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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

99/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) forests in the Northern and Eastern Provinces have been undergoing vast devastation during the past two years;
 - (ii) this devastation has direct political involvement;
 - (iii) as a result, the Forest Conservation Department has been keeping a tight-mouthed stance about the matter; and
 - (iv) this devastation directly affects Sri Lanka's ecosystem and trigger climatic changes?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the names of the reserved forests located in the Northern and Eastern Provinces;
 - (ii) the land area of each such forest separately; and
 - (iii) the date on which each such forest was declared a reserved forest separately?
- (c) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the number of complaints received with regard to clearing of above forest regions individually or in groups in the past two years;
 - (ii) of the measures taken in respect of each complaint separately;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to the re-acquire lands belonging to the reserves of the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (c) If not why?

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334/'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 the “Puraneguma” Projects which came under the scope of the Ministry of Economic Development are further implemented;
 - (ii) if so, of the institution under which the aforesaid projects are implemented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the Galle – Imaduwa “Puraneguma” Project ;
 - (ii) of the development endeavors that have been so far accomplished utilizing the aforesaid money?
- (c) If not, why?

355/'15

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether financial assistance was provided to Sri Lanka by Saudi Arabia and the Development Fund of the United Arab Emirates for the construction of houses and communal facilities for tsunami victims;
 - (ii) the names of the housing projects that were implemented utilizing the aforesaid funds;
 - (iii) separately the amounts of money that were spent on each of those housing projects; and
 - (iv) separately the names of the public institutes and non-governmental organizations that gave patronage for implementing each of the aforesaid projects?
- (b) If not, why?

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357/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankans who have applied for citizenship in foreign countries as refugees are accepted as Sri Lankans;
 - (ii) if so, whether a circular is available to the effect that the services of embassies should be provided to such persons;
 - (iii) whether it is expected to repeal the aforesaid circular; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it is expected to repeal the aforesaid circular ?
- (b) If not, why ?

365/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which it was scheduled to sign the collective agreement relevant for increasing the wages of estate workers?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) more than seven months have elapsed since the date on which the collective agreement of estate workers was scheduled to be signed;
 - (ii) estate workers request that their daily wage be made 1000 rupees; and
 - (iii) the two parties to the collective agreement of estate workers have not reached at a consensus?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to bring the two parties to a consensus;
 - (ii) the reason for the government not to intervene to make the daily wage of estate workers 1000 rupees?
- (d) If not, why?

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396/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of local borrowings obtained by the government in the years 2014 and 2015 and the average annual interest rate; and
 - (ii) of the amount of foreign borrowings obtained by the government in the years 2014 and 2015 and the average annual interest rate?
- (b) If not, why?

406/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a Teachers' Village has been constructed with the approval of the Land Reforms Commission following the legal procedure, on the land known as Imbulpitiya Watta which is under the Land Reforms Commission and situated in Pasbage Divisional Secretariat Division in Nawalapitiya Electorate;
 - (ii) the Department of Education of the Central Province, Provincial Ministry of Education and the Provincial Chief Ministry have recommended the establishment of the said Teachers' Village and provision of deeds for it; and
 - (iii) all recipients of land from the said Teachers' Village including teachers, Principals and other personnel of the Education sector who have constructed houses and obtained electricity and water for those houses are residing in those houses by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to remove those recipients of land on a request made by a powerful Cabinet Minister and a Member of Parliament of the government after the election of the new government professing good governance, to the effect that the relevant Teachers' Village should be removed and the land should be taken over again?
- (c) If not, why?

411/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Rubber small holders, when counted as owners of 1/2 acre of land, get an income of only Rs. 225/= for a kilogram of rubber at present?

