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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

41/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) lands of the proposed Hambantota wild elephant management reserve are being acquired forcibly;
 - (ii) the reserve has been cleared;
 - (iii) many development projects have been implemented within the aforesaid reserve area;
 - (iv) the human elephant conflict has escalated as a result; and
 - (v) work on the aforesaid elephant management reserve has come to a halt?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the area of the proposed Hambantota wild elephant management reserve;
 - (ii) of the boundaries of the aforesaid reserve?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to stop human activities that are carried out in the aforesaid reserve;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

92/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(3)

- (a) Will he endorse the policy of maintaining schools exclusively for the children of the members of the Armed Forces?

(2)

- (b) Eventhough it is necessary to grant special privileges to both officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces who have made various sacrifices, does he admit the fact that, the creation of separate schools for their children will amount to giving facilities to group of people on a new social strata?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of children of the officers and the number of children of the soldiers studying in these schools; and
 - (ii) as to why he doesn't intend taking over these schools under the Department of Education and run them as ordinary schools also admitting other children?
- (d) If not, why?

180/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that a number of families that lost their houses and property in various areas of the island as a result of the *tsunami* disaster remain in a destitute state even at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether —
 - (i) steps will be taken to implement a scheme that would provide permanent housing to people who have lost their houses, after selecting them at Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
 - (ii) attention will be focused on implementing the aforesaid programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

196/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 270 officers who were permanent residents in the Eastern Province were attached to the Northern Provincial Council when the North Eastern Provincial Council which had been once merged was demerged as Northern and Eastern Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) those officers have undergone much difficulty having had to work in an area away from their permanent residence for about 7 years in this manner;
 - (iii) the attempts made by these officers on a number of occasions to get transfers to the Eastern Province were unsuccessful; and
 - (iv) only a few officers have obtained transfers with the assistance of authorities?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the reasonable request of the residents of the Eastern Province for working in that Provincial Council will be granted; and
 - (ii) if so, the actions taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

198/'15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the educational qualifications required for the cadet officers recruited to the executive branch of the Sri Lanka Navy for the year 2006;
 - (ii) the educational qualifications of lieutenant Y. K. Rajapaksha NRX 2431;
 - (iii) the specific reason to recruit him without the required qualifications;
 - (iv) whether the approval of the Ministry of Defence was sought for that; and
 - (v) the date on which he joined the Navy and the date on which he completed his training?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the foreign scholarships and training given to him, the period of time he stayed abroad, the name of the country, and the amount of money spent by the government; and
 - (ii) the reason to select him for a training in Britannia Royal Navy College in Dartmouth in 2007; and whether it is a scholarship given by the British government?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the disciplinary action taken against lieutenant Rajapaksha and other persons according to the report of the navy tripartite committee that investigated the allegations leveled against him;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

206/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the Tamil people who live in estate regions of Sri Lanka and on the line houses of estate regions;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of houses, the number of line houses and the number of people living in the estate regions;
 - (iii) of the number of children in schooling age and the number of children who do not attend school; and
 - (iv) of the number of households that do not have electricity and sanitation facilities?

(4)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme will be launched in order to uplift the standard of life of the Tamil people who are living in estate regions;
- (ii) if so, of that aforesaid programme;
- (iii) whether there is a programme putting an end to the line house centered lifestyle of the people living in estate regions and to settle them in proper houses; and
- (iv) if so, of the time period within which aforesaid programme will be completed;

(c) If not, why?

208/15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which legal trustees were appointed to Oddamawadi Mujahideen Jumma mosque in Batticaloa, which is registered in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs (Waqf Section) under the registration No. R /768/BT /65, along with the date on which the aforesaid appointment period ended;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint a new Board of Trustees to the aforesaid mosque to which legal trustees have not been appointed for a long period of time, due to the fact that a situation arisen, in which the administrative activities of the aforesaid mosque cannot be carried out in a systematic manner?

(b) If not, why?

217/15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

(a) Will he table in this House a list of names according to their seniority of —

- (i) the Supreme Court judges;
- (ii) the Appeal Court judges;
- (iii) the High Court judges; and
- (iv) the District Court and Magistrate Court judges along with their date of appointment and due date of retirement?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there are judges in the judiciary of Sri Lanka who work as judges in foreign countries on duty leave or on no pay leave (as at 01.11.2015); and
- (ii) if so, the date from which the approval was granted by the Judicial Service Commission for them to enter into the foreign service, separately?

(c) If not, why?

(5)

231/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the companies that supplied spare parts for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Tender Board had been given to select the relevant companies;
 - (iii) the names of the then members of the Boards of Directors of the Companies so selected;
 - (iv) the relationship between the company from which spare parts for the buses of the S.L.T.B. were purchased and the Chairman of the S.L.T.B. in the year 2011;
 - (v) the reasons for granting the tender to an outside Company when there were registered companies for purchasing spare parts for buses;
 - (vi) whether he admits the fact that duty concessions had been granted to that company selected in an informal manner; and
 - (vii) the progress of the investigation being conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division on making undue income by supplying large quantities of those spare parts imported by using the above duty concessions to the traders at Panchikawatta, and supplying them in small quantities to the S.L.T.B.?
- (b) If not, why?

252/'15

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately the number of employees who are registered in the Employees Trust Fund in district wise in the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

258/'15

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was given under number 35 in the programme titled “Compassionate governance - A new country in 100 days” of the presidential candidate of the 2015 Presidential Election and incumbent president Hon. Maithripala Sirisena, that those engaged in small and medium industries who have fallen into a debt trap and been blacklisted by the Credit Information Bureau (CRIB) and those who suffer the same because of credit card debts will be relieved from this through an easy payment scheme?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately, in respect of each bank the small and medium scale entrepreneurs and credit card holders who have been granted relief under the said programme as at 01.11.2015?

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- (c) Will he table the names, addresses and the amounts obtained as loans of the small and medium scale entrepreneurs and credit card holders who have been given the opportunity to settle the loans through an easy repayment scheme under the said programme?

- (d) If not, why?

270/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the period of time in which weapons of maritime security guards who provides security for commercial vessels, were kept in an armory of the Southern Naval Command Head Quarters; and
- (ii) of the income earned by the Sri Lanka Navy from the aforesaid activity during the period mentioned above?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the period of time in which a floating armory was run by Avant-Garde company in international waters beyond the coast of the Galle Port; and
- (ii) separately, of the income earned by the Sri Lanka Navy and Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd. during the aforesaid period of time?

