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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

19/15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a complaint has been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division of Police against the former Minister of Co-operatives and the former Commissioner of Co-operative Development on charges of misuse and misappropriation of a sum of Rs. 897.06 million out of the Co-operatives Development Fund and the Co-operatives Surplus Fund against the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act of 1972, during the period 2011-2014?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation of the complaint mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be conducted under the Public Property Act on the misuse and misappropriation of these funds?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institutional procedures initiated against the misuse and misappropriation of these funds;
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to recover those funds lost to the government; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to prevent misappropriation of public funds in general on the discretion of the Minister in charge of the subject, in future?
- (d) If not, why?

80/15

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that various media have reported that antiquities and treasures were heavily destroyed and taken away by thieves during the past period of time of almost a decade?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Department of Archaeology in this regard;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Archaeology has taken legal actions regarding the incidents reported in media and the complaints received by them;
 - (iii) if so, the number of incidents and complaints regarding which legal action has been taken, separately;
 - (iv) the number of persons that have been convicted through the aforesaid legal action; and
 - (v) the actions taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents again?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, December 08, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

164/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large number of soldiers of the Sri Lanka Army who had been engaged in operational duties in the North and the East have left the army after serving in the Army for 12 years; and
 - (ii) they are suffering severe hardships at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of soldiers who have left the Army after serving for 12 years;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide relief to those persons;
 - (iii) whether he admits that it would be reasonable to pay a half pension to those persons who served the country risking their lives; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which arrangements will be made to pay a half pension to those persons?
- (c) If not, why?

227/'15

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the application forwarded by Mr. W. Pradeep, who received a condominium housing unit after his house was destroyed by the Tsunami, to admit his child to Grade one of Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara in 2013 had been rejected;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that;
 - (iii) whether the appeal forwarded in that regard had been rejected; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for that?

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- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the Secretary to the Ministry and the Director of National Schools have informed the Principal in writing to admit the relevant child to the school after the above rejections, and inform him of it;
 - (ii) if so, the responses of the Principal after the said written intimation;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the child had not been admitted to the school by rejecting the above intimation; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not admitting the child to the school?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a formal inquiry had been conducted in regard to that rejection; and
 - (ii) the steps will be taken against the injustice caused to that child?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 09, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

177/'15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the action that has been taken in response to letter No.SD/8/2 of the Presidential Secretariat dated 30.09.2010, letter No.MNBD/06/AD/CO/16 of the Ministry of Economic Development dated 02.11.2010, and letter No. MDM/AS/DM/46 of the Ministry of Disaster Management dated 23.09.2010 that were sent to the Government Agent/District Secretary of the Ampara District enlightening him on the issue of the Tsunami victims who had been rendered homeless; and
 - (ii) the progress that has been achieved in that regard as at present?
- (b) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of families who were rendered homeless due to Tsunami in Saindamarudu Divisional Secretary's Division in the Ampara District;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) out of those who were rendered homeless, the names and addresses of the persons who have been provided with permanent houses as at present?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

239/'15

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house —
 - (i) whether he will table a copy of the circular sent to the banks, if the government has taken a policy decision, as a relief to the people, to write off the high interest rate and fines charged in redeeming gold jewellery which has been pawned to banks for Two Hundred Thousand Rupees or less;
 - (ii) separately, the number of beneficiaries whose interest and fines have thus been written off by each bank;
 - (iii) whether the government has provided financial provisions to the relevant banks for this purpose; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount so provided, separately in respect of each bank?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, December 10, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

178/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the house bearing No.264/1 at Vedagedara, Yonakapura, Dickwella where Mr.M.M.A.Nifran and the members of his family resided was located in a hilly area;
 - (ii) the kitchen that remained from the house that was destroyed by the rains that fell on 22.09.2012 too was totally destroyed as a result of the earth slip that occurred in the adjoining hills around 1.45 a.m. on 02.09.2015; and
 - (iii) no step has been taken in this regard up to now, even though the responsible officials of the area have been informed about this?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct that house for Mr.Nifran who has been rendered helpless, as a result of the total destruction of the house that he had to live as a family with his small children and his wife, and due to lack of a permanent source of income?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is satisfied with the adequacy of foreign reserves of Sri Lanka in terms of risk weighted system; and
 - (ii) the adequacy of foreign reserves under floating exchange ratio method in respect of each year from the year 2000 to 2014 as per the data of variables X, STD, OPL and M2 in applying the new system of risk weighted of the International Monetary Fund?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the adequacy of foreign reserves of Sri Lanka during the first 9 months of the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major causes that impacted on this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, December 11, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a report was summoned from the Zonal Director of Education of the Kandy Zone by the letter of the Secretary to the Provincial Ministry of Education and Secretary to the Chief Minister of the Central Province dated 24.10.2012 bearing reference CPC/CMC/3/1/1 as per the directive of the Secretary to the President taking into account of the need to construct a new two-storeyed building for the Deltota Muslim Vidyalaya (Navodya school) in Kandy in the Central Province; and
 - (ii) accordingly the Zonal Director of Education made a site inspection on 12.11.2012 and recommended that it is suitable to grant a new two-storeyed building as space available was not sufficient in view of the number of students studying there and the number of classes conducted?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take steps to have a new two-storeyed building constructed for this school?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

