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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance & Mass Media,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3(3) of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/34 of 11th July 2018, which was presented on 05.02.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance & Mass Media,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2091/3 of 01st October 2018, which was presented on 05.02.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance & Mass Media,— Order under the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media under Section 3 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 2006 relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2104/5 of 31st December 2018, which was presented on 05.02.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance & Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.02.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/32 of 10th July 2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance & Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.02.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2092/8 of 08th October 2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance & Mass Media,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.3),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 06.02.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2097/36 of 15th November 2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2093/19 of 17th October 2018, which was presented on 05.02.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

Wednesday, March 06, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action was taken to distribute 10 million LED bulbs among power consumers;
- (ii) if so, the cost of that project;
- (iii) whether he admits that taking action to recover the cost of the said project from consumers is unfair;
- (iv) of the institution that monitored the said project; and
- (v) whether he admits that the said project was a failure?

(b) If not, why?

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72/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the emergence of the epidemic of fever in early May 2018;
 - (ii) of the number of patients reported to have been afflicted with that epidemic;
 - (iii) the number of children afflicted with the disease among them;
 - (iv) of the total number of persons who died of the disease; and
 - (v) of the number of children who died of the disease?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the special symptoms of that disease;
 - (ii) whether the hospitals had sufficient drugs to treat patients afflicted with the disease; and
 - (iii) the measures adopted by the government to control the spread of the disease?
- (c) If not, why?

112/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the disclosure about the distribution of school bags by the Ministry of Education of Uva Province, given under paragraph number 04 (b) (i) to (vii) of the investigation report bearing number SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 and dated 2017.04.20 sent to the Chief Secretary of Uva Province by the Auditor-General on the malpractices that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether the observations made from (b) (i) to (v) pertaining to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

194/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that the President engaged in and the objectives of such tours in relation to the years 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017;

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- (ii) of the number of individuals participated in each foreign tour and their designations; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour, separately in terms of each year?
- (b) If not, why?

228/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is aware that there is a road in Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat that runs from Raithalawela to Poojagoda;
 - (ii) of the amount of money allocated to develop this road from year 2010 to up to date;
 - (iii) whether it is aware that this road has not been carpeted so far;
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to carpet this road as soon as possible ?
- (b) If not, why?

252/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Ratnapura district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

327/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the post of Divisional Secretary at Palagala Divisional Secretariat has been vacant for some years; and
 - (ii) the people under the purview of both Kekirawa and Palagala Divisional Secretariats are subjected to inconvenience in obtaining the services from those two Secretariats as a result of the Divisional Secretary of Kekirawa covering the duties of Palagala Divisional Secretariat as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date by which this vacancy for the post of Divisional Secretary would be filled to provide the services required by the people?
- (c) If not, why?

355/ '18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that, as per the Cabinet decision No. 94/550/018 and dated 11.05.1994 about “granting the pension entitlement to the labourers who have not completed 10 years in a pensionable services but have a service of more than 10 years including the period they served on casual and temporary basis”, Mr. M.G.R. Samarasinghe, at No. 1/B, Koboanga, Siyambalagoda, Danture who served as a welder in Thalathuoya centre of Lewella powerloom textile mill that belongs to the department of textiles has not been granted a pension until now; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to pay him the pension considering the period he served on casual and temporary basis from 20.10.1975 until the relevant institution was closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

358/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that remained outstanding from the Janatha Estate Development Board (JEDB) to the Employees Provident Fund as at 08th January of 2015;
 - (ii) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount;

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- (iii) the amount of money that remained outstanding from the Janatha Estate Development Board (JEDB) to the Employees Trust Fund as at 08th January of 2015;
 - (iv) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount;
 - (v) the amount of outstanding Gratuity in the Janatha Estate Development Board (JEDB) as at 08th January 2015;
 - (vi) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount?
- (b) If not, why?

399/'18

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the rainfall received in each year from year 2010 to 2017 by the surrounding areas of the upper elevation reservoirs of the Mahaweli 'H' zone is irrigated;
 - (ii) of the extent of paddy land cultivated in each year during the aforementioned period; and
 - (iii) whether farmers who were unable to cultivate due to the shortage of water were provided with relief;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the manner in which the relief mentioned above was provided to the farmers; and
 - (ii) whether the aforementioned relief scheme will be effected until harvest is reaped after resuming cultivations?
- (c) If not, why?

405/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) that he admits a SATHOSA branch was declared open at Kohuwala town in April 2017 and the Minister himself attended the opening;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that all the receipts issued by the branch are printed in English only;
 - (iii) whether he admits a British national with an Indian origin has been recruited as a consultant for computer work of this branch; and

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- (iv) the reason for enrolling a foreign national when there are adequate number of Sri Lankans who have the expertise ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, whether measures will be taken to print the receipts printed only in English, in all three languages and to recruit Sri Lankans for computer activities?
- (c) If not, why?

415/'19

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he admits that posts of the Excise Inspector Grade have not been created within the Department of Customs;
 - (ii) whether the letter dated 27.03.2000 signed by the Director of Customs (Control) absorbing into the Excise Division has been signed on behalf of the Director General of Customs or the Director General of Excise;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the Director General of Customs who lacks authority to act under this Excise Act has no authority to issue a letter citing an erroneous salary for a post created under the Excise Department within a context where attention is brought to the fact that the authority vested solely in the Director General of Customs under Excise Act is not exercised properly by Order No.10 of the Public Accounts Committee;
 - (iv) whether he admits that an annual salary of Rs. 95,280/- had been paid even by that time as per Circular No. 2/97 iii on the salary scale $85,440/- \times 2460 = 97,740/-$, even though the salary for the said post is given as Rs. $50,520/- \times 1320 - 10 \times 1560 = 75,360/-$; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken to correct it?
- (b) If not, why?

