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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.177/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— Introducing a Haj Pilgrimage Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a “Haj Pilgrimage Act” in order to resolve issues faced by pilgrims who go on annual Haj pilgrimages from Sri Lanka and to establish an institutional structure and formulate legal provisions for the same

P.178/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating as Sri Lankans, the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

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Wednesday, June 22, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
 - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
 - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
 - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
 - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
 - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
 - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
 - (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?
- (e) If not, why?

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102/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(2)

- (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) If not, why?

333/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of approved leave proposed by the University Grants Commission to Sub-Wardens (Non-Academic) of Universities ;
 - (ii) whether the number of leave which was 90 days per year earlier has been reduced up to 45 days by Circular No. 912/1 of the University Grants Commission;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid amount of leave has been revised again as 90 days, which is inclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, ordinary government holidays and Poya days as well, by the Circular No.04/2003; and
 - (v) if so, the reason for it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the aforesaid employees have been deprived of a privilege which the other ordinary employees enjoy due to the calculation of the 90 days of leave that they are entitled to having included into it the leave which the government employees are entitled to; and
 - (ii) whether an accepted methodology will be formulated to grant leave to Sub-Wardens (Non-Academic) of Universities without reducing the privilege of leave which the ordinary government employees are entitled to?
- (c) If not , why ?

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351/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Lankaputhra Development Bank has given a 530 million-rupee loan to the Tristar Apparel Exports (Pvt) Limited;
 - (ii) if so, on what basis;
 - (iii) whether the objectives of granting the loan have been achieved;
 - (iv) if so, what they are;
 - (v) if not, what steps have been taken to recover the money from the company;
 - (vi) how much has been paid by now; and
 - (vii) what steps have been taken to recover the payments in default?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Lankaputhra Development Bank had handed out a total of 700 laks of rupees without following an acceptable methodology during the last Presidential election period;
 - (ii) if so, whether there is a course of action to recover the money;
 - (iii) if so, what that course of action is; and
 - (iv) what its present status is?
- (c) If not, why?

392/'15

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of vehicles imported to Sri Lanka in 2014 that use helium, hydrogen and electricity only as fuel;
 - (ii) separately, of companies that have introduced helium only vehicles to the market at commercial level and the year in which they were introduced;
 - (iii) separately, of companies that have introduced hydrogen only vehicles to the market at commercial level and the year in which they were introduced; and
 - (iv) separately, the minimum prices of hydrogen only and helium only vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) As per the Supreme Court determination No. S/C 2008 dated 24.10.2008, the special provisions provided through the Treasury Miscellaneous Votes (TMV) are additional provisions granted for the relevant ministries. Is he aware that Clause 6(1) of the Appropriation Bill 2008 was amended accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Ministries to which additional provisions were granted during year 2015 as per the abovementioned matter;
 - (ii) separately of the objectives of granting the additional provisions in respect of each ministry during that year; and
 - (iii) separately of the values of the additional provisions thus granted for each Ministry?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether additional provisions were granted during year 2015 to the votes of His Excellency the President, Office of the Prime Minister and Judges of the Superior Courts, which are Special Spending Units; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the values of the provisions thus granted?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the sum of Rs. 8,000/= added to the salary of public servants and employees of State Corporations, Boards, Provincial bodies and Government-owned Companies in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 5/2015, out of the Rs. 10,000/= promised to the Public servants at the 2015 Presidential Election, has not been received by the employees attached to the state projects; and
 - (ii) the Ministry of Finance took steps to grant the previous salary increases to the employees of projects as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not granting the salary increase to the employees of projects even after 10 months of the salary increase according to (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to grant the said salary increase to employees of projects;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to grant the relevant salary increase to the employees of state projects soon; and
 - (iv) the date on which the proposed Management Services Department Circular relating to the projects, which had been suspended for 2 years will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

476/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) officials and employees holding various positions in certain depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been subjected to various injustices, harassment and oppression ever since the Yahapalana Government came to power;
 - (ii) some employees have been removed from the posts held by them; and
 - (iii) such employees have been assigned to other services not relevant to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that this process is against the policies of the Yahapalana Government; and
 - (ii) if so, as to what measures will be taken to mete out justice to such employees subjected to injustices, harassments and oppressions?
- (c) If not, why?