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(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) a rubber small holder has to incur a loss of approximately Rs. 75/=, as he no longer gets the Rs. 300/= concessionary price he got under the previous government; and
- (ii) the standard of life of these low income families further deteriorate unless they get the price of at least Rs. 300/= for a kilogram of rubber?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) why the promise, made by the present government that a guaranteed price of Rs. 350/= would be made available for a kilogram of rubber, is not implemented; and
 - (ii) whether any other concessionary measure will be adopted for that?
- (d) Will he also inform this House whether he will make a statement on the measures to be adopted by the government as the lives of hundreds of thousands of people have been adversely affected owing to the reverse of the statement of the Prime Minister on the enhancement of the income of the people has happened, with the standards of life of the low income families further deteriorating according to (b) (ii) above?

(e) If not, why?

414/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of complaints received by the Police FCID against the current and former members of Parliament, Provincial council members, members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Municipal Councils from 08.01.2015 to 31.12.2015;
- (ii) whether the names of the current and former members of Parliament, Provincial council members and members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Municipal Councils who have been subjected to allegations as mentioned in (i) above will be tabled separately;
- (iii) separately of the number of the current and former members of Parliament, Provincial council members and members of Pradeshiya Sabhas, Urban Councils and Municipal Councils against whom investigations have been started by the Police FCID; and
- (iv) separately of the progress of these investigations?

(b) If not, why?

102/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the volume of water expected to be channeled to the District of Hambantota as planned by the project of carrying water of Nilwala Ganga and Gin Ganga to the Maha Hambantota Development Zone;
 - (ii) whether the plan of the aforesaid project will be presented;
 - (iii) whether an environment report has been prepared on the environmental impact of this project to the environment of the Districts of Galle and Matara;
 - (iv) if so, whether the aforesaid report will be presented; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken to control the risk of sea water being mixed with the water of Nilwala Gnaga owing to this project?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the estimated expenditure of the Maha Hambantota Water Project;
 - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid money will be obtained;
 - (iii) whether tenders have been called for the construction work of this project;
 - (iv) if so, the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the companies by which the tenders have been submitted and the countries to which they belong in case of foreign companies;
 - (v) the values of the tenders that have been submitted; and
 - (vi) the company to which the tender has been awarded and the reasons for the same?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who will lose their property including houses owing to the Maha Hambantota Water Project; and
 - (ii) of the relief that will be provided to them?
- (d) If not, why?

358/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to commence new housing projects in urban areas;
 - (ii) if so, whether houses are constructed as single houses or flats;
 - (iii) if houses are constructed as flats, the number of storeys constructed in a flat; and
 - (iv) the number of housing units on one storey?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that occupants were forcibly evicted from their houses in Slave Island area in Colombo 02 during the recent past;
- (ii) if so, whether houses have been provided to the persons mentioned in (i) above;
- (iii) whether the details of the persons to whom houses were provided could be submitted;
- (iv) whether he is satisfied in regard to the number of square feet of the floor area and the facilities of the aforesaid houses that have been provided as mentioned above;
- (v) whether action has been taken to provide compensation to the aforesaid house recipients in addition ;
- (vi) if so, whether the details of it will be provided; and
- (vii) if not, the date on which action will be taken to provide compensation?

(c) If not, why?

372/15

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the distillers in the Kalutara district which purchase coconut toddy;
- (ii) separately in respect of each distiller, the names and addresses of suppliers registered with the Excise Department to supply coconut toddy to the said distillers;
- (iii) separately, in respect of each producer, the number of coconut palms for which licenses have been issued to toddy producers;
- (iv) the names and addresses of the licensees for producing vinegar in the Kalutara district; and
- (v) the amount of toddy that can be produced per day from each coconut palm according to the Excise Department?

(b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he is aware that —
 - (i) the Prime Minister stated in Parliament that, during his visit to India, no discussion took place regarding the construction of a bridge connecting Sri Lanka and India and that he would inform the House if such discussions take place in future; and
 - (ii) Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, India, had informed the Lok Sabha on 16.12.2015 that the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, during his visit to India, had discussed the construction of such bridge with the Prime Minister of India?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) as to whether the false statement regarding the construction of such bridge has been made by the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka or by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways, India;
 - (ii) whether India is going to construct this bridge without the concurrence of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the action that Sri Lanka plans to take against such construction that will be initiated by force;
 - (iv) whether a study has been carried out to assess the effects of such construction on Sri Lanka's national security, economy, employment and communicable diseases in the country; and
 - (v) if so, of the date on which the report of such study will be presented to Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, March 24, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Canada and America from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;

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- (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
- (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Canada and America from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

335/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of lands that have been acquired for the expansion of the Imaduwa Junction under the Galle-Imaduwa Urban Development Project; and
 - (ii) the length of the alternative road which is proposed to be constructed under the development Project of Imaduwa Junction?
- (b) If not, why?