- (c) Will he state —

- (i) whether the running a floating armory has been handed over to the Sri Lanka Navy by the Avant-Garde company;
- (ii) if so, whether it has been proven in a court of law that the aforesaid company has violated any specific law?

- (d) If not, why?

279/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of local government bodies in Sri Lanka that have developed as China-Sri Lanka Friendship cities;
- (ii) of the relevant cities;
- (iii) the benefits received by each of these cities through this scheme, separately; and
- (iv) the benefits received by the local government bodies in China from the local government bodies of Sri Lanka under Friendship cities project?

- (b) If not, why?

54/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has granted permission to establish a sugar refining factory in the premises of the Hambantota port;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the said company and if it is a foreign company the name of the country; and
 - (iii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Board of Directors of the said company?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount to be invested by the said company;
 - (ii) the concessions to be provided by the government to the said company;
 - (iii) the benefits to be derived by the country as a result of establishing the sugar refining factory; and
 - (iv) the quantity of sugar expected to be refined at this factory annually?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures to prevent the collapse of the sugar industry of Sri Lanka as a result of this company; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

239/'15

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (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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Wednesday, January 27, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

59/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) cardamom is cultivated in the Knuckles Reserve;
 - (ii) it has gravely affected the Reserve;
 - (iii) pressure is posed by politicians to the officers of the Matale Office of the Forest Conservation Department; and
 - (iv) the devastation of this Reserve will affect the ecological equilibrium of the whole country?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) what extent of land belonging to the Reserve has been cultivated illegally;
 - (ii) why legal action is not taken against persons engaged in illegal cultivation;
 - (iii) what measures have been adopted by now to stop the harm caused to the Reserve;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to rid the Reserve of cardamom cultivation; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which such steps will be taken?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which a study was last conducted on the animal and plant species endemic to the Reserve;
 - (ii) what animal and plant species are endemic to the Reserve as per the study;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to conduct an assessment on the extent to which the population of endemic animal and plant species have been endangered due to the cardamom cultivation;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which such assessment will be conducted;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to call a report on the harm that has been caused to the Reserve by the cardamom cultivation; and
 - (vi) if so, the date on which such report will be called?
- (d) If not why?

210/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a heavy traffic congestion daily from Wellampitiya Junction to Ambathale Junction, as a result of not implementing the development work of that section of Colombo-Awissawella road up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to expedite work to widen and develop the said road as the traffic congestion is getting worse with the vehicles entering through Kaduwela and Kadawatha interchanges of the Southern Expressway are also beginning to enter the city of Colombo via the said road?
- (c) If not, why?

221/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately for each district in respect of the Grade 5 scholarship examination of the year 2015 -
 - (i) the total number of students applied;
 - (ii) the number of students who obtained more than 150 marks;
 - (iii) the number of students who obtained more than 70 marks; and
 - (iv) the number of students who obtained less than 35 marks?
- (b) Will he inform this House in sequential order the 100 schools with the highest and the lowest percentage of passing the scholarship examination?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the cut-off marks for the selection of students for popular schools in the years 2014 and 2015 and accordingly the number of scholarship recipients selected in the years 2014 and 2015 separately;
 - (ii) whether the pledge given in the last election manifesto to increase the Grade 5 scholarship grant will be full filled;
 - (iii) if so, the number of students to be benefited?
- (d) If not, why?

233/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether SML Frontier Automotives (Pvt.) Ltd., has supplied Land Rover Defender Jeeps for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM); and
 - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles supplied and the total value of those vehicles?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the agents for the sale of Land Rover Jeeps in this Country;
 - (ii) the procurement method followed in selecting the supplier in purchasing Land Rover Jeeps;
 - (iii) if the government of Sri Lanka has opened letters of credit in the purchase of these vehicles, on behalf of what institution they were opened;
 - (iv) whether that institution is the manufacture of Land Rover Jeeps;
 - (v) if not, the name of that institution;
 - (vi) the names of the owners and the members of the Board of Directors of SML Frontier Automotives (Pvt.) Ltd; and
 - (vii) the progress of the investigation relating to the complaint lodged with the Police Financial Crimes Investigation Division in regard to the financial irregularities that have taken place at the purchase of these vehicles?
- (c) If not, why?

262/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) shortages of physical and human resources have existed at Badu/ Muslim Central College (National School) of Badulla district for a long time;
 - (ii) vacancies exist at this school for science graduate teachers for Advanced Level Science and Maths sections, graduate teachers for Arts and Commerce sections, Mathematics(Tamil medium) teachers for Ordinary Level classes, Science teachers (English medium) for Grades 1-6 as well as for non academic staff;
 - (iii) physical resource requirements such as a fence for the school land, an auditorium and a building for classrooms exist?

(11)

- (b) Will he take steps to provide physical and human resources for this school and to develop this as a fully equipped school under the “The best school is the closest school” project?
- (c) If not, why?

272/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the present government, by its election manifesto presented at the Presidential Election 2015 gave a pledge to the people that the taxes imposed on fuel will be removed;
 - (ii) the then Minister of Power and Energy gave a pledge to the people on 16th January 2015 that the taxes imposed on fuel will be removed;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the types of taxes so removed and the amounts;
 - (ii) of the types of taxes imposed on fuel by now;
 - (iii) separately, of the revenue earned by each type of tax from 01.01.2015 to 30.09.2015?
- (c) If not, why?

281/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the section from Ambatale to Orugodawatta on the Low level road has not been developed; and
 - (ii) this road provides access from Kaduwela to Colombo for a person travelling on the expressway in a less time than it takes to reach Colombo from Kottawa?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the length of the road;
 - (ii) the obstacles;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, if it has been estimated;
 - (iv) whether compensation will be paid on the present market value for the lands acquired; and
 - (v) the date of commencement and date of completion; with regard to the development of the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

309/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the name of the institute by which the floating market project close to Pettah in Colombo was implemented;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) the name of the funding agency for the aforesaid project?

(12)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the total number of shops that were constructed at the aforesaid market;
 - (ii) the number of shops that were transferred to traders; and
 - (iii) the number of shops that have been closed down by now?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) the gross monthly income that the government earns through the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) if the project makes losses, of the monthly loss that is incurred;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid project is being implemented successfully;
 - (iv) if not, the factors that have contributed to the failure of the project;
 - (v) whether an arrangement has been proposed for the successful implementation of the project; and
 - (vi) if so, of the nature of that arrangement?
- (d) If not, why?

