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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4788/'14

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

- (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?

5575/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (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?

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5708/'14

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

(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?

5931/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

(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 Lorence 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 ?

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5939/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the report of the Commission Chaired by Hon. Supreme Court Judge 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?

6034/'15

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

- (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 Articles 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?
- (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?

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6042/'15

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

- (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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Higher Education and Research,— Annual Report of the National Science Foundation (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Science Foundation together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st December 2012 and presented on 10.09.2014 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

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The Minister of Higher Education and Research,— Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies (2011),— That the Annual Report of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st December 2011 and presented on 24.09.2014 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

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The Minister of Higher Education and Research,— Annual Report of the National Research Council (2012),— That the Annual Report of the National Research Council together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31st December 2012 and presented on 19.08.2014 under Section 40(3) of the Science and Technology Development Act No. 11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 10.10.2014.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, June 24, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4828/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which she will be transferred to the hospital that she has applied for?
- (c) If not, why?

5224/'14

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (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?

5576/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,— (3)

- (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) of the number of Ayurvedic Medicine Graduates who were provided with employment under that scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5927/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (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?
- (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?

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- (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; and
 - (iii) the date on which that measure will be adopted?
- (d) If not, why?

6039/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (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; and
 - (ii) the task of calling for quotations or tenders to supply relevant materials 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?

6046/'15

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

- (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?

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- (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?

6064/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— 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 previous government provided motor bikes to the government field officers on concessionary terms; and
 - (ii) a promise was made in the presidential election to provide motor bikes to all the public servants once the new government came into power?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the supply of motor bikes has been stopped for the persons who paid an advance of Rs.25,000/= and all the others who applied for motor bikes; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the persons who had deposited an advance amount to get motorbikes be refunded?
- (c) If not, why?

6079/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is planned to carry out the selection of Divi Neguma Development Officers under two new methods instead of the four methods of selection adopted at the inception of the Divi Neguma Development Department;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Divi Neguma Act will be amended for this purpose;
 - (iii) as to how the pension contribution of 6% is to be deducted from the new employees recruited under the said two new schemes;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to pay the Provident Fund of the employees who have opted as of now to be recruited as Divi Neguma Development Officers on the basis of the initial period of service; and
 - (v) if so, how?
- (b) If not, why?

6091/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Prof. Gunapala Nanayakkara, Director General of National Institute of Education, had been interdicted from the post of Head, International Centre of Post Graduate Institute of Management in Dubai due to some financial irregularities done by him;
- (ii) a report has been prepared by Ernst & Young Advisory Services (Pvt.) Ltd, pertaining to the said irregularities highlighting the withdrawal of Rs. 17.3 million from the PIM Account in Dubai using ATMs and also en-cashing or depositing of seven cheques amounting to Rs. 5.6 million into his account without being produced payment vouchers and making a difference of Rs. 35.3 million against the amounts received from students and the amounts banked?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) on what basis Prof. Nanayakkara was appointed to the post of DG of NIE; and
- (ii) whether it is ensured that similar practices as of (a)(ii) will not be taken place in NIE headed by him?

(c) If not, why?

6099/'15

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the profit earned by Milco Ltd. in the years 2013 and 2014, separately;
- (ii) the profit earned by the aforesaid company up to now in the year 2015?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the liters of milk purchased by Milco Ltd. from milk farmers at present as a percentage of the national milk production; and
- (ii) the projected targets in the process of enhancement of the contribution of the said company towards the supply for the national milk requirement in future?

(c) If not, why?

6101/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Investment Promotion Zones in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately of the year on which each of the aforesaid Investment Promotion Zones were established; and
 - (iii) whether special programmes have been implemented to minimise traffic congestions that occur in the aforesaid towns as a result of the location of the Investment Promotion Zones?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the traffic congestion in the Awissawella town increased with the establishment of the Seethawaka Investment Promotion Zone;
 - (ii) approximately 40% of the vehicles that enter and exit the aforesaid Investment Promotion Zone are driven towards Kegalle through Awissawella; and
 - (iii) plans have been formulated to build a bridge across the Seethawaka Ganga towards the Thaldoova area of the Kegalle District from the vicinity of the Industrial Park?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to build the aforesaid bridge, under the 'British Iron Bridge Project'?
- (d) If not, why?

4998/'14

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Local Government and Democratic Governance,—(3)

- (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?

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(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?

