruited for the Executive Branch of Sri Lanka Navy in the year 2006; and
 - (iii) the (G.C.E) Ordinary level and (G.C.E) Advanced level results of Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha who was recruited in the same year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha joined with Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) of the date on which he enrolled in the Royal Naval Academy of United kingdom for training;
 - (iii) of the criterion on which Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksha was selected for the aforesaid course of study;
 - (iv) of the date on which he completed the aforesaid course of study; and
 - (v) of the results he achieved in the examinations held subsequent to the aforesaid training?
- (c) If not, why?

6037/'15

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware of the allegations leveled against
 - (i) the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ms. Kshenuka Seneviratne that she had given a contract to a group with LTTE connections; and
 - (ii) the former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Dr. Chris Nonis by Ms. Seneviratne following the assault on Dr. Nonis?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) he has claimed in a recent interview that the allegation cited in (a) (i) had been made by Ms. Thamara Kunanayagam, one of the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, due to a personal dispute with Ms. Seneviratne; and
 - (ii) he possesses any evidence for such a claim?

- (c) Will he also state whether—
 - (i) a formal investigation has been conducted regarding these allegations;
 - (ii) the inquiry reports on said allegations are tabled; and
 - (iii) he has read the audit report prepared by representatives of the Treasury on the contract mentioned in part (a)(i) ;
- (d) If not, why?

4784/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures adopted for minimizing the number of human lives lost in the island because of wild elephants;
 - (ii) whether an awareness exists regarding the overall length of electrical fencing (elephant fence) necessary for the whole island in order to be saved from wild elephants;
 - (iii) if so, how much is necessary;
 - (iv) what is the length of electrical fencing necessary for the Kurunegala District; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated from this year's Budget for erecting the electric fence?
- (b) If not, why?

4813/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Vehicles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that has been registered under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, is currently engaged in a business of assembling and selling vehicles in Free Trade Zone and their customers are shown a letter that has been issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic to the effect that the vehicles that are purchased from the aforesaid company will be registered within a period of one month;
 - (ii) but, however, the Department of Motor Traffic turns down the registration of vehicles sold by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) for that reason, a large number of buyers who have purchased motor vehicles from the aforesaid company have been inconvenienced a great deal, being unable to run their vehicles ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether the facilities will be provided to register the vehicles that have been purchased from Vehicles Lanka (Pvt)., Ltd, in the Department of Motor Traffic?
- (c) If not, why?

5223/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Policy Planning, Economic Affairs, Child, Youth and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total number of accredited banks in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of assets in each of the said banks; and
 - (ii) the amount of credit granted by each of the said banks to the government?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether there is a system to recover the loans granted by the said banks to the government?
- (d) If not, why?

4819/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained by the Air Force on hire basis are used by the senior officers of the Air Force for their private use; and
 - (ii) fuel for the said vehicles is obtained from the government?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have consented to the use of air conditioned luxury vehicles obtained on hire basis for the private use of the senior officers;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been held regarding such use of vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the results of that inquiry?
 - (c) If not, why?
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