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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4579/'13

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licences that have been issued for casino gambling in Sri Lanka from the 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; and
 - (v) if so, the action that has been taken against such casino resorts?
- (b) If not, why?

4801/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of family health officers working throughout the country at present;
 - (ii) of the total requirement of family health officers for the whole country;
 - (iii) whether a policy decision has been taken to give midwifery training to nurses; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to address the issue that has been arisen between nurses and family health officers with regard to midwifery training?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

4822/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether tenders were called for when the shop spaces and the car-park located at Maligawatte Housing Scheme in Colombo District were provided to be purchased; and
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to provide them, if tenders were not called for?
- (b) Will he table a document containing the names and addresses of those who submitted tender applications and the amount mentioned in each application, if tenders were called as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he also table—
 - (i) the names and addresses of the current owners of the shop spaces and the car park at Maligawatte Housing Scheme; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount paid by each of the said persons to obtain those shop spaces and the car park?
- (d) If not, why?

5420/'14

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(4)

- (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 a 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?

(3)

5578/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of beds available for in-house patients at the Borella Ayurveda Hospital in the year 2006;
 - (ii) the number of beds available for in-house patients of the said hospital as of now; and
 - (iii) if there is a decline in the number of beds in the said hospital during the period from the year 2006 up to now, the reason for the same?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Borella Ayurveda Hospital is included in the Colombo Urban Plan prepared by the Urban Development Authority in respect of the year 2020; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for the same?
- (c) If not, why?

5848/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that an unauthorised construction on the access road close to assessment numbers 59 and 59/8 on Maligakanda lane in the No. 32 Kuppiyawatta West Division in the Colombo Municipal Council area is causing numerous inconveniences to the residents of the area; and
 - (ii) steps will be taken to develop the access road of the residents by removing the aforesaid unauthorized construction erected on the sponsorship of some officials of the Colombo Municipal Council?
- (b) If not, why?

5942/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware names, posts and telephone numbers of the staff of the Members of Parliament including the Secretaries; and
 - (ii) separately, the period of service of the Secretary of each Member of Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

6016/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the steps that have been taken by the Department of Rubber Development in the last year in order to encourage the rubber cultivators;
- (ii) the mechanism that is adopted to deliver the guaranteed price to the rubber cultivators;
- (iii) whether the government gets involved with a private institution in order to cover the difference between the market price for rubber and the guaranteed price; and
- (iv) the manner in which the new guaranteed price methodology is implemented?

(b) If not, why?

6023/'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 state—

- (i) the number of bank accounts maintained by the Sri Lankans in various countries of the world;
- (ii) the balances of those accounts in each of the aforesaid countries separately;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid account holders have deposited money in those accounts violating the laws of Sri Lanka;
- (iv) if so, information about those accounts;
- (v) whether requests have been made from the banks at the diplomatic level to get information about the aforesaid accounts;
- (vi) if not, the reasons for that;
- (vii) whether steps will be taken to institute legal action with regard to those accounts; and
- (viii) if so, in what manner?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been mentioned in the answer that was given to the question asked by me in Parliament about the accounts in HSBC bank of Switzerland, that the laws with regard to the financial intelligence should be amended; and
- (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid laws have been amended by now?

(c) If not, why?

(5)

6033/'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—

- (i) the Commissioner General of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission can have only one Secretary;
- (ii) Mrs. K.K.G. Padma, who had been serving in that Secretary post for twelve years, has been transferred from that post w.e.f. 12/08/2010;
- (iii) the reason for this transfer is her refusal to sign the running charts of the vehicles that had been used by Mr. Anusha Pelpita, former Director General, exceeding the approved limits; and
- (iv) she has been left in a state of redundancy and another person has been appointed as an Acting Secretary on a monthly allowance?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether it is not illegal to pay yet another allowance to employ a person while the person appointed to the post still remains; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to assign Mrs. K.K.G. Padma the functions of the post and give her promotions, of which she had been deprived?

(c) If not, why?

6038/'15

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Internal Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Depot Managers and the Assistant Depot Managers who had been serving at the Chilaw Depot and the Puttalam Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been removed from their posts without any charge against them; and
- (ii) persons who have not even sat the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and have no other qualification have been appointed to those posts; and
- (iii) the institutions concerned will deteriorate as a result of appointing unsuitable persons in this manner?

(b) Will he inform this House whether an example be set under good governance move by reinstating the persons removed from posts as stated in (a) (i) above?

(c) If not, why?

(6)

6040/'15

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) funds have been allocated last year for the projects regarding the construction of the indoor stadium of Central College, Nugawela, reconstruction of the two storey building of Ananda College, Kandy and the construction of the two storey building in the Presidents Model Primary College, Pujapitiya, Medagoda; and
 - (ii) the construction work related to the aforesaid projects have been partly completed by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above mentioned projects have been stopped by the present government; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid construction projects will be restarted for the betterment of the children of the said schools?
- (c) If not, why?