507/'16

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

- (a) Will he admit that the residents of the following addresses in Dehiatta Kandiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara District are members of low income farmer families;
 - (i) Mr. K.G. Chandrasena 18, Ridee Ela
 - (ii) Mr. H.M. Ariyadasa 12, Near 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) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant housing loans to those people who struggle to live under hard conditions with their school going children, to reconstruct their tin huts?
- (c) If not, why?

549/'16

Hon. Wimal Weerawansa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the previous government paid an interest rate of 15% for fixed deposits up to one million rupees, of senior citizens over 60 years of age?

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(b) Will he admit that he proposed to—

- (i) bring down the age limit of persons entitled to that relief from 60 to 55 years from the year 2016;
- (ii) raise the fixed deposit amount to Rs. 1.5 million ;
- (iii) grant an interest concession of 1.5% to licensed companies that provide this facility; and
- (iv) allocate a sum of Rs.1,500 million for this purpose, through this year's budget?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether the circular in that regard has been issued by the Ministry of Finance by now;
- (ii) if so, the number of senior citizens who enjoy that relief at present; and
- (iii) the licensed finance companies that provide this facility?

(d) If not, why?

559/16

Hon S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a proposal to construct a public playground in the district of Kilinochchi;
- (ii) if so, whether money has been allocated to construct the playground;
- (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated for that;
- (iv) the reasons for the delay to commence the construction of the playground; and
- (v) whether tenders have been called following the proper procedure?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether financial irregularities have taken place in the allocation of money; and
- (ii) If so, the solutions provided for that?

(c) If not, why?

565/'16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Principal of Royal College, Horana, has removed from school contrary to the instructions issued by the Circulars, nearly 30 students sitting for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination in 2016, who had sat the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination for the first time and failed in Mathematics; and
 - (ii) those students and their parents have been highly inconvenienced as a result of actions that demoralize the students such as cancelling the character certificates issued to certain students?
- (b) Will he admit that depriving those students of the opportunity to have school education is a deprivation of free education facilities as the period of next six months before the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination is the time when students are prepared to face the examination in a more satisfactory manner?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is the duty of a Principal to demoralize the students who are to take over the future of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of the measures will be taken to solve this problem that has arisen as a result of the conduct of the Principal?
- (d) If not, why?

571/'16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of huts which had been built amidst severe economic hardships by the people who settled again in Kokkatticholai, Wellaweli, Kiran, Chenkaladi, Vakara, and Vaunathivu Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Batticaloa District after the war has ended have been destroyed due to attacks by wild elephants?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of huts that have been destroyed by wild elephants;
 - (ii) separately of the number of people who were killed and the number of those who have been injured due to attacks by wild elephants; and
 - (iii) of the number of persons who have lost their livelihood consequent to the destruction of paddy lands and chena cultivations by wild elephants?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether an arrangement is in place to construct houses for those who have been rendered homeless, and to pay compensation for those who were killed, to those who have been injured and to those who have lost their livelihood consequent to attacks by wild elephants;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of persons who have been paid compensation for those who were killed and for those who have been affected; and
 - (iii) separately of the value of the compensation paid to such persons on Divisional Secretariat Division basis?
- (d) If not, why?

590/'16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of C.W.E. outlets in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of those outlets, the number of outlets which are run in government buildings and the number of outlets which are run in rented buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent by the C.W.E. to pay the rent of rented buildings;
 - (ii) separately of the locations of the rented buildings, their owners and the monthly rent paid to them; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of functioning and closed down C.W.E. outlets at those locations?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a formal methodology is followed in obtaining buildings on rent to run C.W.E. outlets; and
 - (ii) if so, what that methodology is followed?
- (d) If not, why?

103/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Canada and America during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address 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 Canada and America during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address in Sri Lanka and the jobs done in the above countries;
 - (iii) the immediate reasons for those people to become disabled; and
 - (iv) the reliefs provided by the government for them?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, June 23, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

104/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan citizens who died in Australia and Japan during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address 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 Australia and Japan during the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2014 in relation to each country, separately;
 - (ii) their names, age, residential address 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?