419/'19

Hon. Gamini Lokuge,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the area of the land called Jinsarohenawaththa in Pannipitiya Grama Niladhari Division and the land called Kulohenawaththa in Kottawa Grama Niladhari Division in Maharagama Divisional Secretariat Division that were taken over by the Urban Development Authority, separately;
 - (ii) of the assessed value per perch of the said lands, separately;
 - (iii) whether those lands have been sold by now to a private company or some other institution for construction of houses;

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- (iv) if so, of the selling price per perch of the said lands, separately;
 - (v) whether the market value had been considered when those lands were sold to the private sector; and
 - (vi) of the selling price of the houses built on those lands separately;
- (b) If not, why?

457/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Muslim schools in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of such schools;
 - (iii) the number of Moulavi teachers in this district presently; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to address the shortage of Moulavi teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

484/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Lanka Sathosa Ltd. branches in Kandy District;
 - (ii) the addresses of those branches;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and posts of persons recruited from the year 2010 up to now for the said Sathosa branches;
 - (iv) the method adopted for the said recruitment; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to expand the Lanka Sathosa Ltd. network in Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 07, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of dengue patients that has been reported in Ratnapura district by now;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Ratnapura district is a dengue-prone area; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to control that situation?
- (b) If not, why?

73/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the historical Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi at Anuradhapura has been affected by the emissions of coal ash of the Norochcholai coal power plant;
 - (ii) if so, whether a study has been carried out to evaluate its possible impact on Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi;
 - (iii) if so, whether that report be tabled;
 - (iv) whether a vulnerable situation may arise in the future though there is no risk at present; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken if such a situation occurs?
- (b) If not, why ?

124/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the main objectives of the Samurdhi Livelihood Development Programme;
 - (ii) the fields in which livelihood development is done under the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) the number of families that received the benefits of the aforesaid Livelihood Development Programme after the good governance government came into power, separately on divisional secretariat basis; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to extend this programme further in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

195/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of the members of Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in the foreign countries by now;
 - (ii) whether there are non-citizens of Sri Lanka and the dual citizens among aforesaid individuals; and
 - (iii) if so, of the countries in which they have obtained the citizenship and the countries in which they are employed, presently?
- (b) If not, why?

231/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is an estate called Bomeruwa in Pallepola, Madipola Divisional Secretariat Division in Matale District; and
 - (ii) the people living in line rooms therein do not have infrastructure facilities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families living in the said estate; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to provide the required facilities to those families?
- (c) If not, why?

253/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Matara district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

328/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large number of staff vacancies including the vacancies of doctors exist in the Thambuththegama hospital of Anuradhapura District of the North Central province; and
 - (ii) a news item pertaining to this issue was published in the 'Rajarata-supplement' of the Lankadeepa newspaper on Wednesday, the 27th of September, 2017;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any measure has been taken to resolve the problems highlighted through the aforesaid news item; and
 - (ii) if not, of the date on which measures would be taken to provide the public with a productive service, having addressed the aforesaid shortcomings?
- (c) If not, why?

356/'18

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,—To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim persons who resettled in the Northern Province after the war situation in 2009, separately with respect to each district and Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) If not, why?

359/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amount of money that remained outstanding from the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (SLPC) to the Employees Provident Fund as at 08th January of 2015;
 - (ii) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount;
 - (iii) the amount of money that remained outstanding from the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation (SLPC) to the Employees Trust Fund as at 08th January of 2015 ;
 - (iv) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount;

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- (v) the amount of outstanding Gratuity payable by the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation as at 8th January 2015; and
 - (vi) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount?
- (b) If not, why ?

406/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. K.D. Premasiri of No. 137, Awissawella Road, Wellampitiya was turned down and the then Secretary to the Minister of Higher Education and Highways refused acceptance of his appeal regarding an injustice caused to him when lands were acquired for road development;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the conventional practice is to accept the appeal when such appeals are submitted by any party and that refusing to accept an appeal is not the appropriate conduct that should be adopted by a government servant; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to accept the said appeal, take impartial action in this regard and inform the appellant?
- (b) If not, why?

458/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of hospitals, central dispensaries and ayurveda hospitals in Puttalam district operating under the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the names of the places where they are situated;
 - (iii) separately, the total number of employees employed in each of the aforesaid health centres;
 - (iv) whether there are vacancies in the said Health Centres;
 - (v) if so, details of such vacancies; and
 - (vi) the steps to be taken to upgrade the said Health Centres and fill their vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

485/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board depots in Kandy District;
 - (ii) the names of those depots;
 - (iii) the number of buses currently operated by each of the said depots;
 - (iv) of these depots, separately those making profits and those incurring losses;
 - (v) the number of vacancies in each of the said depots;
 - (vi) the number of jobs provided in these depots and the names of persons who received those jobs, after the 'Good Governance' government came to power; and
 - (vii) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the fleet of the CTB depots in Kandy District?
- (b) If not, why?

509/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that breweries and distilleries companies promote consumption of beer at annual inter-school big matches and other sports competitions between leading schools of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken to control the adverse effect of this on school children?
- (b) If not, why?