241/'15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the import Potential of the gross official reserves of Sri Lanka from 2000 to 2014 (in terms of months), separately for each year;
 - (ii) the variation for each year when estimated import potential of the gross official reserves with respect to commodities is adjusted to commodities and services;
 - (iii) the value of the import Potential of total foreign assets from 2000 to 2014, separately for each year;
 - (iv) the status of the import potential of the gross official reserves within the first 9 months of 2015; and
 - (v) the factors that caused the said situation?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Saturday, December 12, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

205/'15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. A.M. Sahabdeen residing at No. 21, Bangalagedara, Bazaar Street, Madawala has been serving as a labourer since 2006 in the Primary Section of the K/Madeena National School;
 - (ii) although relevant documents were sent from time to time to the Education Department of the Central Province to place him in the service on casual or temporary basis taking into account his commitment and the duration of his service, no step has been taken regarding it; and
 - (iii) the application dated 18.11.2014 has been forwarded last with the recommendations of the Principal and the Zonal Director of Education?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take steps to grant Mr. Sahabdeen a labourer appointment on casual or temporary basis?
- (c) If not, why?

(7)

229/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the malpractices and injustices that took place at the competitive examination conducted to recruit Internal Officer Trainees (2014) to the Bank of Ceylon?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of candidates that sat the said competition examination conducted at the University of Kelaniya on 08.06.2014;
 - (ii) the number of candidates who passed, and failed that examination, separately;
 - (iii) whether all those who passed that examination have been awarded appointments; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for raising the cut-off mark of 40 for each subject, to 50, when a methodology for all internal promotions of the Bank of Ceylon in terms of circular 96/2002 has been specified;
 - (ii) whether the candidates has been informed of this in advanced;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that this examination has been conducted on an accepted methodology;
 - (iv) the reasons for not granting an opportunity to rescutinize the results, after it took five months to release the results; and
 - (v) the steps to be taken to deliver justice to the aggrieved officers of the Bank of Ceylon?
- (d) If not, why?

Monday, December 14, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

242/'15

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he table the composition of—
 - (i) the foreign assets of the government;
 - (ii) the foreign assets of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the foreign assets of the institutions that accepts deposits;
 - (iv) the liabilities relevant to reserves; and
 - (v) the net international reserve;separately for each year from the year 2000 to 2014?

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- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the foreign direct investments made by Sri Lankans/ the government of Sri Lanka in foreign countries; and
 - (ii) whether such investments have been included in the statistical data mentioned above as foreign assets belonging to the government;
 - (iii) if not, why?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the manner in which the remaining balance of the reserve gold of the foreign reserves has fluctuated from the year 2000 to 2014?
- (d) If not, why?

245/'15

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Ministry of Sports has taken the initiative to construct 25 stadiums at Provincial and District level?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of stadiums of which the construction work has been commenced and the number of stadiums which have been declared open by now out of the aforesaid stadiums, separately;
 - (ii) the date it is expected to complete the construction work of the stadiums of which the construction work has not yet been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

251/'15

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House separately the number of complaints received by the Police, the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau and the National Child Protection Authority from victims who were subjected to abuse committed by closest relatives of the respective victims in years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

87/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd. is an institution affiliated to the Ministry of Defence; and
 - (ii) if so, the year in which it was established and the report of the Auditor General on the accounts of the company from the day it was established up to 2015, separately?

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- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the government and private institutions to which the security service was provided by the aforesaid organization; and
 - (ii) separately, the year, date and the name of the institutions that entered into agreements with the aforesaid company to get their security service?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there are government institutions that expelled this organization from providing their services from January 2015 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, what those institutions are;
 - (iii) the reasons for the expel;
 - (iv) the names of the security companies deployed instead; and
 - (v) the names of the Directors of those substitute companies separately?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual income and the profit earned by this company from its inception; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been given to the General Treasury on annual basis?
- (e) If not, why?

247/'15

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) car park 'D' which brought in a monthly revenue of over Rs. 1.5 million to the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority was privately leased out at a (lower value) on a date close to 30.01.2015 to a person who had not submitted a tender;
 - (ii) the aforesaid person has not paid any money to the Authority so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to look into this irregular transaction and acquire the aforesaid car park once more; and
 - (ii) if the aforesaid car park has been leased out disregarding tender procedures, whether disciplinary action will be taken against persons who are responsible for that act?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in terms of the year 2012, 2013 and 2014—
 - (i) as per each year, by a sequential order of the 10 courts in which the most number of child abuse cases have been filed;
 - (ii) separately, as per each year with regard to aforesaid each courts, of the number of cases in which the accused have been proved to be the perpetrators; and
 - (iii) out of the total number of cases which were filed, of the percentage of the number of cases in which the accused have been proved to be the perpetrators?
 - (b) If not, why?
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