359/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the contribution made by the export income to the national income of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of its percentage of the national income;
 - (iii) whether there is a target to increase export income;
 - (iv) if so, what that target is; and
 - (v) the manner in which the said target is expected to be achieved and the timeframe set for its achievement?
- (b) If not, why?

373/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which a cabinet paper was submitted to purchase school uniform materials for the year 2016;
 - (ii) as per the said cabinet paper, the volume of uniform materials to be purchased;
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be allocated for this purpose;
 - (iv) the date on which the said cabinet paper was approved;
 - (v) whether public tenders were called accordingly;
 - (vi) if so, the names of suppliers who submitted tenders and the prices quoted by them separately;
 - (vii) the suppliers from whom the Ministry of Education purchased uniform materials for the year 2016 ; and
 - (viii) the volume of materials purchased and the amount paid?
- (b) Will he also inform this House-
 - (i) the date on which it was decided to grant a voucher for school uniforms instead of purchasing uniform materials;
 - (ii) whether the report of the survey which is alleged to have revealed that 25% of school uniform materials are misused according to the Minister of Education will be tabled?
- (d) If not, why?

390/'15

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

- (a) Will he aware that—
 - (i) a housing project was initiated with the help of Arabic Development Fund, on behalf of the people of Ampara District who had been affected by Tsunami devastation in Norochholei village of Akkareipaththu;
 - (ii) during the final phase of the constructions of aforesaid housing project, the distribution of houses was stalled, ahead of the distribution of aforesaid houses among the beneficiaries, going by the supreme Court Order No. 178/2008;
 - (iii) although five years have been lapsed since the aforesaid court order issued on 02.12.2009, as houses have not been distributed accordingly, aforesaid entire asset has fallen down to a dilapidated condition and inappropriate for human use?
- (b) Will he inform the House whether early measures will be taken to abide by the ruling of aforesaid (a) (iii)?
- (c) If not, why?

398/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the Actual Gross Domestic Production or the Estimated Gross Domestic Production of year 2015;
 - (ii) of the projected Gross Domestic Production for the year 2016;
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the budget for Education and Health from the year 2013 to 2016, as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production, going by the traditional method of budget estimation; and
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money allocated by the budget for Education and Health from the year 2013 to 2016, as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production, based on the Modern method of budget estimation?
- (b) If not, why?

412/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement cannot be entered into with Iran to exchange Sri Lanka tea with petroleum; and
 - (ii) similarly, whether inquiries have been made to establish such exchange market situation for rubber as well?
- (b) If not, why?

104/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Australia and Japan from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Australia and Japan from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for these people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

339/15

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 sand mining and transportation has been banned in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) whether sand mining and transportation is not carried out in Polonnaruwa district, by now, by any means;
 - (iii) whether sand mining and transportation activities has been assigned with some other company ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the link between GSMB Technical Services (pvt) Ltd., and Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment .
 - (ii) whether aforesaid company has been registered with the government;
 - (iii) of the services provided by the aforesaid company;
 - (iv) whether this company has been selected for sand mining and transportation in Polonnaruwa district, following an accepted tender procedure;
 - (v) if so, from which date?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether aforesaid company has entered in to an agreement with Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and the Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment;
 - (ii) if so, of the conditions of aforesaid agreement;
 - (iii) of the tax income received by the government from aforesaid company;
 - (iv) whether it wouldn't result an environmental damage, once the monopoly of sand mining and transportation in Polonnaruwa district is given to the aforesaid company?
- (d) If not, why?