311/'15

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the fishing boat named “Thushari” was subjected to terrorist attack on 29.11.2000 at the sea along Trincomalee area and in that attack the boat was destroyed and the fishermen on board went missing;
 - (ii) the Director General of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Mr. G. Piyasena in his letter No. ඩිප්ට්/සැ/02/06 විආර් dated 10.01.2003 has admitted that the aforesaid incident is true and that the dependants of the missing fishermen deserve receiving compensation; and
 - (iii) of the dependents of those who went missing, those of the fisherman named Mr. Kumarage Don Piyaratne have neither been paid compensation nor been issued with a death certificate?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that it is a grave injustice that a fair measure has not been taken in that regard despite that the widowed wife of Mr. Piyaratne, Mrs. K.M. Bridget Kanthi had submitted written requests to the former President and to the former Minister; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to pay compensation to Mrs. Kanthi and to issue her with the death certificate of her deceased husband?
- (c) If not, why?

315/'15

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 25 plots of lands have been allocated by the National Housing Development Authority, to construct 25 houses in Nawagampura village of Ampara Urban Council area;
 - (ii) the Circular No.2008/4, the other ordinances that should be followed when providing lands for residential purposes or the due process have not been followed;
 - (iii) a proper approval has not been taken from Divisional Secretary, Ampara even though aforesaid lands were distributed by National Housing Development Authority; and
 - (iv) the people of Nawagampura and Ampara towns who do not have a residential plot of land have undergone injustice, due to the unfair preparation of the list of beneficiaries or due to unfair recommendations?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a formal inquiry will be conducted on all the matters pertaining to aforesaid (a);
 - (ii) as to how to put right the prejudice caused on the landless people of Ampara Urban Council area, due to unfair distribution of lands, as mentioned in aforesaid (iv)?
- (c) If not, why?

322/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the institutions from which the Department of Information purchased snacks for media briefings and other special occasions in the year 2013 and 2014;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for it;
 - (iii) the institutions which submitted quotations for the aforesaid tender along with the quotations and the service charges submitted, separately;
 - (iv) the percentage of the service charges paid to the institution which provided snacks in the aforesaid years along with the amount of money paid as service charges;
 - (v) the percentage of the service charges paid to the aforesaid institution along with the amount paid, from 28th May 2015;
 - (vi) accordingly the amount of money overpaid only as service charges;
 - (vii) whether a financial fraud has occurred in the aforesaid transaction; and
 - (viii) if so, the action taken against the relevant officers?
- (b) If not, why?

61/'15

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of centers that provide training to the Sri Lankans who go overseas for employment;
 - (ii) if the government makes any payment to the aforesaid trainees, the amount of money paid to them; and
 - (iii) if the aforesaid trainees should pay any amount to the government, the amount of money that should be paid by them?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the trainees of the aforesaid training centers are provided with knowledge on immigration and emigration laws, customs laws and exchange laws of Sri Lanka and of the country to which they expect to leave for employment;
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken for it in the future; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which such action will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, January 28, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

62/'15

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) those who go overseas to be employed as domestic employees send items, which have been removed from use and are not suitable for use, to this country;
 - (ii) they have to spend a huge amount of money for it; and
 - (iii) these scrap material may cause problems to the environment of our country as well?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to prevent the influx of old used furniture etc., from foreign countries; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) 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?
- (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?

211/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that proposals were invited from representatives of people by the letter dated 11.01.2013 referenced 'ED/3/37/6/147/Sub' issued by the Ministry of Education for implementing programmes to provide 1,000 secondary schools and 5,000 primary schools with infrastructure by the previous government?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) what proposals were submitted accordingly for developing Tamil medium primary Muslim schools in the Districts of Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Polonnaruwa, Ampara, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Galle, Matara and Hambantota in line with the developing of 1,000 secondary schools; and
 - (ii) the names and positions of the representatives of people who have submitted those proposals and the names of the schools in respect of which such proposals were submitted, separately?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) which of the proposals so submitted were implemented;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iii) the approximate amount of money that was spent in this connection?
- (d) If not, why?

234/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether public money has been misappropriated by spending approximately Rs. 65 million to hold the National Conference of the Divineguma Department at the Campbell Park, Colombo based on the Presidential Election 2015 after the Presidential Election was declared in the end of the year 2014;
 - (ii) the authorized officer who gave the approval to spend Rs. 63,723,574/- for the conference and whether he has the authority to do so;
 - (iii) whether tender procedures were followed to spend such a large sum of money for a conference;
 - (iv) whether an investigation has been conducted at the department level with regard to the said misappropriation of funds; and
 - (v) if so, the inferences of that investigation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current situation of the investigations conducted by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division on the misappropriation of aforesaid funds;
 - (ii) the persons responsible for the loss of over 6 crores of money in the Divineguma Department; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to recover that money?
- (c) If not, why?

263/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. N.A. Azees residing at No. 93/1 A, Mahiyangana Road, Badulla submitted an application to obtain a plot of land in Haddahawla Division in Welimada Watta for occupation and for running a farm; and
 - (ii) the Land Reform Board of Badulla District decided to consider his application later due to the fact that a case was pending in regard to the aforesaid land (Ref No: 9/9/01 dated 05/09/ 2002) ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions will be given to the relevant section to reconsider the request of Mr. Azees as the aforesaid case has been concluded ?
- (c) If not, why ?

273/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, Foreign Minister lodged a complaint with the Criminal Investigations Department on 14.01.2015, requesting an investigation on priority basis, in connection with a conspiracy, hatched on 8th January 2015, to suspend the presidential election results, since it poses a threat to the national security and the democracy;
 - (ii) of the date on which aforesaid report was forwarded to the Attorney General's Department by the Criminal Investigations Department;
 - (iii) of the date on which the opinion on the Attorney General's Department was forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Department;
 - (iv) of the further measures, taken with regard to the aforesaid complaint?
- (b) If not, why?

282/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will accept that Kolonnawa area is a hub for distribution of narcotics;
 - (ii) if he does, whether the value of the narcotics distributed through this area per month has been estimated;
 - (iii) what steps have been taken to stop the distribution of narcotics that is carried out centred in Kolonnawa area; and
 - (iv) how long it may take?
- (b) If not, why?

312/'15

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the acreage of the land belonging to Ruhunu Maha Kataragama Devalaya in the Moneragala District;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid extent of land, of the acreage of the lands that have been distributed among people; and
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of those who have received those lands?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the farmers who make their living by cultivating chenas are deprived of their right to cultivate the chenas as the lands belonging to the Devalaya are distributed in large scale among businessmen;
 - (ii) whether an arrangement is in place for providing lands to the aforesaid farmers for doing their cultivations; and
 - (iii) whether further distribution of lands in large scale among businessmen will be stopped taking into consideration the severe shortage of lands that could occur in the Moneragala District in future?
- (c) If not, why?