5580/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

(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?

5928/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

(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?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of families identified by now to be evacuated from the lands belonging to each of the above temples; and
- (ii) the names and addresses of such residents?

(c) If not, why?

6066/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that it was proposed at the last interim budget to grant an interest of 15% for deposits of senior citizens up to Rs 2.5 million;
 - (ii) whether that proposal is in operation as of now; and
 - (iii) the measures taken in respect of it?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the abovementioned interest of 15% is granted by the state banks for the deposits of over one million rupees of senior citizens;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that senior citizens are not allowed to maintain deposits of over one million rupees in their names in view of the above budget proposal; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for it?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, June 25, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5449/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) agro-chemicals are not needed for cultivating indigenous varieties of paddy that have been in existence since ancient times; and
 - (ii) cultivating such old indigenous varieties of paddy needs a minimal amount of water and causes minimum damage to man and nature?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of old varieties of paddy identified to have been used in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the names of such varieties of paddy;
 - (iii) the names of old varieties of paddy cultivated at present; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not cultivating the other old varieties of paddy?

(13)

(c) Will he inform the House—

- (i) of the extent of paddy lands that are cultivated with old varieties of paddy as seed paddy by 2014;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to promote these varieties as seed paddy throughout Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) if so, what those steps are?

(d) If not why?

5581/'14

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

(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?

5929/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(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 ?

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(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; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?

(d) If not, why?

6067/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a proposal was made through the budget proposals presented by the Previous government in November 2014, to provide a Rs.2500/= monthly allowance to pre-school teachers;
- (ii) whether a proposal was made through the interim budget - 2015 presented by the Minister of Finance of the present government, to provide a Rs.250/= monthly allowance to pre-school teachers; and
- (iii) whether both of the said proposals are being implemented or only one proposal is being implemented by now?

(b) If not, why?

6080/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that despite the action taken to provide capital items within the due tender procedure for the projects implemented for livelihood upliftment of low income earners under Divineguma Development Project in 2014, the suppliers of those goods have not been paid up to now;
- (ii) of the reasons for the delay in making those payments; and
- (iii) of the date on which those payments would be made?

(b) If not, why?

6102/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that a sum of Rs.65.0 million had been allocated by the then Ministry of Economic Development for the construction of the first phase of Hanwella weekly fair in Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha area;
- (ii) of the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid project, which is implemented by the Urban Development Authority, will be completed; and

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- (iii) whether necessary steps will be taken to acquire the adjoining plot of land that has been identified for the construction of the second phase of the aforesaid weekly fair as per Hanwella Town Development Plan designed by the Urban Development Authority?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Urban Development Authority has prepared a new development plan for the bus-stand and the related land that are situated in the centre of Hanwella town; and
 - (ii) if so, whether that new development plan will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

5450/14

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the names of the financial institutions recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which provide security locker service to customers;
 - (ii) whether financial institutions are required to obtain permission from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to run the security locker service; and
 - (iii) if so, what qualifications need to be completed by a financial institution in order to obtain such permission?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the institutions provide security locker service;
 - (ii) legal action can be taken against a financial institution with regard to missing of contents that have been deposited in a security locker run by them;
 - (iii) Is he aware that—
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) proper security is not available for the security locker service of certain financial institutions;
 - (ii) such financial institutions do not take proper measures with regard to missing of valuables from their safe wallets ; and
 - (iii) as a result, valuables of their clients are at risk?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the government will intervene to formalize the security locker service; and
 - (ii) if so, from which date?
- (e) If not, why?

5945/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Samurdhi,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. U. Anura S. Weerathne (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 ?
- (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. Weerathne;
 - (ii) whether political intervention is accepted if such has really occurred; and
 - (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. Weerathne to the post of Director of Divineguma of district of Trincomalee?
- (d) If not, why?

6083/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the employees of the Road Development Authority have not received the allowances that were increased by the interim budget for the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the reasons for not giving the aforesaid allowances to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Mahahena/Madigewatta land situated in Nadugala Grama Niladari Division of the Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Matara District has been acquired by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the said acquisition has been done;
 - (iii) the purpose for which the aforesaid land has been acquired;
 - (iv) the extent of the land so acquired;
 - (v) whether compensation regarding the acquisition of the land has been paid to Mr. Jinadasa Kumanayake, the legal owner of the aforesaid land; and
 - (vi) if not so, the reasons for it?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (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) of the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent for that?
- (c) If not, why?