4823/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) air-conditioned luxury vehicles hired by the Sri Lanka Navy are used for the personal use of the senior officials of the Navy; and
 - (ii) fuel is obtained for those vehicles from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Navy and the Ministry of Defence has been granted for the hired luxury vehicles to be used for the personal use of senior officials;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the use of such vehicles; and
 - (iii) the outcome of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

4837/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of hospitals administered by the North Western Provincial Council as per districts;
 - (ii) separately, the number of doctors, nurses, hospital labourers and other staff approved for each of the said hospitals; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of vacancies that exists in the approved cadre in each of the said hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

5579/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the number of Ayurveda hospitals administered by the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine at present?
 - (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the names of the aforementioned hospitals;
 - (ii) the locations of such hospitals; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of out patients and in-house patients who have sought treatment at each of the above hospitals during the year 2013?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, May 19, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4824/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) air-conditioned luxury vehicles hired by the Sri Lanka Army are utilized for the personal use of the senior officials of the Army; and
 - (ii) fuel is obtained for those vehicles from the government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Sri Lanka Army and the Ministry of Defence has been granted for the hired luxury vehicles to be used for the personal use of senior officials;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the use of such vehicles; and
 - (iii) of the outcome of that inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

5580/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the service minutes currently in operation pertaining to Ayurveda doctors was prepared;
 - (ii) the year in which the said service minutes was last amended; and
 - (iii) if it was not amended, the reason for the same?
- (b) If not, why?

5943/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Secretaries to the President, Prime Minister, Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Ministers, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Chairman of Committees, Project Ministers, District and State Ministers, Secretary to the Cabinet, Chief Secretary of a Provincial Council and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury are entitled to a pension as per Circular No. 06/2011 of the Director General of Pensions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide a file containing details of the Cabinet Memorandum to grant the said pension entitlement and all the valid circulars and letters of advice related to the said pension by now;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who receive the said pension benefit by now?
- (c) If not, why?

6034/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Homeopathic Medical Council which was appointed for the period from 2006-2011 as per the Homeopathy Act has been dissolved on 29.10.2009 contravening the sections 12 and 14 of the Constitution;
 - (ii) the fundamental rights of the members of the said Medical Council who were appointed in the year 2006 have been violated owing to this reason; and
 - (iii) an illegal interim committee was appointed by the then subject Minister in place of the Medical Council which has been dissolved?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the appointment mentioned in (a) (iii) above is approved;
 - (ii) whether the Homeopathy Act has been violated through the Registrations of Medical Practitioners from registration number 184 to 275 carried out by the said interim committee;
 - (iii) if so, whether the aforesaid appointments will be cancelled; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the appointments will be cancelled?

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(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether the appointment made by the Secretary of the then Ministry of Indigenous Medicine by appointing Mr. M.A. Perera as the Registrar, exceeding the authority vested only with a Medical Council to appoint a Registrar as per section 20 of the Homeopathy Act, is legitimate; and
- (ii) if not so, the measures that will be taken to rectify the aforesaid appointment?

(d) If not, why?

6039/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether—

- (i) over 1000 applications had been received from applicants in Kiriella, Kuruwita and Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Eheliyagoda Electorate for the housing aid programme for the Ratnapura District organized by the previous government under the 2015 Deyata Kirula Programme;
- (ii) the task of calling for quotations or tenders to supply relevant material on the estimates prepared in accordance with those applications had been assigned to the District Secretary Ratnapura?

(b) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) the relevant authorities are aware that the low income earners who are expecting those housing aid at present inquire whether that programme has been cancelled by the present government; and
- (ii) inquiries have been made and information obtained from the relevant officials in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

6041/'15

Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the price of nutmeg at present has dropped by about 30% - 40% in comparison to the price in January, 2015;
- (ii) if so, of the reasons that caused a drop in the price of nutmeg in the aforesaid manner;
- (iii) whether any step has been taken to prevent frequent drops in the price of nutmeg; and
- (iv) if so, whether will explain the aforesaid step?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that provisions allocated to the Department of Export Agriculture has been cut down by about 50% this year in comparison to the budget of the last year; and
- (ii) the course of action followed to overcome the downturn that will occur in export agriculture as a result of the cut down of provisions?

(c) If not, why?

6043/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the new building to be constructed for Jaffna Municipal Council;
- (ii) whether the work of the first phase of it has been commenced; and
- (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the first phase of the construction?

(b) If not, why?