313/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) malpractices have been caused in Rakwana–Madampe road carpeting project;
 - (ii) the measures were taken to complete the project, having changed the initial plans to a great deal; and
 - (iii) subsequent to the discussions, it was agreed to carry out the project works according to the initial plan?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the steps taken against the authorities who completed the project, having changed the initial plan to a great deal;
 - (ii) of the date on which the project was expected to be completed, according to the initial plan;
 - (iii) of the additional amount of money that has to be spent due to the fact that the project was not properly implemented; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to recover aforesaid amount of money from the responsible persons?
- (c) If not, why?

63/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) electronic waste has been disposed in huge amounts in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) a portion of the aforesaid waste has also been disposed to the environment as well in an unsafe manner ;
 - (iii) disposal of electronic waste to the environment in an unsafe manner has become a main factor which causes environmental pollution; and
 - (iv) electronic waste is a threat to the health of people as well ?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amount of electronic waste disposed in Sri Lanka a year;
 - (ii) whether a programme is available for the management of the aforesaid waste;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iv) whether the programme is being implemented at present?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a test has been conducted about the chemicals released to the environment by electronic waste;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the institution which conducted the research and the date on which the aforesaid test was done; and
 - (iii) if not, whether tests will be done in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

216/'15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of what voltage is the high-tension electricity lines that have been installed from the Kelanitissa Power Station across Wadullawatta and Mahabuthgamuwa Grama Niladhari Divisions in Kolonnawa;
 - (ii) what are the private lands that were acquired for erecting steel electricity pylons in installing these high-tension electricity lines;
 - (iii) whether compensation has been paid for it; and
 - (iv) what are the names, the addresses and the sums paid as compensation in respect of persons who had been identified as land owners, and the dates on which such compensation was paid separately?
- (b) If not, why?

283/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether equal benefits are granted to every National School;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a methodology for granting benefits; and
 - (iii) if there is, what that methodology is?

- (b) Will he inform the House—
- (i) the date on which construction work of the three-storeyed building at the Rajasinghe Vidyalaya in Kotikawatta, for which the foundation stone was laid in 2007 by the then Minister of Education, will be completed;
 - (ii) how long it may take to fill the vacancies of about 13 teachers existing in that school;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to renovate the dilapidated buildings of the school; and
 - (iv) if steps will be taken, on what date it will be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) when the “*Langāma Paasala Hondāma Paasala*” (Closest School is the Best School) Programme will be commenced;
 - (ii) whether an equal number of schools will be selected from each Divisional Secretariat Division for it;
 - (iii) if so, what such number of schools are;
 - (iv) whether the programme will be commenced in all areas simultaneously;
 - (v) whether there are areas to which priority will be given; and
 - (vi) if there are such areas, what those areas are?
- (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, February 09, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

69/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Chinese Vessels have been permitted to engage in fishing in the international maritime zone of the Indian Ocean;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of vessels to which the aforesaid permission has been granted;
 - (iii) of the conditions relevant to the agreement between those vessels and Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the annual income expected from providing permission in this manner?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan Vessels engaged in fishing in the international waters;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to remedy the injustice faced by Sri Lankan fishermen as a result of Chinese Vessels;
 - (iii) of the reasons for not supporting the Sri Lankans to purchase large fishing vessels instead of providing permission for Chinese Vessels;
 - (iv) whether it has been planned to provide large fishing vessels and required facilities including modern technical tools enabling Sri Lankans to engage in fishing in the international waters; and
 - (v) if so, how; from which date?
- (c) If not, why?

222/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is aware that a special project titled “i-Road” was implemented under the supervision of the Road Development Authority?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the foreign financial institutions which provided loans for this project;
 - (ii) the date on which loan agreements were signed with the said institutions;
 - (iii) the relevant conditions?
- (c) Will he table separately in respect of each Pradeshiya Sabha as regards the “i-Road” project—
- (i) the roads selected;
 - (ii) the date on which the said roads were selected;
 - (iii) contractor for the construction of each road;
 - (iv) the date on which agreements were entered into with the relevant construction institutes;
 - (v) the date on which the construction should be completed as per the said agreements; and
 - (vi) the roads of which constructions were completed as at 01.11.2015?
- (d) If not, why?

236/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 29,400,000/- was misused by the Divineguma Department by printing 5000000 calendars with the photographs of the former president Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, based on the Presidential Election 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reason for printing 5000000 calendars to be distributed among 1800000 families of Samurdhi beneficiaries for the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the person in authority who has approved the particular expenditure;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid person is vested with the authority to approve that expenditure;
 - (iv) of the institution that undertook the printing of these 500000 calendars; and
 - (v) whether a procurement procedure has been followed for that purpose?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the progress of the investigation conducted by the FCID in relation to the misappropriation of money which has incurred owing to the utilization of moneys that remained in the Divineguma Fund for the election promotion activities of their party;
 - (ii) whether an investigation with pertinence to this misappropriation of money has been carried out by the relevant Department or the Ministry;
 - (iii) if so, of the disciplinary action taken at that inquiry; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to recover the loss, if the above expenditure has been borne by the Divineguma Fund?
- (d) If not, why?

249/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that a girl named Fathima Azra, who studied in the Advanced Level class at K/ Badiudeen Muhmud Girls school died after falling into an unprotected drain in Katugastota area in Kandy amidst bad weather with heavy rains in the afternoon of 15.10.2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to pay compensation to the bereaved parents of the aforesaid girl who died in that unexpected accident?
- (c) If not, why?

264/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the business establishment named Akbar Traders situated at Assessment No.58, Loson Street, Nuwara Eliya which belongs to Mr. M.J.M. Akbar residing at No.288, Nawalapitiya Road, Jayamalapura, Gampola was destroyed by setting fire on it by a group of thugs during the riot situation which occurred in July in the year 1983; and
 - (ii) his request for obtaining an amount of money as compensation for the loss incurred to the aforesaid business establishment was referred to the relevant section through the Divisional Secretary of Nuwara Eliya (File No. 4/3/52 and 17/ 08/ 2005)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons, which caused the delay in paying compensation to Mr. Akbar who has become utterly helpless by being deprived of business activities due to the destruction caused to the aforesaid business establishment which had been registered as a commercial company under the registration No. 2342; and
 - (ii) Whether action will be taken to pay the relevant compensation without delay?
- (c) If not, why ?