6084/'15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— 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) the manner in which action will be taken to get labour contribution to the development projects of the year 2015 coming under the “one activity for one village” programme as per the recommendation for getting 25% of the labour contribution needed for them;
 - (ii) whether a system will be proposed to provide the initial expenditure needed for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) if there are projects for which 25% of labour contribution cannot be obtained, the manner in which such projects will be implemented; and
 - (iv) whether action can be taken to reduce the labour contribution up to 5% on such occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

6087/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Nuwan Jayalath Samarasekara of Meepe, Katukurunda, Habaraduwa, Chathuranga Welikumbura of ‘Jayarathna’, Soramune, Haldummulla and W. Piyum Chinthaka Kularathna of No. 93A25, 2nd Lane, Bandaranayakapura, Indigolla, Gampaha were taken into custody in Iran on March 2013 and that they have been kept imprisoned in the aforesaid country for over a year now?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the reason behind the imprisonment of the aforementioned persons;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to get them returned to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether it is possible for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to intervene in the matter of getting them back to the country given that the aforesaid three persons have been fined with 5,000,000 Iran Riyals and 10,490,834,000 Iran Riyals and two year imprisonment for committing the offenses of entering Iran in violation of the country’s laws and theft of goods as per the letter of the Assistant Director (Consular) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs bearing reference FA/cons/cs/iran/13/02;
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that can be taken with regard to the aforesaid matter?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, June 26, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5451/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) illegal sand mining, gemming and gold mining are carried out in rivers of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) as a result, great harm is caused to those rivers;
 - (iii) it directly affects the life of the community; and
 - (iv) adequate facilities are not available in the relevant institutions to curb such illegal acts?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to combat such illegal acts associated with rivers;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) how many complaints have been received in respect of offences stated in (a) (i) above from 01.01.2013 to 30.06.2014; and
 - (iv) what legal measures were taken in respect of each such complaint?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the existing laws are adequate to curb the environmental damage referred to above; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to change the existing laws?
- (d) If not why?

6030/'15

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that temporary labourers had been employed through farmer organisations for agricultural activities under the Alla-Kantale scheme of Mahaweli system “c”?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of employees employed as above;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and periods of service of those labourers separately;
 - (iii) the reason for terminating the employment of Mrs. S.M. Abemenike of Alla road, Suriyapura Kantale who has employed as a temporary labourer for nearly 8 years, from January this year;
 - (iv) the number of temporary employees whose employment have been terminated after the new government came to power;
 - (v) their names, addresses and the Mahaweli systems they were employed in;
 - (vi) whether employment would be provided for those whose employment were terminated as above;
 - (vii) if so, the date on which they would be provided with employment;
 - (viii) if not, the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

6068/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Maturata Plantation Company is a company registered under Companies Act No . 07 of 2007 ;
 - (ii) whether the shares of that company have been issued to the employees of that company ;
 - (iii) if so, whether share certificates have been awarded to them by now ;
 - (iv) whether there are any shareholders who have not received the dividends of the aforesaid shares or any other benefit; and
 - (v) if so , the reason for it ?
- (b) If not , why ?

6085/15

Hon. T.B. Ekanayake,— 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 he is aware that rural development projects were implemented by the then Ministry of Economic Affairs in the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether funds will be provided for the projects of which work was completed as at 31.12.2014 and for the projects which were commenced before 31.12. 2014; and
 - (iii) reasons for the delay in making the aforesaid payments ?
- (b) If not, why ?

6098/'15

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Internal Transport, —(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the most senior engineer is appointed as the Railway General Manager as per the accepted tradition of the Department of Railway;
- (ii) a person who stood at the 09th position in the seniority order had been appointed for the aforesaid post by the cabinet approval dated 16.10.2014 after the removal of the acting Railway General Manager who had been appointed according to the above tradition; and
- (iii) the present Acting Railway General Manager who was appointed accordingly had also served as the project director of the Matara-Kataragama Railway Construction Project?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) the reasons for the removal of the Acting Railway General Manager who possessed the required qualifications in the manner mentioned in (a) (ii) above; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to rectify any act of injustice or irregularities if such has occurred through the aforesaid removal?

(c) If not, why?