522/'19

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the payments for the milk supplied during 01st to 15th of a month were made during the ensuing six days of the particular month and the payments for the milk supplied from 16th to the end of a particular month were made during the first 06 days of the ensuing month by the Milco Company, with pertinence to the milk supplied by the dairy farmers of the Horana electorate;

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- (ii) the payments were delayed in the recent several months and the payments had not been made for the period from 2018.05.01 to 2018.05.15 even by 31st of May;
 - (iii) the dairy farmers are in a desperate plight owing to the inability of providing food to the cows, and paying the installments for the loans obtained for purchasing cows and attending to their day today expenses, resulted by the delay in receiving their payments; and
 - (iv) a problematic situation has arisen by the negative impact made on the national dairy production owing to the decrease in the dairy production?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to make the payments in a regular manner since it is probable that this situation may bring about a negative impact on the lives of the dairy farmers and a drop in the local dairy production process as well?
- (c) If not, why?

523/19

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) to which extent the expected objectives of the Department of Samurdhi Development have been achieved, which was established with the intention of alleviating poverty in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the amount spent annually for Samurdhi assistance; and
 - (iii) of the number of families who do not receive Samurdhi benefits but expectant of it?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether it can be contented that the Samurdhi beneficiaries were selected in an impartial manner in the recent past;
 - (ii) if not, the new method that will be adopted for the purpose;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that Samurdhi Development Officers and beneficiaries were used for political purposes;
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken to prevent such activities in the future; and
 - (v) whether the Samurdhi Fund will be audited under the National Audit Act which was passed recently?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, March 08, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

13/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in the village named Dombagaswatta, a village full of difficulties, in the Palmadulla electorate; and
- (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide drinking water to the people in that area?

(b) If not, why?

74/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Customs arrested three persons including Malaysian businessman Jayasudheer Jayaram, who were Kuala Lumpur bound on a day in November 2016, on the charges of smuggling money out of the country;
- (ii) if so, the cash amount that was in their possession while the arrest was made; and
- (iii) of the legal action taken against them?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the arrested persons were released even before the investigations were over allowing them to travel to Kuala Lumpur;
- (ii) if so, who gave permission in this regard;
- (iii) whether the relevant investigation has been carried out without the presence of those persons;
- (iv) whether the relevant files are with the Ministry of Finance at present;
- (v) whether the seized money has been released to those persons;
- (vi) if not, in which institution the money has been deposited; and
- (vii) whether the custom officials involved in this investigation have been awarded cash prizes ?

(c) If not, why?

125/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a scholarship programme named “Samurdhi Sipdora” is implemented under the Samurdhi Programme;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) the number of students in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla District, that have received Samurdhi Sipdora scholarships up to now from the year 2010, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to provide more scholarships than are provided now to Badulla District in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

196/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that the Prime Minister engaged in from the period of 09.01.2015 to 30.06.2018;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such tours;
 - (iii) of the number of individuals participated in each foreign tour and their designations;
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour;
- (b) If not, why?

254/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Polonnaruwa district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;

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- (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
- (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
- (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

329/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) cultivations and houses of farmers of the Anuradhapura District have been damaged and their lives threatened due to wild elephant attacks; and
- (ii) though this has been brought to the notice of wildlife officials, no permanent solution has hitherto been provided?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any steps have been taken in this regard as of now; and
- (ii) if not, having created awareness among officials, the date on which a solution is offered to the damages caused to the people of this district by elephants?

(c) If not, why?

459/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of Departments, Ministries and other Statutory bodies which were coming under the Chief Minister of the North Western province which was dissolved recently;
- (ii) the names and addresses of each of those institutions;
- (iii) the number of employees recruited to institutions which were coming under the purview of the Chief Minister of the North Western Province, after the government of good governance came to power;
- (iv) the names of the employees recruited and the posts to which they were recruited, separately; and
- (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to recruit those employees?

(b) If not, why?

486/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of playgrounds in Kandy district;
 - (ii) the names of those playgrounds;
 - (iii) the number and names of those developed from 2010 up to now, out of the said playgrounds;
 - (iv) the amount spent to develop those playgrounds, separately;
 - (v) the names, addresses and contact numbers of the persons or institutions that obtained the contracts for developing the said playgrounds; and
 - (vi) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop the remaining playgrounds in Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

512/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) seventy years have lapsed since the establishment of the Methodist church in Ampara town;
 - (ii) a legal document for the land where this place of worship is located has not been provided up to now;
 - (iii) the necessary documents for requesting a long term lease for the said church from 2009 have been prepared and submitted to the Land Commissioner General's Department; and
 - (iv) all the documents relevant to the said request have been sent to the Land Commissioner General's Office by the Deputy Land Commissioner's Office in Ampara?
- (b) Accordingly, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide a long term land permit for this church where thousands of people engage in religious rites?
- (c) If not, why?

524/'19

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether a specific date has been declared by the government for the public to meet officials in government offices to fulfill their requirements;
 - (ii) whether a circular has been issued with regard to the public day, details of it;
 - (iii) whether a public day has been declared, and measures have been taken to address the difficulties faced by the public, by conducting staff meetings and other meetings on the day;
 - (iv) whether higher officials of the divisional and district offices are summoned to head offices in Colombo on specific public days;
 - (v) if so, measures taken to meet the requirements of the public on such days; and
 - (vi) whether new initiatives that will be implemented to assure a productive public service for the people ?
- (b) If not, why?