276/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of terrorist suspects bailed out;
 - (ii) of the number of terrorist defendants, bailed out; and
 - (iii) of the number of the perpetrators of terrorist activities who were granted with the Presidential Pardon?

on the advice of the Attorney General during the period from 09.01.2015 to 31.10.2015?
- (b) If not, why?

284/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry has a course of action to develop temples and viharas;
 - (ii) if so, what that course of action is; and
 - (iii) the methodology for allocating funds for temples and viharas?

- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the number of dhamma school teachers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) how much is dhamma school teacher paid as allowance;
 - (iii) whether that allowance is adequate;
 - (iv) if not, whether he will take steps to increase the amount paid as allowance; and
 - (v) if he will, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

314/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) irregularities have been caused in connection with student admissions to the grade one in the President's College, Embilipitiya; and
 - (ii) the principal had directly engaged in aforesaid malpractices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation has been conducted by the Director, National Schools in this regard;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was conducted; and
 - (iii) the outcome of the aforesaid investigation?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that would been taken against the principal who engaged in aforesaid irregularities;
 - (ii) of the measure that would be taken with regard to the future of aforesaid school?
- (d) If not, why?

323/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Thalassemia patients, identified in this country by now; and
 - (ii) of the spread of the aforesaid patients in terms of districts?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) at a meeting chaired by the then Deputy Minister of Health, held in the Ministry of Health on 02.07.2004, it was agreed to set up a Bone Marrow Stem Cell Transplant Centre in Kurunegala (teaching) Hospital premises;
 - (ii) Rs. 100 lakhs had been allocated by North Western Provincial Ministry of Health, for this purpose; and
 - (iii) there are trained doctors for bone marrow transplant surgeries in the government hospitals?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware the fact that thalassemia patients have been restored to health by bone marrow transplant surgeries, in a Sri Lankan private hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the reason led, not to establish a Bone marrow stem cell transplant centre in Kurunegala (teaching) Hospital premises or Lady Ridgway Hospital for Children, premises or at any other government hospital, yet; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to perform stem cell transplant surgeries, on of the proper treatment methodologies, in the government hospitals of this country?
- (d) If not, why?

70/15

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) bovine foot and mouth disease is spreading throughout Sri Lanka very rapidly;
 - (ii) the Department of Animal Production and Health does not possess a sufficient stock of vaccines given to prevent this disease;
 - (iii) many items contained in the Circular issued by the said Department in relation to controlling that disease, have been cancelled; and
 - (iv) it has not been possible to control that disease as a result of such cancellation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the items that have been removed from the Circular issued by the Department of Animal Production and Health;
 - (ii) of the reasons for removing those items;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to include those items again;
 - (iv) of the steps taken to provide without shortage, the medicine required to control the bovine foot and mouth disease; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to breed the cattle resource destroying owing to that disease?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 10, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

71/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the underground cables of the three old lightening conductors that had been installed in the main building complex of the Matale Municipal Council and Parts of a clock of the Old Clock Tower situated in the center of the Matale city have disappeared; and
 - (ii) those parts that have disappeared have an antique value ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any complaints have been received regarding the aforesaid incidents;
 - (ii) if so, of the dates on which the aforesaid complaints were received;
 - (iii) of the names of the persons who lodged those complaints;
 - (iv) of the dates on which those complaints were investigated;
 - (v) of the names of the officers who conducted those investigations;
 - (vi) whether legal action has been taken against the accused persons of those complaints; and
 - (vii) if so, of the names and addresses of those accused persons and the nature of the action that has been taken against them?
- (c) If not, why?

223/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) it was stated by presenting the Interim Budget for the year 2015, that the minimum salary of private sector employees would be increased by Rs. 2500/=;
 - (ii) however, no private sector employee received the relevant Rs. 2500/= salary increase till the 01st of November 2015; and
 - (iii) the minimum salary of the private sector employees has to go up by Rs. 5000/= with arrears, for the year 2016, as the minimum salary of the public sector employees was increased by Rs. 10,000/=?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total number of employees that represent the private sector of Sri Lanka as at 01.11.2015 as males and females, separately;
 - (ii) whether there are employees who have not been contributed to the Employees Provident Fund; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

237/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that the government incurred a loss of Rs. 24 million when the State Trading (General) Corporation ordered school uniform material from China in 2011 violating the cabinet approval?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the approved quantity of school uniforms as per the cabinet decision dated 02.11.2010;
 - (ii) the quantity of uniform material that have been obtained exceeding the approved quantity and the value of it;
 - (iii) the loss incurred by the government due to the delay in the importation of school uniform material; and
 - (iv) the courses of action taken against the persons responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons to reject the tender with the lowest price that was submitted to the Tender Board in purchasing the aforesaid uniform material;
 - (ii) the loss incurred by the government by selecting the tender with the second lowest price;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for the officers in the Tender Board to visit China;
 - (iv) the value of the cloths that were not received to the stores as at 30.09.2012; and
 - (v) the courses of action that were taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

250/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that A/Kadandugama Jaya Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in the Kekirawa Education Zone of the North Central Province, a school belonging to the 1000 secondary schools programme, is the only school with classes up to G.C.E. Advanced Level among the other Tamil medium schools in the area; and
 - (ii) whether he would give necessary instructions to construct a technological laboratory at the aforesaid school considering the need for providing facilities to the pupils of the other nineteen (19) underprivileged schools in the area for technology education?
- (b) If not, why?

277/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the month during which quotations for school uniform materials are usually called annually; and
 - (ii) of the month in which the aforesaid quotations were called for year 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has decided not to give priority to local manufacturers this year despite that Section 7.9.6 of the Procurement Guidelines stipulates that local manufacturers should be given priority in selecting suppliers;
 - (ii) if so, whether it does not contravene the government policy of promoting local products;
 - (iii) of the factors that led to making of such a decision; and
 - (iv) whether he admits that the aforesaid decision would lead to loss of employment due to stoppage of local textile production and also to unnecessary spending of foreign exchange?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether cash vouchers will be given to school children for school uniforms for year 2016 instead of giving uniform material; and
 - (ii) whether the government that was elected in year 2001 implemented the system of giving cash vouchers, and later it abandoned that system after deciding that it was not successful?
- (d) If not, why?