6048/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that the Thambalagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha is carrying out a programme of utilizing archeological sites for various common purposes?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) how a children's park was made by demolishing the ruins of two dagabas of archeological value in Unit 17 Colony, Thambalagamuwa;
- (ii) as to why legal action was not taken against it;
- (iii) as to who is behind the effort of fencing off the cemetery located close to the archaeological site at lot No. 576, folio no 16, supplement No. 16, Plan No. three 51 at Tissapura, Thambalagamuwa in the pre text of expanding it and the basis on which it is done; and
- (iv) from whom revenge is to be taken by erecting a fence by obstructing the road to the paddy fields through that archeological site after the residents of the area led by Buddhist monks protested against it?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the reason for allowing the local government institutions in the Eastern Province to demolish the Buddhist archeological ruins; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken against persons responsible for that or abetted that after conducting a comprehensive inquiry into such incidents?

(d) If not, why?

4828/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Mrs. Malkanthi De Silva, who got her first appointment to the General Hospital, Matara has been continuously serving in that hospital for 21 years as the nursing officer in charge of the said hospital without any transfer; and
- (ii) the aforesaid nursing officer has applied for transfers on several occasions?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the policy adopted by the government when granting transfers to the employees of the government nursing service;
- (ii) of the reasons for not applying the policy adopted for transferring nursing officers on Mrs. Malkanthi De Silva, in spite of the fact that she has applied for an transfer as (a)(ii) above;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to transfer her as per the policy adopted in granting transfers;
- (iv) if so, of the date on which she will be transferred to the hospital that she has applied for?

(c) If not, why?

5581/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the educational qualifications of the incumbent Commissioner of Ayurveda;
- (ii) the qualifications of the said officer pertaining to Ayurveda medicine; and
- (iii) the highest professional position that can be reached by an Ayurveda graduate within the Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medicine?

(b) If not, why?

5944/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that the officers' quarters which belongs to National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) situated at Cod Bay, Trincomalee has been provided to the use of Sri Lanka Navy?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a requirement of keeping the aforesaid quarters, which was to be used by the researchers of NARA when carrying out duties in Trincomalee and its suburbs, under the custody of Sri Lanka Navy when the civil administration has been restored;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid quarters will not be taken over for the use of NARA again;
 - (iii) if it would be taken over, the date on which it will be done?
 - (iv) whether the researchers and officers of NARA will be provided with accommodation when carrying out duties in the aforesaid areas, until the aforesaid quarters are taken over for the use of NARA again?
- (c) If not, why?

6042/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) allocations have been made by the then Ministry of Economic Development under the heading of Harispaththuwa Divisional Secretariat office in last year, in order to construct a centre for youth corps and career guidance;
 - (ii) half of the construction work of the project has been completed; and
 - (iii) the project has been stopped by the present government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid project will be recommenced for the betterment of the young generation of Harispaththuwa area;
 - (ii) if not, the reason for not doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

6045/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of roads in the Jaffna District under the Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) of these roads, the number of roads due to be renovated;
 - (iii) whether the projects in respect of the renovation of such roads have been identified;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money allocated for the said projects;
 - (v) whether Cabinet Memoranda have been submitted in respect of the said projects?
- (b) If not, why?

4829/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that residents of several Grama Niladhari Divisions including Karagoda, Uyangoda I and II in the Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara District have been severely inconvenienced owing to the inability of the families engaged in agriculture to prevent the losses of harvest caused by the monkeys and the peacocks?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the steps that have been so far taken to prevent the damages caused to the aforesaid cultivations;
 - (ii) the methodologies to be adopted in that regard in the future; and
 - (iii) the date on which arrangements for protecting these cultivations will be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

5945/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. U. Anura S. Weeraratne (Sri Lanka Planning Service I) has been appointed to the post of Director of Divineguma of the district of Trincomalee by letter number DODD/HO/2/Admin/Appointments dated 05.02.2015 issued by the Director General of Divineguma Development Department; and
 - (ii) the said person has been subsequently reappointed to the post of Director (Community based originations) of the head office of the said department by letter number DODD/HO/2/Admin/Appointments dated 19.02.2015 issued by the Director (Administration)of the Divineguma Development Department, making an amendment to the initial appointment ?

(14)

- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether any political intervention has been made by the District Secretary of Trincomalee and by a Minister not relevant to the scope of Samurdhi pertaining to not giving the post mentioned in (a) (i) to Mr. Weeraratne;
 - (ii) whether political intervention is accepted if such has really occurred.;
 - (iii) whether Samurdhi related activities have been assigned to the Minister of Lands in the district of Trincomalee?
 - (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to appoint Mr. U. Anura S. Weeraratne to the post of Director of Divineguma of district of Trincomalee?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 20, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4996/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of dogs removed from the Colombo city limit during the period of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting was held;
 - (ii) of the location where these dogs were relocated;
 - (iii) whether these dogs were provided proper shelter and food at that location; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the agreements reached with animal rights organizations regarding the relocation of these dogs as stated above;
 - (ii) the names of such animal rights organizations with which agreements were thus reached; and
 - (iii) these agreements, which were fulfilled and not fulfilled?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the area in which the animals relocated as mentioned above are currently being sheltered; and
 - (ii) as to how these dogs will be dealt with in future?
- (d) If not, why?