528/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
 - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
 - (vi) if so, what that system is; and
 - (vii) separately the names of persons who received local or foreign scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

546/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools located in the islet of Eluvaithiv in the peninsula zone of the Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the last grade in which the students preparing for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination of Sarawanabawa School located in the said islet sit the term test;
 - (iii) the school in which these students sit the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination now; and
 - (iv) the obstacles in conducting the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination at Eluvaithiv?
- (b) If not, why?

560/'19

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of occasions on which the staff officers of the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply and the National Water Supply and Drainage Board went overseas for official-purposes and in regard to projects carried out under local and foreign investments including world bank aid during the period from the year 2010 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the name of each officer, position, the country to which the tour was made, objective of the tour, duration of the tour, the total expenditure of the tour (air fares, subsistence and other allowances) and the local or foreign institutions which provided funds for it, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

562/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,
 - (i) the reservoirs and tanks, out of the reservoirs and tanks in the North Western Province to which fresh water fish was released after the government of good governance came to power;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the fresh water fish industry suffered a severe setback owing to the drought and floods that hit that province recently; and

(21)

- (iii) the steps the ministry will take to develop the fresh water fish industry in the North Western Province?

(b) If not why?

581/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) in terms of proposal No. 174 of the Budget 2016, whether he explains of the manner in which Rs. 2000 Million that was allocated for supplementary programmes under National Environmental conservation programme, was spent in year 2016 ;
- (ii) of the “supplementary programmes” for which financial allocations were made, in terms of the aforesaid proposal; and
- (iii) of the institutions which held the responsibility in aforesaid supplementary programmes?

(b) Will he also inform this House in terms of aforesaid budget proposals, separately, of the amount of money spent on—

- (i) Protection of environmental equilibrium,
- (ii) sustainable land management;
- (iii) conservation of biological resources;
- (iv) environmental pollution control; and
- (v) protection of forest resources?

(c) If not, why?

Saturday, March 09, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

14/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the government institution to which the Godakawela Urban Stadium belongs; and
- (ii) of the extent of the aforementioned Stadium?

- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the aforesaid Stadium has sufficient space to hold various sports meets at provincial/national level; and
 - (ii) within the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division and in the Rakwana Electorate, this is the only Stadium in which a 400m running track can be built?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that no action has been taken to allocate the required funds although the respective estimates together with plans for developing the aforesaid Stadium have been sent to the Ministry of Sports; and
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to resolve this issue?
- (d) If not, why?

75/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,- To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who immigrated and emigrated via Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) of the number of flights;
 - (iii) of the revenue earned by the airline; and
 - (iv) the amount of profit or loss incurred;from year 2015 to up to date, according to each year, separately?
- (b) If losses had incurred from year 2015 to up to date, the reasons for the losses for each year, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

126/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;

(23)

- (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
 - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the routes and names of the recipients of those permits separately; and
 - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

238/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the bovine hoof disease is spreading rapidly in the Matale District; and
 - (ii) if so, what steps the Ministry will take to control the situation?
- (b) If not, why?

255/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Anuradhapura district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

330/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) water is wasted as a result of the dense colonies of water hyacinth found in Kalawewa and the old Yodha Ela carrying water from Kalawewa to the Thisa Wewa;
 - (ii) the flow of water in conveying water for cultivation activities is delayed due to these aquatic plants; and
 - (iii) a solution has not been provided so far despite officials being made aware of this problem?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan for the removal of these aquatic plants before releasing water for the cultivation activities of the Maha season; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

407/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a newly built building in Dammakusala Vidyalaya in Ambalangoda which was worth about one crore of rupees has been demolished and removed from the school premises without permission, with the knowledge of the Chief Minister of the Southern Province;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the acting principal who was serving at that time has been dismissed from service in order to cover up the aforesaid incident;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that an impartial inquiry has not yet been conducted into the aforesaid dismissal notwithstanding the request made to that effect; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to reinstate the aforesaid principal having investigated into the complaint submitted by him to the Southern Province Public Service Commission against his dismissal requesting that he be reinstated ?
- (b) If not, why ?

513/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken any decision to grow cannabis in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the basis of this decision;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that cannabis is a narcotic;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that the use of cannabis could weaken physical and mental health;
 - (v) whether there are persons and institutions that obtained legal approval to grow cannabis at present; and
 - (vi) if so, the places where cannabis have been grown legally ?
- (b) If not, why?

514/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Excise Income of the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (ii) the income earned through the taxes imposed on the production of tobacco and cigarettes in the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production; and
 - (iii) the income of (i) and (ii) above respectively in rupees millions in comparison with the figures of the previous year?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the malt alcohol production of the year 2016 in liters;
 - (ii) whether new permits have been issued for companies for the year 2016 to initiate liquor production; and
 - (iii) if so, of the number of aforesaid permits and the names of the said companies?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution and the authority that is vested with the power for conducting raids under the Excise Law;
 - (ii) as to who is vested with the authority to take legal measures with pertinence to illicit liquor raided; and
 - (iii) of the duties entrusted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

525/'19

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) total area of paddy lands brought under cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of it, total land area where paddy cultivation is being carried out;
 - (iii) the extent of fallow paddy lands in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether an expedited plan is being implemented to cultivate those lands;
 - (v) whether measures have been taken to adequately provide seeds and fertilizers required for paddy cultivation promptly; and
 - (vi) the plans that have been prepared to purchase paddy?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) whether any action has been taken with regard to the diminishing work force as a result of youth not engaging in paddy cultivation;
 - (ii) whether plans are underway to provide machinery required for cultivation at convenient and concessionary rate;
 - (iii) if a programme is in progress to attract the youth to agriculture, its details; and
 - (iv) whether a special programme is being implemented to provide job opportunities in the agricultural sector to the children of farmers ?
- (c) If not, why?