285/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry has a programme to develop mosques;
 - (ii) if so, what that programme is; and
 - (iii) the method of allocating money for mosques?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of teachers in Muslim religious schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the allowance paid for a religious school teacher;
 - (iii) whether that amount is sufficient;
 - (iv) if not, whether action will be taken to increase it; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

290/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the persons of the Divisional Secretariat Division, Dehiattakandiya in Ampara District residing at the addresses given below are members of very low income farmer families;
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| (i) Mr. K.G.Chandrasena | 18, Ridee Ela |
| (ii) Mr. H.M.Ariyadasa | 12, Near the Mahaweli Houses,
Chandanagama |
| (iii) Mrs. M.M.K.Hemamali | 128/1, Thuwaragala |
| (iv) Mrs.K.M.M. Manoranjani | Bambarawana |
| (v) Mrs.A. Indrani Malkanthi | Bambarawana |
| (vi) Mrs. K.M. Karunarathna | 209, Ranhelagama |
| (vii) Mrs. U.G.Subhashini | 299/2, Thuwaragala? |
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to provide housing assistance for the renovation of their shanties, to these people who live with their schooling children amidst various difficulties?
- (c) If not, why?

324/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which SAIM private institute in Malabe which offers medical degrees was established;
 - (ii) of the number batches of students studying at the aforesaid institute at present;
 - (iii) separately of the number of students in each of the aforesaid batches;
 - (iv) separately of the year in which each of the aforesaid students passed the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination or any equivalent examination in order to qualify for admission to the aforesaid institute, the subject streams they had studied in, their results in such examination, their Z scores, and their index numbers; and
 - (v) separately of the names of each of the members of the permanent teaching staff of that institute at present, their educational qualifications, and the departments in which they are attached to for teaching?
- (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, February 11, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

73/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tankers transporting crude oil to which demurrage was paid as a result of the pipeline carrying crude oil being in a state of disrepair off the seas of Colombo Harbour on 25.05.2015;
 - (ii) separately, the amount paid as demurrage to each of the said tankers;
 - (iii) the number of days taken to repair the pipeline;
 - (iv) the number of days in which the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery had to be closed fully on account of this; and
 - (v) the overall loss caused to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the damage caused to the pipeline carrying oil ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which tenders were called last, to purchase the required pipelines to the buoy;
 - (ii) if so, the companies which forwarded tenders and the countries to which they belong;
 - (iii) the company to which the tender was awarded; and
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to that company?
- (c) If not, why?

89/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the facilities available at present are sufficient to give a free technical or vocational training to young men and women who have passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, based on their talents and skills before they are recruited for government or private sector jobs;
 - (ii) if not, to what extent facilities have to be increased; and
 - (iii) to what extent the existing curricula for vocational or technical training suit or adequate for today's requirement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a suitable policy and a methodology will be formulated for recruiting the aforesaid trainees to government or private sector jobs based solely on qualifications and talents, without any political influence;

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- (ii) whether he accepts that unnecessary frustration to youths can be prevented by stating in the advertisement the number of vacancies to be filled when calling applications for government vacancies; and
- (iii) if so, whether necessary steps will be taken for it?
- (c) If not, why?

224/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a new subject stream known as Technology was introduced to the G.C.E. Advanced Level streams on 15.07.2013;
 - (ii) initially 14,000 students in 257 schools enrolled for that stream;
 - (iii) the University Grants Commission agreed to accommodate 3000 students who selected Technology stream to follow degree courses in 2016; and
 - (iv) University Colleges were established to provide educational opportunities to 6000 students under the National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) framework in addition to the degree courses in the government universities?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of schools that taught the Technology stream in 2014;
 - (ii) the number of students who selected that stream as the second batch; and
 - (iii) the number of students, out of those who followed the Technology stream for Advanced Level, that is planned to be enrolled at Universities and University Colleges for 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

227/'15

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

- (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?
- (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?

267/’15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that when lands and buildings (Wakf Property) belonging to the religious sites of Muslim Mosques, Juma Mosques and Thakkiya Saviya under the Muslim Mosques and Charitable Trusts Act, are acquired for various development purposes of the government, the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs (Wakf Division) is not enlightened on such acquisitions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Gazette Notification has been issued by the Subject Minister with pertinence to the procedures to be adopted (as per the relevant Act) when acquiring the Wakf property registered in the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs ;
 - (ii) if so, of the number and date of the aforesaid Gazette Notification;
 - (iii) whether a copy of the said notification will be tabled?
- (c) If not, why?

287/’15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Sri Lanka Transport Board has not deployed busses for route numbers 151, 714 and 166 that travel across Kolonnawa area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families affected due to the lack of buses on these roads;
 - (ii) whether a permanent programme will be prepared to deploy SLTB buses on these roads;
 - (iii) if so, the period of time to be taken to resume transport services on these roads; and
 - (iv) whether a programme will be formulated to prevent threats and harassments from private bus operators and other groups against the buses that will be deployed on the said roads?
- (c) If not, why?

291/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the plot of land bearing the number 164 in ௨௯/392 which belonged to Mr. M.R.M. Mimsiyad residing at No. 5/1, Masjid Mawatha, Kaleliya was acquired by the government for the project of extending the portion from Veediyawatta to Nittambuwa on Colombo—Kandy road; and
 - (ii) compensation has not yet been paid for the aforesaid land?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to pay compensation taking into account the present assessed value to Mr. M.R.M. Mimsiyad, who has undergone injustice due to the fact that the aforesaid plot of land which is connected to a commercial area opposite Colombo—Kandy road has been undervalued?
- (c) If not, why?

302/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is engaged in discussions with India to sign an Indo-Lanka Economic and Technological Partnership Agreement;
 - (ii) when the said agreement is expected to be signed;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the said agreement differs from the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement known as “CEPA”; and
 - (iv) whether the content of the said agreement will be discussed with Members of Parliament, scholars, professionals and the business community prior to its signing?
- (b) If not, why?

74/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons living in Sri Lanka at present who do not possess a National Identity Card;
 - (ii) as to why action was not taken to issue them with a National Identity Card;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to issue them with a National Identity Card;
 - (iv) if so, in what manner will it be done; and
 - (v) of the date on which Identity Cards will be issued to them?

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- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the government is making arrangements to issue a new Electronic Identity Card;
 - (ii) if so, whether it will be possible under the aforesaid system to issue an identity card to all the Sri Lankan Citizens who are over 18 years of age;
 - (iii) the plan that has been developed for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be spent on the aforesaid new project; and
 - (v) whether any fee will be charged from the persons who obtain the aforesaid new Identity Card?
- (c) If not, why?

288/15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the workers recruited through man power agencies and serving at National Water Supply and Drainage Board would be confirmed in service;
 - (ii) whether new recruitments through man power agencies will be done;
 - (iii) if so, what the recruitment procedure will be; and
 - (iv) of the date on which recruitments will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

75/15

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 human and sophisticated physical resources to the Meteorological Department;
 - (ii) if so, what those state-of-the-art technical equipment are;
 - (iii) the purposes for which those aforesaid equipment will be used;
 - (iv) the amount of money will be spent for the aforesaid equipment; and
 - (v) the date on which those modern equipment will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?