375/'15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly in the years from 2005-2015,—
 - (i) as to who headed the delegations;
 - (ii) the number of delegates;
 - (iii) the names of the Members of Parliament among the delegates, 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 accommodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

428/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the value of the Treasury Bills purchased by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that inflation increases as new currency notes are added to financial circulation when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka purchases Treasury Bills?
- (b) If not, why?

475/'16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the amounts of clove, cinnamon, pepper, nutmeg and cardamom exported in the year 2015;
 - (ii) separately of the income received for each of the items mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iii) whether there is any increase or decrease in the income received in the year 2015, in comparison with that of the year 2014; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures taken by the government to increase these productions?
- (b) If not, why?

508/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of immovable properties (lands, houses and shops) belonging to the Mohideen Jumma Mosque situated at No. 154, N.C. Street, Trincomalee, which has been registered with the Sri Lanka Wakf Board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs under registration No. R/0682/T/036;
 - (ii) of the addresses of each of those properties;
 - (iii) separately of the monthly income that is received from each of those properties; and
 - (iv) separately of the names stated in the deeds of each of the aforesaid Wakf properties?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the approval of the Department has been obtained for using the aforesaid Wakf properties;
 - (ii) whether some of those properties have been transferred to names of certain individuals through freehold deeds; and
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of action that will be taken in this regard by Sri Lanka Wakf Board?
- (c) If not, why?

561/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a Teachers Training College in Palali area;
 - (ii) whether the functioning of the aforesaid Teachers Training College has been prevented as a result of a plot;
 - (iii) who has acquired the land in which this Teachers Training College is located; and
 - (iv) the time period that will be taken to free this land and handover it to the Teachers Training College?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which this Teachers Training College was established;
 - (ii) the number of teachers who have left the college after the completion of the training;
 - (iii) the courses that had been conducted in the aforesaid Teachers Training College in the past;
 - (iv) the number of courses conducted by the training college by now; and
 - (v) the time frame that will be taken to re-operate the aforesaid training college?
- (c) If not, why?

567/'16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a procurement notice was published in year 2007 regarding 174 plots of state owned vacant land in Amalgama, Akmeemana;
 - (ii) whether the Housing Development Authority had followed procurement procedures when selling the aforesaid plots of land;
 - (iii) whether plot number 21 of Amalgama, Akmeemana has been given to the selected persons; and
 - (iv) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons selected for the distribution of the plots of land mentioned in (a) (iii) above; and there names;
 - (ii) of the total extent of land coming under plot no.21 mentioned in (a)(iii) above;
 - (iii) of the reasons for not distributing the aforesaid land among selected persons; and
 - (iv) of the date on which land will be distributed among the selected persons?
- (c) If not, why?

573/'16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the land bearing No. GM392, lot No.164, that belonged to Mr. M.R.M. Mimsiad of No.5/1, Masjeed Avenue, Kaleliya, was acquired by the government on the requirement of the project to widen the extent of the Colombo – Kandy Road from Weediawatta to Nittambuwa; and
 - (ii) that no compensation has been paid for that land to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to consider the current valuation of that land and pay some reasonable compensation to Mr. Mimsiad who has suffered injustice due to the under-valuation of the aforesaid plot of land which is situated in a commercially important area by the Colombo-Kandy main road?
- (c) If not, why?

592/'16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land in Kandy District which belonged to the Land Reforms Commission and was given to various individuals and institutions from 31.12.1994 up to date;
 - (ii) of the individuals and institutions to which those lands have been granted and their locations, extent and value separately;
 - (iii) the total revenue received by the Land Reforms Commission through the provision of those lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of those lands, the extent of lands that have been developed and not developed separately;
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to reclaim those lands which can be of contribution to the national economy but have not been properly developed, by the Land Reforms Commission; and
 - (iii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

607/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the allowance of One-hundred-thousand-rupees, which was granted by the previous regime to every married member of the security forces when a third child is borne to him or her, is still paid?
- (b) If not, why?