529/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of foreign visits the President has made from 01.01.2016 to 30.04.2017;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries visited;
 - (iii) of the expenditure borne for each visit, separately;
 - (iv) of the total number that accompanied the President for each visit including the Ministers, Members of Parliament and officials, separately; and
 - (v) of the positions held by the other individuals who participated in the visits with the President?
- (b) If not, why?

547/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there was a school by the name Tamilcholai in Kilinochchi district;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid school was commenced; and
 - (iii) the year in which results of the students of the aforesaid school, who sat for the Grade five scholarship examination and the G.C.E (O/L) examination for the last time, were issued, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the name by which the aforesaid school is known at present;
 - (ii) the person who named this school;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid name was changed; and
 - (iv) whether anyone can obtain the appellation of the founder or the predecessor of this school by changing the name of the school?
- (c) If not, why?

563/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there was a severe drought in the North-Western Province during the past few months;
 - (ii) if so, the number families affected in the Galgamuwa electorate during that period;
 - (iii) the number of families who received drought relief;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there was an allegation that the prices of dry rations in the relief package given to them were higher than the market price; and
 - (v) if so, whether he will look into this matter and take necessary measures?
- (b) If not, why?

582/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether 50 licenses were issued for the import of gold as per proposal No.181 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report containing the names and addresses of licensees and the license fees paid by them;

(28)

- (iii) whether he will submit a report on the price of gold in the world market from 1977 up to now;
 - (iv) the names of persons who import gold to Sri Lanka free of duties; and
 - (v) the names of major suppliers and countries from whom gold is imported by Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

596/19

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 08 lakhs people living in the estates;
 - (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the said programme, their names and the time period;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the programme has now come to a standstill;
 - (iv) whether the amount spent annually for this programme by the Ministry is presented; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates?
- (b) If not, why?

Monday, March 11, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

15/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of foreign students who were enrolled to the universities in Sri Lanka in the year 2017 to follow the first degree and the post graduate degree, separately;
 - (ii) the breakup of the aforesaid number of students who were enrolled to follow the first degree and the post graduate degree on the basis of the degree programme of each university, separately;

(29)

- (iii) the income generated in the year 2017 through the enrollment of the aforesaid students; and
 - (iv) whether necessary steps will be taken to enroll a higher number of foreign students to the Universities of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

76/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in respect of each district separately, the number of people affected from the flash floods that occurred in May 2018;
 - (ii) the number of lives lost;
 - (iii) the number of houses that have been damaged;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated by the government for disaster relief activities;
 - (v) the amount of money paid as compensation;
 - (vi) the number of families to whom the compensations have been paid;
 - (vii) number of families to whom the compensation have not been paid by now; and
 - (viii) the reason as to why compensations have not been paid?
- (b) If not, why?

127/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme for granting of Title deeds;
 - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the present Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his appointment to the post of Chief Minister;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

197/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the Ambassadors or the High Commissioners appointed to the United States of America, Great Britain, Australia, Japan, France, China, India and Switzerland from 2010 up to date;
- (ii) the officers who belong to the Foreign Service and the officers who do not belong to the Foreign Service, among them, separately;
- (iii) the foreign service experience and the educational qualifications of the officers of the Foreign Service as at the date of appointment; and
- (iv) the educational qualifications of the officers who do not belong to the Foreign Service as at the date of appointment?

(b) If not, why?

256/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Matale district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
- (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
- (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
- (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
- (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
- (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
- (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?

(c) If not, why?

331/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a serious shortage of bus stop shelters in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) a large number of school children use these bus stop shelters during the rainy season; and
 - (iii) the existing bus stop shelters are in a dilapidated condition as they have not been constructed according to proper standards?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to put up bus stop shelters at essential places, paying attention to the aforesaid matters?
- (c) If not, why?

360/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that remained outstanding from the Elkaduwa Plantation Company Ltd., to the Employees Provident Fund as at 08th January of 2015;
 - (ii) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount;
 - (iii) the amount of money that remained outstanding from the Elkaduwa Plantation Company Ltd., to the Employees Trust Fund as at 08th January of 2015;
 - (iv) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount;
 - (v) the amount of outstanding Gratuity in the Elkaduwa Plantation Company Ltd., as at 8th January 2015; and
 - (vi) the amount that was settled in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 out of the aforesaid outstanding amount?
- (b) If not, why?

408/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he would admit that the former Subject Minister had stated before the media that the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed a period over 8 years of service in that post would be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police;

- (ii) whether he is aware that those officers have become greatly disappointed as the aforesaid promotions have not been given to them so far;
 - (iii) whether steps would be taken to give them the said promotions accordingly; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which such promotions would be effective?
- (b) If not, why?

460/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the facts that will be taken into consideration when establishing the proposed new Local Authorities in the Putlam District; and
 - (ii) of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions that will come under the aforementioned Local Authorities?
- (b) If not, why?