133/'15

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) separately as per the institution, the number of engineering, accountancy and other professional courses conducted by institutions other than the government universities; and
 - (ii) separately, the course fee charged by those institutions for each course?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the courses conducted by charging fees at the universities under the Ministry of Higher Education and Highways ;
 - (ii) separately, the course fee charged for each course; and
 - (iii) of the changes that occurred in the said fees from 2012 to 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

220/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the total amount of mortgage loans obtained;
 - (ii) the amount of loans taken by pawning gold jewellery;
 - (iii) the number of men and women who have obtained loans by pawning gold jewellery;
 from State banks by the citizens of Sri Lanka from 01.01.2012 to 01.01.2015 according to each bank, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of men and women who have obtained loans below Rs. 200,000/- by pawning gold jewellery; and
 - (ii) separately, the aforesaid loan amount as a percentage of the total amount of loans issued by each bank during the period mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

292/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has been recommended to retire Mr. A.H. Samun, who was holding the post of principal in A/Baunugama Muslim College, which belongs to Kekirawa Education Zone, upon some disciplinary order in accordance with section 2.17 of Pension Code (Ref No. උමැප/අආඥ/07/2/001);
 - (ii) if so, the date from which the aforesaid retirement will be effective; and
 - (iii) accordingly, whether his pension gratuity and retirement pension will be provided?
- (b) If not, why ?

294/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the field officers of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board have applied to get motorbikes under the programme to distribute motorbikes?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether only a few officers out of the above have been provided motorbikes;
 - (ii) if so, of the reason for providing motorbikes only to a selected number of field officers; and
 - (iii) of the date on which motorbikes will be provided to the rest of the field officers?
- (c) If not, why?

295/'15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a section of the land belonging to the Muhaiddeen Juma Mosque, Rakwana (Reg. No. R/236/R09) which is a Wakf Property, has been acquired by the Road Development Authority for Development activities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs has been obtained by the Road Development Authority for the acquisition of the above property; and
 - (ii) if so, whether compensation has been paid for the above portion of land?
- (c) If not, why?

304/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Rev. S.J. Emanuel, Chairman of the Global Tamil Forum has been invited by HE the President to visit Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the government has lifted the ban on the Global Tamil Forum which has been banned as an organization which is in support of the terrorists by the Resolution Number 1373 of the United Nations Security Council; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that contributed to the lifting of the said ban?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether either an apology has been made by the Global Tamil Forum for the support provided by them to the LTTE terrorists or any affirmation has been made to the effect that no such assistance will be provided to terrorists in future;
 - (ii) whether Rev. S.J. Emanuel, has declared to withdraw from the objective of establishing a separate state by the name of Tamil Elam in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that supporting and encouraging directly or indirectly for the establishment of a separate state within the territory of Sri Lanka is a punishable offence violating Article 157A. of the Constitution; and
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that it is also an offence to encourage a person committing such a misdeed?
- (c) If not, why?

76/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent on laying carpet for 850 meter stretch of road within Eppawala Phosphate Limited premises in the year 2014;
 - (ii) whether a tender was called in offering the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) of the name of the company to which the tender was offered; and
 - (iv) of the reasons, led to offer the tender to that company?
- (b) Will he table, separately the names, addresses, telephone numbers, names of the board of directors and the value of the tender of each company that forwarded the bids for the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether an investigation has been conducted with regard to the frauds and corruptions that took place in Eppawala Phosphate Ltd;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date;
 - (iii) of the findings of the aforesaid investigation;
 - (iv) if not, whether measures will be taken to conduct an investigation;
 - (v) if so, of that date; and
 - (vi) whether the findings of that investigation will be tabled?
- (d) If not, why?

225/'15

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a special project by the name of “Palam Dahasa” (Thousand Bridges) was initiated by the Ministry of Economic Development of the former government?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the date on which this project was initiated;
 - (ii) separately the 1000 bridges that had been selected as per each Pradeshiya Shaba;
 - (iii) the methodology according to which the relevant thousand bridges had been selected and the relevant date and the year separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total amount of money estimated as required for the above project;
 - (ii) the local and foreign financial institutions from which the particular money is obtained; and
 - (iii) the interest rates relevant to the above borrowings?
- (d) Will he also table—
 - (i) the construction companies that were entrusted with the responsibility of constructing these thousand bridges; and
 - (ii) separately the dates on which the agreements of construction had been signed with the relevant companies or institutions and the dates of completion of construction work as stipulated by the relevant agreements?
- (e) If not, why?

293/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the business establishment named “Maulana Textiles” situated at Bazaar Street in Kalpitiya, which belonged to Mr. M.H.M. Sali residing at Anawasal Road, Sinnakudurippuwa, Kalpitiya in Puttalam District, was destroyed on 21/02/2002 by a group of thugs by setting fire on it; and
 - (ii) though Mr. Sali who has become helpless due to the loss of his business forwarded an application (No. REP/PV/APP/2002) to the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority with the objective of obtaining compensation, it has not yet been provided?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide the compensation to Mr. Sali, which he is entitled to, by looking into this due to the fact that there is a tendency of delaying the action taken in regard to the aforesaid application for a number of years citing various reasons?
- (c) If not, why ?

306/15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a team of delegates including a Member of Parliament from the Tamil National Alliance who met with the Hon. Julie Bishop, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia on or around 10th November 2015 had made a request to the effect that Australian Judges be sent to serve in the War Crimes Court to be established in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether certain executive positions of the government are held by the aforesaid team of delegates;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid team has been appointed as special ambassadors or representatives of the President;
 - (iii) of the authority vested with the aforesaid persons to make such a request on behalf of Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether any authority is vested with the Australian Government to send Australian Judges for judicial matters without an invitation from the Sri Lankan Government; and
 - (ii) whether the Sri Lankan Government is intending to invite foreign judges to conduct the judicial matters of the proposed court to investigate war crimes?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

55/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) urban schoolchildren have become victims of drug racketeers; and
 - (ii) these rackets are perpetrated using schoolchildren?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures by now to stop drugs smuggled into schools; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) Will he submit to this House-
 - (i) the number of schoolchildren arrested in connection with drug related offences over the past five years;
 - (ii) the process being adopted by the government to reintegrate them into society;
 - (iii) whether a follow-up process is implemented regarding the children so reintegrated; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps associated with that process?
- (d) If not, why?