360/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called to provide shoes to schoolchildren in 2015;
 - (ii) the companies which applied for this;
 - (iii) whether these companies have satisfied basic qualifications;
 - (iv) separately, the prices quoted by companies;
 - (v) whether the tender which was awarded to several companies in previous years has only been awarded to DSI company this year;
 - (vi) whether the highest tender was submitted by DSI Company; and
 - (vii) whether the approval for the DSI tender has been obtained citing it as the lowest price?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether this tender had been awarded to several companies in previous years;
 - (ii) if so, why;
 - (iii) whether the four hundred thousand pairs of shoes procured from DSI company last year were provided by that company itself;
 - (iv) if not, whether 50,000 pairs of shoes had been provided by another company;
 - (v) under such circumstances as to why the tender was awarded to a single company;
 - (vi) whether an assurance can be given that no financial fraud or loss to the government had occurred through the awarding of the tender to DSI company; and
 - (vii) if it is revealed that a fraud had taken place, whether action will be taken against the culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

374/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Northern Express way which had originally been planned to be constructed upto Jaffna via Anuradhapura and Vavuniya is proposed to be constructed upto Jaffna via Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee and Mullativu?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the length and the total estimated cost of the express way planned via Vavuniya and the expected total amount to be paid as compensation in acquiring land;
 - (ii) of the length and the total estimated cost of the express way planned via Polonnaruwa and the expected total amount to be paid as compensation in acquiring land;
 - (iii) the institutions from which loans are obtained for each phase of this express way, the loan and the rate of interest, separately;
 - (iv) the reasons for planning this Express way via Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee by altering the original plan; and
 - (v) as to when it is expected to complete the construction of this express way?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether you are aware of the fact that Polipto Lanka (Pvt) Ltd that presently, comes under the purview of your ministry, which was founded in 2009, going by a concept of Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, was successful in producing petrol, by using polythene in year 2010;
 - (ii) as to why the petrol produced with polythene, couldn't be made available in the market, although six years were lapsed since the aforesaid production; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that the petrol produced with polythene is expected to be made available in the market?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 05, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the methodology applied in appointing an officer to the post of Director General in the Department of Coast Conservation, which fell vacant on 01.05.2014;
 - (ii) the basic educational qualifications and the stipulated basic qualifications in public service to be fulfilled to hold the aforesaid post, separately;
 - (iii) the educational qualifications and other qualifications of the officer named Mrs. Indrani Mangalika Wickremanayaka, who was attached to the aforesaid post on a temporary basis on 02. 06. 2014, separately;

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- (iv) the period of time for which she has been in public service on a permanent basis from 03.03.2003 up to 11.02.2013; and
 - (v) the person who is authorized to appoint an officer to act on the post of Director General of Coast Conservation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an inquiry is being made against this officer before the Commission to Investigated Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in regard to financial irregularities;
 - (ii) if so, the legal basis of giving a post of Director General to such an officer;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to cancel the relevant appointment; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

234/'15

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (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?

305/'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 Minister of Foreign Affairs made a statement at a media briefing held on 7th May 2015 to the effect that foreign intelligence services had uncovered that the Mahinda Rajapaksa family had foreign assets amounting to \$ 18 billion;
- (ii) the date on which such information was referred to the Police Department;
- (iii) whether Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa or any member of his family has been questioned as to how such assets were amassed;
- (iv) as to why measures have not been taken to bring such property back to Sri Lanka; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to bring back such property to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

348/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether the acts of fraud and corruption which had been occurring at the Share market in the past era are continuing;
- (ii) if not, what progress has been achieved through absence of fraud and corruption;
- (iii) whether investigations are being conducted into such acts of fraud and corruption that have been committed;
- (iv) if so, what the present status of the investigations is; and
- (v) whether he will undertake the responsibility to take legal action against the persons who are found guilty at the investigations?

(b) If not, why?

375/'15

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

(a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly from 2005-2015,—

- (i) as to who headed the delegations;
- (ii) the number of delegations;

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- (iii) the names of Members of Parliamentary among the delegations, if any;
- (iv) the number of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (v) the total amount of money spent; and
- (vi) the breakdown of that expenditure under Heads such as Air fares, Hotels and accomodation etc., separately?