487/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Local Authorities in Kandy district;
 - (ii) the names of those authorities;
 - (iii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and families that come under each of the said local authorities;
 - (iv) the local authorities proposed to be established for Kandy district anew; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to empower the local authorities in Kandy district?
- (b) If not, why?

531/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa Road Hambantota and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and

- (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

548/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a national school called Kili/Mulangavil Maha Vidyalaya in Poonagari Divisional Secretariat Division in Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) it is the Kili/Mulangavil Maha Vidyalaya that has encountered much trouble due to the shortage of teachers and non-academic staff and the shortage of desks and chairs and other resources, out of the two national schools in Kilinochchi district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Principal, Deputy Principal, teachers and the members of the non-academic staff of aforesaid school;
 - (ii) the reasons for not filling the vacancies on the minor staff of aforesaid school; and
 - (iii) whether the educational activities of the students can be promoted by not taking action to fill these vacancies?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the building requirements of this school will be fulfilled;
 - (ii) the date on which the scarcity of desks and chairs will be completely met; and
 - (iii) the date on which action will be taken to fill the vacancies of the staff of this school?
- (d) If not, why?

561/'19

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the amount spent for the foreign tours made by officers for making orders for goods and for quality testing in implementing the locally funded and foreign funded projects of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board during the period from the year 2010 up to now is included into the cost of the project or the Board;
 - (ii) whether all the details in that regard will be submitted;

(34)

- (iii) whether attention will be paid to bring the samples of the relevant goods or making quality testing having brought the said goods to Sri Lanka Ports Authority in order to minimize the huge loss incurred as a result of the fact that officers make foreign tours from time to time to make quality testing of the ordered goods though their duties are covered during that period of time; and
 - (iv) if not, whether action will be taken to implement any other suitable system to make the quality testing of goods?
- (b) If not, why?

564/19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that Thalasaemia patients have been reported from every Divisional Secretariat division in the North Western Province at present;
 - (ii) the Thalasaemia prevention unit of the National Thalasaemia's Centre attached to the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital is rendering a great service to those patients;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, that unit has not received required human resources and other physical resources including vehicles; and
 - (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to provide the physical and human resources required to that unit?
- (b) If not why?

583/19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether companies involved in tea and rubber industries have been granted a two year tax exemption in accordance with the proposal No. 161 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether the list of companies that the tax exemption was granted will be submitted, according to the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) the tax revenue lost by the government by granting the aforesaid tax exemption?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, March 12, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

16/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of State Counsels and State Attorneys in the Attorney General's Department, separately;
 - (ii) Separately, of the requisite number of State Counsels and the State Attorneys for the efficient execution of the duties of the Attorney General's Department; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies in the Attorney General's Department?
- (b) If not, why?

77/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the annual coconut production recorded in Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) the annual export volume of coconut during the aforementioned period; and
 - (iii) the annual import volume of coconut during the aforementioned period?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the steps taken by the government to remedy the decline in the coconut yield due to unfavorable weather conditions that prevailed in the recent past;
 - (ii) whether the farmers were provided with fertilizer at concessionary prices;
 - (iii) if so, of the quantity of fertilizer provided and the number of farmers that received fertilizer;
 - (iv) of the number of acres of coconut cultivation that is covered under the above; and
 - (v) if fertilizer subsidy has not been granted up to now, of the date on which it will be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

128/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Dengue fever has spread throughout the country;
 - (ii) if so, separately, in respect of each local government authority, the number of people died of Dengue fever from the year 2015 to date;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the spread of Dengue fever was due to the failure of the local government authorities to discharge their duties; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures initiated by the Ministry to empower local government authorities to prevent the spread of Dengue fever?
- (b) If not, why?

204/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the financial allocations made for the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine pertaining to the year 2017, by way of the Budget, supplementary estimates and the other additional provisions ;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent by the aforesaid Ministry in year 2017;
 - (iii) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made;
 - (iv) of the balance amount of financial allocations; and
 - (v) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made?
- (b) If not, why?

239/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates on which the water project named “Visal Dambulla” was commenced and completed;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for it;

(37)

- (iii) the number of water connections given under the aforesaid project ;
 - (iv) the number of Grama Niladhari divisions in which the aforesaid water connections have been given along with the names of those Grama Niladhari divisions; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide water connections to the rest of the people in Matale district who are facing with difficulties in getting water?
- (b) If not, why?

261/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Jaffna district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

334/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there are a number of issues when providing the Samurdhi relief in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the persons eligible for the Samurdhi relief are not receiving it; and
 - (iii) Will he inform this House the date on which the issues pertaining to providing of Samurdhi relief will be addressed after focusing attention on this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

362/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate labourers who served in 2002 in the Bopitiya estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate labourers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired labourers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid Labourer, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

463/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those tanks;
 - (iii) the number of families that occupies without permission and engages in agricultural activities at present in the lands that belong to each of the aforesaid tanks, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to evict the families that occupy without permission and engaging in agricultural activities in the lands that belong to the aforesaid tanks ?
- (b) If not, why?

489/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools in the Kandy District which are under the administration of the Central Province;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools separately on the basis of the Education Division;
 - (iii) out of the schools coming under the administration of the Central Province, of the names of schools which were closed down between year 2010 to date; and
 - (iv) methodology adopted by the Ministry to re-open the schools closed down, or to ensure the optimum utilization of the resources of such schools?
- (b) If not, why?