623/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a shopping complex had been proposed to be constructed at the Civile Road by the Bandarawela Municipal Council; and
 - (ii) later, due to a land slide that occurred in the land allotted for this purpose, a sum of 4 million rupees had to be spent to erect its wall alone?
- (b) Will he inform the House of the names of the political authorities and the officers who granted permission to erect the wall referred to in (a) (ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

632/'16

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he table—
 - (i) the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded on suspicion and who were imprisoned as offenders after having confirmed the allegations leveled against them during the period from the year 1948 to 08th January 2015 separately as per each year;
 - (ii) separately the allegation or the offence that led to remanding or the imprisonment of each monk who was either remanded or imprisoned; and
 - (iii) separately the time period during which each remanded or imprisoned monk was either remanded or imprisoned?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded during the period from 08.01.2015 to 31.03.2016;
 - (ii) separately of the allegations which were leveled against each monk who was remanded; and
 - (iii) separately of the time period during which each of the aforesaid monks were remanded?
- (c) If not, why?

656/'16

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— 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 Special Investigations Unit (SIU) 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 date;
 - (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 Special Investigations Unit; and
 - (iv) separately of the progress of these investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

108/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of cinemas being operated in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of exhibitors' boards being operated in Sri Lanka at present and their names;
 - (iii) separately, the number of cinemas belonging to each of the said exhibitors' boards; and
 - (iv) the method of deciding the exhibitors' board to which a film should be assigned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a specified number of cinemas a film should be screened;
 - (ii) if so, the number of copies to be so screened;
 - (iii) whether there are instances where this specified number is exceeded; and
 - (iv) if so, the method in which a film can be screened exceeding this specified number of copies?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice is caused to one producer as a result of giving more opportunities to another producer; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken to grant permission to all producers to screen a reasonable number of copies?
- (d) If not, why?

357/'15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (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 not 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?
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Friday, June 24, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

111/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the Pompakele forest reserve in Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) the endemic plants found in it;
 - (iii) the endemic creatures that inhabit in the Pompakele forest reserve; and
 - (iv) the date on which this forest was declared a forest reserve?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an extent of over one acre in the Pompakele forest reserve had been cleared on a day after 14.04.2014;
 - (ii) the said clearing had been done in the upper part of the forest reserve with a biological importance; and
 - (iii) this has caused a severe environmental damage?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to who has caused this destruction in the Pompakele forest reserve;
 - (ii) the purpose of that destruction;
 - (iii) if there are any officers who have permitted this destruction, their names, addresses, telephone numbers and designations; and
 - (iv) the steps to be taken to halt the destruction at the Pompakele forest reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

473/'16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) 15-20 heart surgeries have been performed a day in Karapitiya Teaching Hospital since 1998; and
 - (ii) the number of heart surgeries performed a day has been decreased up to 2 from the year 2010?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the patients have to be in the waiting list for a long period of time due to the aforesaid situation; and
 - (ii) a large number of patients die due to that reason?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for the decrease of the number of heart surgeries performed a day; and
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to increase the number of heart surgeries performed a day?
- (d) If not, why?

477/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Mawanella office of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board in the Kegalle District does not extend consumer water service connections and pipeline services at present;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for same;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the people of the Mawanella area expecting to have water connections are inconvenienced due to this reason; and
 - (iv) if so, whether he will state the timeframe for the provision of water connections to the people thus inconvenienced?
- (b) If not, why?

509/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that a number of families who lost their houses and property due to Tsunami disaster are rendered helpless even by now in various parts of the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement a programme by selecting people at Divisional Secretariat Division level to provide permanent houses for the people who lost their houses; and
 - (ii) whether attention will be paid to implement that jointly with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

562/'16

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the financial irregularity that took place in the Technical College of Jaffna;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for not taking any action in this regard;
 - (iii) whether a transfer was given to the Director of the Technical College when the financial fraud committed by him was confirmed;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for the non implementation of the transfer; and
 - (v) whether the said transfer has been suspended?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there are branches of the Jaffna Technical College within the District;
- (ii) if not, whether this Technical College is sufficient for 650,000 people living in this district; and
- (iii) if not, the steps that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

574/'16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether recommendations have been made to send Mr. A.H. Samun who was serving as the Principal of A/Bamunugama Muslim Vidyalaya of Kekirawa Education Zone on retirement, going by a disciplinary action, taken in keeping with the section 2:17 of Pensions Minutes (Ref. No. උමැ/අමැ/07/2/001);
- (ii) if so, from which date onwards; and
- (iii) accordingly, whether his gratuity and the pension will be paid?

(b) If not, why?