(b) If not, why?

413/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is she aware that—

- (i) pregnant mothers of the Eheliyagoda electoral division are not receiving the nutritious food basket since August 2015; and
- (ii) when inquired, the relevant authorities have informed the Cooperative that funds have not been received for the said purpose?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for not granting funds to provide the nutritious food basket;
- (ii) whether immediate action will be taken to provide the nutritious food basket again, including the past dues; and
- (iii) if so, of the date from which it will be effected?

(c) If not, why?

128/'15

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) agro-chemicals are not needed for cultivating indigenous varieties of paddy that have been in existence since ancient times; and
- (ii) cultivating such old indigenous varieties of paddy needs a minimal amount of water and this cause use of conventional methods minimum damage to man and nature?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of varieties of paddy identified to have been used in Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) the names of such varieties of paddy;
- (iii) the names of old varieties of paddy cultivated at present; and
- (iv) the reasons for not cultivating the other old varieties of paddy?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of paddy lands that are cultivated with old varieties of paddy as seed paddy by 2014;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to promote these varieties as seed paddy throughout Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not why?

376/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which CSN Television Channel was registered;
 - (ii) the registered address of the channel;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the members of its board of directors;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid by CSN channel to secure the telecasting rights of cricket matches from the year 2012 – 2015;
 - (v) the income received by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation from telecasting cricket matches separately from the year 2005 to 2011; and
 - (vi) the reason for the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation not applying for the telecasting rights of cricket matches of the Australian tour in August/September 2011?
- (b) If not, why?

379/'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 an operation was carried out by the Special Task Force in Dehiwala –Kaudana area, during last three months time;
 - (ii) whether individuals who were staying at a house in Dehiwala – Kaudana area, having suicide bombs in possession, were arrested by Special Task Force, during aforesaid period of time;
 - (iii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them; and
 - (iv) of the information, divulged from them?
- (b) Will he also inform this house —
 - (i) whether individuals, connected with ISIS terrorists have been arrested in Dehiwala – Kaudana area;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken against them; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that have been taken against the individuals who state that aforesaid arrest was taken place ?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether intelligence services have recognized Sri Lanka, as a victim of ISIS terrorists or as a country where the members are enrolled; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures, taken to evade aforesaid situation?
- (d) If not, why?

394/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the financial year 2015—
 - (i) the tax and non tax income expected, separately;
 - (ii) the actual tax and non tax income, separately; and
 - (iii) the actual tax and non tax income as a percentage of the expected tax and non tax income?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) how realistic the income expected in the year 2016 is in comparison to the income of the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the expenses that are cut when adjusting the expenditure heads of the year 2016 with the income?
- (c) If not, why ?

400/'16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the Hikkaduwa, Baddegama, Nilhena (B 158) road improvement project which has been implemented under the National Highways Sector a Sectoral Project, in keeping with the loan agreement of Asian Development bank and the relocation plans of May and October 2011 which were formulated accordingly;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of affected persons or the owners of lands and buildings, affected in Hikkaduwa, Gonapeenuwala and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) whether all the ink entries made by Land Acquisition and Resettlement Committee (LARC) on the compensations paid, will be tabled; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and the designations of the members of the five member Grievance Redress Committee that has been appointed for Hikkaduwa, Gonapeenuwala and Baddegama Divisional Secretariat divisions; and
 - (ii) whether aforesaid affected people are able to appear before aforesaid committee to settle a dispute, complaint or an issue pertaining to taking over lands, paying compensation and relocation?
 - (c) If not, why
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

94/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the amount of money that the government has lost due to the negligence and the inefficiency of the Department of Inland Revenue is 388 billion rupees as per the reports of the Auditor General;
 - (ii) even the amount of 3.9 billion rupees of the vat fraud is included in the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) accordingly the amount of money that the government lost due to the vat fraud is approximately 0.5% of the total amount of money that the government lost; and
 - (iv) investigations have not been conducted so far in regard to the remaining 99.5% ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations have been conducted in regard to the persons responsible for the deprivation of the government of the remaining 384.1 billion rupees in addition to the vat fraud ;
 - (ii) if so, their names, addresses, telephone numbers along with their status; and
 - (iii) the legal action taken against the aforesaid persons?
- (c) If not, why?