5575/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the Ayurveda Act currently in operation was introduced;
 - (ii) the number of instances the said Act was amended by now;
 - (iii) the year in which it was last amended; and
 - (iv) if the said Act has hitherto not been amended, the reason for same?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ayurveda medical graduates are designated as medical officers or medical professionals; and
 - (ii) of the reason for them being so designated?
- (c) If not, why?

5906/'15

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a wage is paid when the labour of the prisoners in prisons is obtained;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so paid as the wage;
 - (iii) the date, that wage was last revised;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the wage so paid has to be increased to commensurate with the current requirements; and
 - (v) the amount by which the current wage paid to prisoners in this country will be increased of a time when prisoners in countries such as Britain are paid a monthly salary of 200 £?
- (b) If not, why?

5913/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) several ministries that were in operation earlier including the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Productivity Promotion have been abolished and the functions that were carried out by the Development Officers who were attached to the aforementioned ministries have been suspended;
- (ii) thousands of officers are currently languishing without any duty as a result of this;
- (iii) the allowance that was paid to them by the government for maintaining offices, too, has been cancelled;
- (iv) as a result, they have had to leave the office buildings that were used by them on lease basis; and
- (v) public property that were provided to the aforesaid offices are now unprotected as a result of this?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the steps that will be taken with regard to facts mentioned in (a) above;
- (ii) whether the aforesaid officers will be employed in a productive duty within the 100 days in keeping with the pledge that is mentioned in the 100 day programme to the effect that the Development Officers that are currently employed at the aforementioned ministries and the graduates that were recruited will be absorbed into the public service and that a promotion scheme will be introduced; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

5916/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Public Order and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately, of the number of Catholic churches, Hindu temples and mosques that have come under the search scrutiny of the police or other security sections based on political or any other grounds after the presidential election that was held on 08.01.2015; and
- (ii) separately, on the basis of Catholic, Hindu and Muslim religious place, of the names, addresses, and the telephone numbers of each of the aforesaid religious places that have come under such search and the date and the reason for such search?

(b) If not, why?

6018/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are covert detention camps within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the information on the aforesaid camps;
 - (iii) of the detainees, detained in the aforesaid camps; and
 - (iv) of the information on the aforesaid detainees?
- (b) If not, why?

6036/'15

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he has claimed in a recent interview on “Swarnavahini” that Ms. Tamara Kunanayagam, the former Sri Lankan Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva had been a representative of the LTTE in the period of 1989 to 1990;
 - (ii) if so, on which evidence the said statement was made; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid evidence deems to be substantial, whether steps will be taken to proscribe Ms. Kunanayagam?
- (b) Is he aware that Ms. Kunanayagam was a Human Rights activist during and around the period mentioned (a)(i) and supportive of the “Mothers Front” activities in which the Hon. Minister himself was connected?
- (c) Will he also state whether the Human Rights activism of Ms. Kunanayagam is the accusation of sympathy for terrorism?
- (d) If not, why?

4998/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the competitive examination to recruit to the Sri Lanka Accountants Service was held again in the year 2012 after it was held in the year 2006;
 - (ii) as a result, there is a group faced with the problem of maximum age limit of 28 years which is the maximum age for sitting the examination; and
 - (iii) as a result of the age limit issue for an examination for which only two sittings are allowed, some have only sat once and the others have not been able to sit even once?
- (b) Will he state as to what relief will be granted to those with qualifications who have been faced with the age limit problem mentioned in (a) (i) above?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies existed in the Sri Lanka Accountants Service Grade III in public sector institutions as at 28.02.2014;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to afford the opportunity to those who sat the competitive examination in the year 2012 and obtained pass marks to fill the above vacancies; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

5576/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who had applied when applications were called to provide employment to graduates in 2012; and
 - (ii) of that number, the number that was provided with employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were without employment as at 31.12.2011;
 - (ii) whether a scheme was in place to provide them with employment in 2012;
 - (iii) if so, what that scheme was; and
 - (iv) the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were provided with employment under that scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5756/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Dean of the Samanthurai campus of the South Eastern University, at the meeting of the Faculty Board, has asked the students not to express their views in Sinhala;
 - (ii) this has caused the students studying in that campus losing their language right; and
 - (iii) this order is an attempt of spreading racism?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to protect the language rights of the Sinhala students of the South Eastern University;
 - (ii) if so, how; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry against the order of the Dean mentioned in (a)(i) above?
 - (c) If not, why?
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