593/'16

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

(a) Will he inform this House whether—

- (i) he is aware that the Cafeteria Service that was operational in the long distance trains is now defunct; and
- (ii) he admits that owing to the closure of the cafeterias, the passengers travelling in the long distance trains are inconvenienced and the government has lost the revenue it received from them ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the reasons for the delay in recommencing the cafeteria service;
- (ii) whether arrangements will be made to recommence the Cafeteria Service soon; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

616/'16

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

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) cancers, paralysis, and kidney diseases are caused vastly due to smoking;
 - (ii) it is destructive as well as harmful on the health condition and the economic situation of the people of the country; and
 - (iii) the deterioration of the health condition of the people is more detrimental than the amount of revenue earned through tobacco?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether smoking cannot be banned, totally;
 - (ii) whether the sale of cigarettes, in the places in close proximity to schools, cannot be stopped;
 - (iii) as to why the prices of a cigarette cannot be increased up to an unbearable price;
 - (iv) as to why the government does not take stern action against cigarettes in the same manner that the stern actions were taken against chemical fertilizers, as the use of chemical fertilizers aggravates the tendency of causing kidney diseases; and
 - (v) whether the reason, led for the aforesaid situation, is the pressure of Multi-national companies?
- (c) If not, why?

620/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House with regard to the institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training—
 - (i) the number of courses conducted free of charge ; what those courses;
 - (ii) the number of courses conducted charging money ; what those courses;
 - (iii) whether all the students who possess the required qualifications asked for are enrolled for the courses;
 - (iv) the courses for which sufficient facilities are not available; and
 - (v) the steps that would be taken in that regard?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that the number of students that are enrolled will increase if the facilities are enhanced;
- (ii) the date on which the facilities will be enhanced to fulfill the development needs after identifying the aforesaid needs; and
- (iii) the physical progress meant by the statement “action is being taken to identify the need of developing soft skills and fulfill the aforesaid needs”?

(c) If not, why ?

624/’16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the foreign tours that the present Chief Minister of Uva Provincial Council has engaged in, since his appointment to said office;
- (ii) of the names of the officials, who have been sent on foreign tours, with the direction of the Chief Minister of Uva Provincial Council; and
- (iii) separately, of the objectives of the aforesaid tours mentioned in (i) and (ii) above and the amount of money spent on them?

(b) If not, why?

630/’16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of warehouse complexes at Vauxhall Street belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board given on long term lease basis to private companies or individuals by the United National Party government that was in power from the year 2001-2004; and
- (ii) separately, the name of the warehouse leased out, area in square feet, leased amount and the company or individuals to whom they were leased?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether those warehouses have been leased out subject to the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, an open tender procedure or a government valuation; and
- (ii) if they have been leased out without any such condition, whether they will be taken back by the government?

(c) If not, why?

631/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it was proposed to develop 12 roads in the Kegalle electorate under the programme for carpeting and developing provincial roads in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) though work has been commenced in the Kegalle, Andiramada road via Nilwakka (6.9 kms), the Undugoda Nikapitiya road via Ovitigamuwa road off Kiripattiya Junction (4.20 kms) the Ambawala, Udumagama, Pandeniya road (2 kms) amongst the proposed roads, the work has not been completed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy action will be taken to complete the work of the above roads; and
 - (ii) if not, the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

633/'16

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from 04th February 1948 to 24th March 2016 the number of persons who have received death sentence or a life sentence; and
 - (ii) separately the name and address of each of the prisoners who have received death sentence or a life sentence and the nature of the offence each of them had committed for receiving such sentence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether special pardons have been offered to prisoners who had received death sentence or a life sentence; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the names of the persons who offered such pardon to those prisoners, the dates on which such pardon was offered, and the nature of the crimes that had been committed by the recipients of such pardon?
- (c) If not, why?

114/'15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the permanent and contractual staff attached to the Ranaviru Seva Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the said Authority to provide uniforms to the permanent and contractual staff in 2013 and 2014; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the uniform of a single person when the permanent and contractual staff are categorized as men and women?

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- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) the uniform material selected was low in quality;
 - (ii) the officers have rejected the uniforms because of that reason; and
 - (iii) the chairperson of the Authority has acted arbitrarily?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to solve the uniform issue of the Ranaviru Seva Authority; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
 - (d) If not, why?
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