197/'15

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was privatized in the year 2003 about 1500 persons out of the 3100 employees who served there lost their employment;
 - (ii) they were even deprived of the 10% benefit that employees are entitled to when an institution is sold through PERC; and
 - (iii) even though Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was re-acquired by the government during the tenure of the previous regime on a judgment of the Supreme Court, all the employees who lost their jobs were not reinstated?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide relief to the employees who underwent injustice due to not receiving their employment back; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

199/'15

Hon (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the members of the delegation of the Sri Lankan government that participated in the World Urban Forum (WUF) held in Colombia from 05th to 11th of April, 2014;
 - (ii) of the positions held by them in the government by then;
 - (iii) of the basis on which the aforesaid delegation was selected;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on the said tour; and
 - (v) separately, of the expenditure borne per each person?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a school student participated in the aforesaid tour;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the particular student, name of the school, and the age of the student by then;
 - (iii) the significance of providing the said opportunity to this student alone;
 - (iv) whether the letter of approval will be tabled, if approval had been obtained by the aforesaid student from the Ministry of Education for the above tour; and
 - (v) whether the letter of approval will be tabled, if approval had been obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs for this tour?
- (c) If not, why?

209/'15

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately the name and address of each person to whom compensation has been paid by now for the lands acquired by the government in the year 2008 to construct the Oluvil harbor in Eastern Province, along with the amount of compensation paid to each person?
- (b) Will he take action to pay compensation based on the current estimated value of the land to the persons to whom compensation has not yet been paid out of the land owners of the land of 49.5 acres acquired by the government, which belonged to 48 persons?
- (c) If not, why?

232/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the building with an area of nearly 1600 square metres located on the land with an extent of 2 acres 2 roods and 35 perches at No. 15 and 15A of Q point, Morgan Road, Colombo 02 belonging to the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka, has been leased at a (nominal) sum of Rs. 25,000/= on political grounds illegally?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the institution to which the above land has been leased to; who gave the approval for that;
 - (ii) the methodology followed in leasing the land mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (iii) who decided the monthly rental?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a portion of 31 perches of this land has been leased at a sum of Rs. 125,000/= the year in 2010;
 - (ii) of the measures taken to recover the losses incurred by the Ports Authority by leasing this land with an extent of 435 perches at a monthly rental of Rs. 25,000/= in 2014; and
 - (iii) the present progress of the investigation being conducted on this financial fraud?
- (d) If not, why?

256/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with respect to the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014—
 - (i) the number of child abuse cases filed in each year separately ;
 - (ii) the number found guilty of child abuse through those cases in each year separately; and
 - (iii) the number found guilty of child abuse through those cases as a percentage of the total number of cases filed in each year, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

259/'15

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House as per the pledge given under number 26 in the programme titled “Compassionate governance - A new country in 100 days” by the presidential candidate of the 2015 Presidential Election and incumbent president Hon. Maithripala Sirisena that relief will be provided on the interest and penalties payable on pawned gold items up to a value of Rs. 200,000/=, the income lost by each bank separately, as interest and penalties, as a result of waiving the interest and penalties ?
- (b) If not, why?

261/'15

Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. S.M.Jezeer and the members of his family have been living on the railway reservation on Batticaloa-Polonnaruwa railway line (at Rideethenna, Poonani) for a long time; and
 - (ii) he has applied to obtain that portion of land from the Department of Railways on a long term lease agreement (File No. දු.සා./දු.ර.ක.එ./new lease/2012)?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether provision of a portion of land from the railway reservation legally through a lease agreement to Mr. Jezeer who has been rendered helpless without a permanent house or land to reside, will be considered?
- (c) If not, why?

271/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the former Minister of Power and Energy announced on 16 January 2015 that a pricing formula that will adjust prices in the local market in accordance with price fluctuations in the world market will be introduced;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not introducing such a pricing formula up to now; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to introduce such a pricing formula in future?
- (b) If not, why?

280/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to remove the garbage dump at Meetotamulla;
 - (ii) the number of applicants who have applied for the recycling programme of Meetotamulla garbage dump for which tenders were called for by the Urban Development Authority;
 - (iii) of the government's intervention in this regard; and
 - (iv) the date on which this recycling programme will commence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether recycling garbage in the Colombo city will be taken up under the first phase of the recycling programme;
 - (ii) whether recycling of garbage dump at Meetotamulla will be taken up next, under the 2nd phase; and
 - (iii) whether a programme in collaboration with the Colombo Municipal Council has been put in place to deliver justice to the general public living around this garbage dump and are affected by it; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will present a detailed report in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

307/'15

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money spent on the construction of the Sooriyawewa cricket stadium;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid funds were sourced; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid stadium was completed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of international one-day, test and twenty-twenty matches that have been held at the aforesaid stadium by now; and
 - (ii) whether plans have been formulated to hold matches in the ensuing year?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid stadium is rented out to hold wedding ceremonies;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money charged per day for such purposes; and
 - (iii) of the future action that will be taken regarding the matter mentioned in (i) above?
- (d) If not, why?

308/'15

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated in the year 2009 for the construction of the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium of Diyagama, Homagama;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid money was utilized for the construction of the stadium;
 - (iii) if not, of the purpose on which the aforesaid money was spent; and
 - (iv) whether foreign aid or any other local funding has been obtained for the construction of the stadium in addition to the aforementioned money?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money received from the International Cricket Council for the development of cricket stadiums for the 2011 Cricket World Cup;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts spent on renovations or construction work of the Keththarama, Pallekele and Sooriyawewa stadiums;
 - (iii) separately of the names of institutions that carried out renovation or construction work of the aforesaid stadiums;
 - (iv) separately of the amounts of money paid for the renovation or construction of each of the aforesaid stadiums; and
 - (v) of the payments outstanding to the aforementioned institutions which carried out renovation or construction work?
- (c) If not, why?

58/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the provincial councilors of the North Central Province participated in foreign tours in the years 2013 and 2014, of which the expenses were made by the government;
 - (ii) if so, the number of provincial councilors that participated in the aforesaid foreign tours and their names; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the provincial council for the foreign tours of each of the aforesaid provincial councilors separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for which the aforesaid provincial councilors participated in foreign tours; and
 - (ii) the benefits received by the country from the aforesaid tours?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether persons other than provincial councilors participated in foreign tours of which the expenses were made by the provincial council;
 - (ii) if so, their names and designations;
 - (iii) the reasons for which the aforesaid persons went abroad; and
 - (iv) the benefits received by the country from the aforesaid tours?
- (d) If not, why?
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