515/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the National Housing Development Authority has recruited officers under the “Participatory development programmes” from 2015 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such officers;
 - (iii) if a monthly salary or an allowance is paid to those officers, the amount so paid;
 - (iv) whether he submits a document containing the details of each officer so recruited such as the name, address, National Identity Card number, Grama Niladhari division and Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (v) the amount of money allocated to implement the relevant projects; and
 - (vi) the results expected of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

526/'19

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit the fact that an injustice has been caused to the people living in the up country owing to the abolition of the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department established to develop the upcountry region, by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the development benefits accrued to the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to that Authority;
 - (iii) the functions performed and the projects implemented by that Authority;
 - (iv) the people held the post of Chairman and held institutional responsibilities of the upcountry Development Authority;
 - (v) the jobs and the member of jobs given to the people of the poor villages in the upcountry region by the Upcountry Development Authority; and
 - (vi) the number and the names of projects initiated by the Upcountry Development Authority to enhance the quality of life of the people in poor villages?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to recommence the Upcountry Peasantry Rehabilitation Department; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

532/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, — To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports, —(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a security deposit of Rs. 500,000/- is obtained from workers migrating for employment in Korea through the Foreign Employment Bureau; and
 - (ii) it poses a major problem to young men and women with economic difficulties when they migrate to Korea for employment?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to repeal this law?
- (c) If not, why?

550/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan, — To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are twenty five Cricket Associations in the twenty five districts in the island ;
 - (ii) the reasons for approval has not been granted for the establishment of the cricket association in Kilinochchi district yet;
 - (iii) the reason for the Kilinochchi district cricket association has not been registered in the Sri Lanka Cricket yet though applications have been submitted for it several times; and
 - (iv) the assistance granted by your Ministry to the Kilinochchi district cricket association after the year 2010?
- (b) If not, why?

584/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, — To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will table a list of investors and enterprises subjected to difficulty by the Revival of Underperforming Enterprises or Underutilized Assets Act, No. 43 of 2011 as per Budget Proposal No. 206 of the Budget 2016;

(41)

- (ii) what courses of action were taken by the Government to give relief or facilitate the enterprises which were put to difficulties by Act, No. 43 of 2011; and
 - (iii) what new laws have been introduced or are intended to be presented to protect local and global investors as per the aforesaid Budget Proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

17/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately on per year basis —
- (i) the number of women that went abroad to work as domestic workers;
 - (ii) the number of mothers among those women who went abroad to work as domestic workers; and
 - (iii) the number of women who returned to Sri Lanka after being subjected to abuse and the number of women who died;
- from year 2005 to present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether she admits that migration of mothers who have young children cause harmful effects on such children; and
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry will take steps to prevent mothers of young children from migrating to work as domestic workers?
- (c) If not, why?

78/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the number of coconut trees that were destroyed by the drought condition in 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) if so, that number;
 - (iii) the districts that were severely harmed by the drought; and
 - (iv) whether he will explain the impact the said harm caused on the coconut production ?

(42)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to plant coconut saplings in place of the destroyed coconut trees, by now;
 - (ii) if so, the number of coconut saplings distributed;
 - (iii) whether those coconut saplings have been distributed free of charge;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money spent by the government on that;
 - (v) if not, the amount charged on a coconut sapling; and
 - (vi) if coconut saplings have not yet been distributed, the date they will be distributed?
- (c) If not, why?

129/’18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;
 - (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
 - (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. and the names of government institutions to which is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?
- (b) If not, why?

198/’18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House –
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan Foreign Missions functioning overseas;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance of each of the aforesaid Missions in the year 2017; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent for the maintenance of the Foreign Missions from the year 2013 to 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

257/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Batticaloa district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said rehabilitation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the rehabilitation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

332/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of fishermen engaged in fresh water fishing in the tanks of Anuradhapura district do not have permanent housing still;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps taken to address that housing problem; and
 - (iii) of the date by which housing project in this regard is expected to be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

461/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the period from the year 2010 up to now—
 - (i) the sources of income of the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) the income and the expenditure of the North Western Provincial Council in each year, separately;
 - (iii) the annual recurrent and capital expenditure of the North Western Provincial Council, separately; and
 - (iv) the fields in which expenses were made under recurrent and capital expenditure, separately?

(44)

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that are taken by the Ministry to guide the North Western Provincial Council in accordance with the best financial management policies of the Government of Good Governance ?
- (c) If not, why?

585/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Securities Investment Account System was abolished in accordance with the Budget proposal No. 208 of 2016;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) the responses received so far to the request made to Sri Lankans who keep their money overseas to bring them back to Sri Lanka by the above proposal; and
 - (iv) the manner through which the Minister of Finance obtained the legal power to precisely mention that legal measures will not be taken by the government against any person who remits the money kept overseas through the bank account system to Sri Lanka, in accordance with the above budget proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, March 14, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

18/'18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to Embilipitiya Base Hospital—
 - (i) the number of wards;
 - (ii) the number of beds for patients; and
 - (iii) the number of surgical theatres?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that though this hospital provides services covering a large area, it does not have enough facilities to facilitate for the provision of services to such a large area; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why ?

130/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wjesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a school called Ba/Karandagahamada Vidyalaya in the Meegahavkivula Education Zone in the Viyaluwa electorate;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the number of students and the number of teachers in the said school;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, in the absence of a permanent ground, the sports meet of the said school was held on a nearby road;
 - (iv) the measures to be taken to address the shortcomings in this school located in a remote area?
- (b) If not, why?