297/'15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) over 200 Muslim children from the village of Aluth Dennewa belonging to the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division of the Anuradhapura District have to attend to schools located in distant places because a school is not available for them to obtain basic education;
 - (ii) taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the aforesaid children who travel almost 10 k.m. on foot as there is neither a proper road network nor a public transportation system, people of the area have built two buildings on a plot of land with an extent of approximately 1 ½ acres;
 - (iii) it was proposed to declare this a government school after action is taken by the government to acquire the aforesaid land and the buildings;
 - (iv) a recommendation was submitted to the North Western Provincial Director of Education by the Kekirawa Zonal Director of Education by Letter No. උමැප/කැකි/අසං-01/23 II Vol and dated 14-01-2011?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a government school in the Dennewa village in the interest of the aforesaid children who are living in a difficult village?
- (c) If not, why?

380/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management has designed a project to prevent the Gin river and Nilwala river from overflowing;
 - (ii) whether any agreement has been signed with the CAMC Engineering Company Limited of China for such a project;
 - (iii) if so, the current state of that agreement;
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that a sum of Rs. 998,576,311/= by the voucher number 2568 on 31.12.2014, a sum of Rs. 1,003,136,336/= by the voucher number 99/1 on 31.01.2015 and a sum of Rs. 2,009,342,336/= by the voucher number 99/2 had been paid to the above company with out signing an agreement;
 - (v) if so, the details of those payments; and
 - (vi) the basis on which payments had been made in the above manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to how such a huge sum of money can be paid when 40 million rupees had been allocated for this project by the 2015 budget;
 - (ii) how the amount paid in the above manner can be justified;
 - (iii) if so, why;
 - (iv) if not, the persons who are responsible for that; and
 - (v) the steps taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

401/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a land acquisition has taken place to construct the Aqua culture unit of the University of Ruhuna;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land that have been acquired; and
 - (iii) the assessed value of the extent of land that have been acquired?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken to pay compensation for the owners of those lands;
 - (ii) as to why the payment of compensation based on the assessed value has been delayed to Mr. S. S. Gunasekara at Rassandeniya, Devinuwara;
 - (iii) the date on which the said compensation will be paid; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to pay compensation immediately?
- (c) If not, why?

105/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Countries of European Continent during the period of five years from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reason for the deaths of those people; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who became partially and totally disabled in Countries of European Continent from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential addresses in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the reasons for these people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
- (c) If not, why?

403/'16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a dearth of physical and human resources at the Nursing School of Kamburugamuwa, Matara; and
 - (ii) the female student nurses are seriously inconvenienced owing to the situation?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of instructors instructing in the Nursing School of Kamburugamuwa;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid number of instructors is sufficient;
 - (iii) as to why arrangements are not made to appoint the required instructors;
 - (iv) whether practical studies are conducted in an adequate manner; and
 - (v) if not, why?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an alternative procedure is in place to expeditiously provide lecture halls and the hostel facilities to the female student nurses;
 - (ii) whether the proposal made to refurbish the Nursing School of Kamburugamuwa by attaching the female student nurses under training to the Nursing schools of Galle and Colombo will be implemented; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that have been taken to enable the female student nurses to follow their studies in a successful manner?
- (d) If not, why?

409/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Lankaputhra Development Bank has given Rs. 75 million, to a lady politician on behalf of a fishermen's association in Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of her name;
 - (iii) of the security kept, to obtain aforesaid loan;
 - (iv) of the amount that has been recovered by now;
 - (v) if not, of the measures that have been taken on the frequent defaults;
 - (vi) whether a detailed report will be tabled, in that regard;
 - (vii) whether deeds of the temples, the lands which were leased out by the state or quartz can be produced as security in obtaining loans from Lanka
- (b) If not, why?
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