6103/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of projects that are in progress under Puraneguma project ;
- (ii) separately, of the value and the date of completion of each of the aforesaid projects; and
- (iii) of the date of completion of the Philip Gunawardhana Memorial Library Complex that is constructed as a Puraneguma project under Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha in Awisawella electorate of Colombo District?

(b) If not, why?

6104/'15

Hon. H.R. Mithrapala,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has been proposed to provide the public servants with a salary increment of Rs. 10,000/= under the 100 day programme;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid proposal was made by Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe or by the presidential candidate Hon. Maithreepala Sirisena; and
 - (iii) if not, the person who presented it ?
- (b) Is he aware that only an amount of Rs. 5000/= has been provided as per the proposal mentioned in (a) (i) above, in spite of the fact that the time period of the 100 day programme has by now expired?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the balance amount of Rs. 5000/= of the salary increment proposed can be provided in the month of June;
 - (ii) if not and if further time is required for the said matter, until what date such time will be required;
 - (iii) if the balance amount of Rs. 5000/= and all the allowances will be added to the basic salary, the date on which it will be done; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the date on which the arrears and the balance salary will be paid?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a loan has been obtained from the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to pay the salaries of public servants; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid amount is?
- (e) If not, why?

5454/'14

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Meteorological department has failed to deliver credible weather forecasts using outdated technical equipment they are having at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide sophisticated human and physical resources to the Meteorological Department;
 - (ii) if so, what those state- of- the- art technical equipment are;
 - (iii) the purposes for which those equipment will be used;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for the aforesaid equipment;
 - (v) the date on which those modern equipment will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

6032/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that it is proposed to evict 176 families residing the 232 A Pamburugaswewa Grama Niladhari Division in the Gomarankadawala Divisional Secretary's Division in implementing the Yan Oya Irrigation Scheme?
- (b) Will he state whether—
 - (i) arrangements will be made to offer them special treatment to reciprocate the assistance provided by them to the security forces during the time of war and provide them lands in an area closest to their original settlements, in providing them new lands;
 - (ii) the paddy fields which are being cultivated at present and will not be submerged by the Yan Oya new reservoir, will be given to them;
 - (iii) the dry lands required by them will be provided out of the forest land with shrubs in the northern part of the dam that runs upto Pulmudai under this scheme;
 - (iv) he approves the provision of one acre of dry land and two acres of paddy lands instead of the proposed 1/2 acre of dry land and 1 1/2 acres of paddy lands to those people who engaged in agricultural activities in lands with extents of 5-6 acres during the time of terrorist threats?
- (c) If not, why?

6088/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the seed paddy subsidy has been given to the farmers who cultivated paddy in the Maha season of 2014/2015 as per the proposal made through the budget presented for the year 2015;
 - (ii) whether the provisions required for the payment of the aforesaid subsidy to the farmers in the Badulla District had been received by 21.11.2014;
 - (iii) if so, the reason for delaying the payment of that subsidy to the aforesaid farmers; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not making arrangements to pay the seed paddy subsidy without delay to all the farmers in addition to those in the Badulla District?
- (b) If not, why?

6100/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, on annual basis, the loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., from the year 2013 up to now;
 - (ii) separately, on annual basis, the amount of money given by the General Treasury to the aforesaid institution from the year 2011 up to now; and
 - (iii) the current financial position of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd?
- (b) If not, why?

5459/'14

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Yamaha XJ6 motor bicycles imported in the middle of the year 2014 to be distributed among police stations of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount spent on this; and
 - (iii) the police stations to which these motor bicycles were provided?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately the initial price, freight charges, government taxes and other expenses which are applicable in determining the price of each motor bicycle;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility of purchasing motor bicycles of this category in the ordinary vehicle market in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, the price of such a motor bicycle?
- (c) If not, why?

6089/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the year in which the translators were recruited for Government Translators Service for the last time ;
 - (ii) the Service Minute which was applied in making the aforesaid recruitments;
 - (iii) whether a new Service Minute has been introduced for Government Translators' Service ;
 - (iv) if not , whether such minute will be introduced ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the qualifications, required for the posts of Government Translators Service;
 - (ii) whether the experience or the Diploma certificate of the field concerned, will be accepted as the closest qualification for the post of translator?
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether the Diploma Course on Translation Methods and Oral Translation Skills that is conducted by Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration, accepts as a qualification;
 - (v) if so, whether the aforesaid qualification has been accepted in the event of sitting 2013(2014) examination ?
- (c) If not, why?
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