200/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the financial allocations made for the Ministry of Education pertaining to the year 2017, by way of the Budget, supplementary estimates and the other additional provisions;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent by the aforesaid Ministry in year 2017;
 - (iii) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made;
 - (iv) of the balance amount of financial allocations; and
 - (v) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made ?
- (b) If not, why?

258/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Hambanthota district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;

(46)

- (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

333/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Galnewa town in Anuradhapura district which belongs to the Mahaweli Zone is a town which has not been subjected to any development plan up to now; and
 - (ii) this highly populated town has been reduced to one which lacks any standard?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which work to develop Galnewa town in line with standards will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

361/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of estate labourers who served in 2002 in the Hanthana estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate labourers who went on retirement from 2000– 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired labourers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Trust Fund (ETF), Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid Labourer, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

462/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officials of the Northwestern Provincial Council who undertook foreign tours since the 'Good Governance' government assumed office;
 - (ii) the names and posts of officials who thus undertook foreign tours; and
 - (iii) the countries they toured; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the method adopted by the North-Western Provincial Council in selecting officials for foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

533/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) electronic and print media published in January 2017 that the Ministry of Education will take action to recruit 2753 teachers with formal training in psychological counselling;
 - (ii) the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms too issued a statement on 11.08.2017 confirming this;
 - (iii) a large number of graduates who studied philosophy and psychology remain unemployed at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to recruit 2753 teachers with training in psychological counselling as reported by the media;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such recruitments will be made?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, March 15, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

19/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with respect to each year of—
 - (i) the total capital and reserves;

- (ii) the income on the shares and the income on the assets received;
- (iii) the total number of employees and the total expenditure per employee;
- (iv) the non-recurrent expenditure;
- (v) the amount paid to the government by way of taxes; and
- (vi) the profit or loss;

from the inception of Lankaputhra Development Bank up to now?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the above information in comparison to a Bank in the private sector?
- (c) If not, why?

79/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of chicken required for the monthly consumption of this country;
 - (ii) of the monthly chicken production of this country?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which chicken is imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the quantity of chicken imported to Sri Lanka, monthly;
 - (iii) of the countries to which the chicken is exported;
 - (iv) of the quantity of chicken exported, monthly?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the areas where the farms that the chicken is produced, are mostly found;
 - (ii) of the production cost of a kilo of chicken;
 - (iii) of the stock price of a Kilo of chicken in the market by now;
 - (iv) of the assistance provided by the government for chicken production and the sale?
- (d) If not, why?

240/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons to whom permits have been issued by the Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division to engage in sand mining in the Mahaweli River;

(49)

- (ii) of the names, addresses and the contact numbers of the aforesaid persons;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that an adverse environmental impact is caused to the Mahaweli river along the Wilgamuwa area as a repercussion of the issuance of these sand mining permits; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to avert this destruction?
- (b) If not, why?

259/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Kilinochchi district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

488/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of international schools in Kandy District;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforementioned schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to regulate activities of the said international schools such as the recruitment of teachers and levying of fees?
- (b) If not, why?

534/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. Susantha Amarasinghe residing at No. 656/102/5 of Gogintota, Wattala has made 12 innovations including the carpeting of roads and the manufacture of bricks reusing the waste materials, in consequence of the long term research conducted by him;
 - (ii) this has been publicized through print media on many instances;
 - (iii) a request, seeking assistance for the development of this industry enabling Mr. Amarasinghe to serve the country through this, has been made from your ministry as well;
 - (iv) however, no assistance has been provided yet;
 - (v) attempts are currently made by the foreign representatives to purchase his technical competence, using various brokers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps would be taken to introduce the innovations of Mr. Amarasinghe to the country;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid steps are;
 - (iii) of the date on which the aforesaid steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

586/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he acknowledges that as per budget proposal No. 209 of the 2016 budget, it has been mentioned that the sea route passing Hambantota port is used by nearly 35,000 ships including 4,500 oil tankers and proposed to encourage the private sector to engage in deep sea bunkering;
 - (ii) the measures taken hitherto in making the above proposal a practical reality;
 - (iii) whether a competitive transparent bidding process was adopted to issue licences for the said purpose as per the above proposal; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the parties which obtained licences for deep sea bunkering?
- (b) If not, why?
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Saturday, March 16, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

20/18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the names of the suppliers who provided meat varieties for the food of the Sri Lanka Army during the period from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) the manner in which the meat suppliers are selected for the Army;
- (iii) separately the amount of money annually paid to each of the meat variety during this period;
- (iv) the outstanding payment which is yet to be settled for the said purpose; and
- (v) separately of the annual requirement of each of the aforesaid meat variety?

(b) If not, why?

80/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the total number of eggs that are required for monthly consumption in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the total monthly production of eggs in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the names of the countries from which eggs are imported to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the total number of eggs that are imported monthly;
- (iii) the names of the countries to which eggs are exported from Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) the total number of eggs that are exported from Sri Lanka monthly?

(c) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the names of the areas where layer poultry farming is mostly distributed;
- (ii) of the production cost of an egg;

- (iii) of the current wholesale price of an egg in the market; and
- (iv) of the concessions that have been granted by the government for entrepreneurs engaged in the production and sale of eggs?
- (d) If not, why?

132/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a place of tourist attraction known as “Lunugala Besamwala” in the Badulla district; and
 - (ii) that place and its environment have been affected by severe environment pollution?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps the Ministry intends to take to minimize environment pollution taking place at that place?
- (c) If not, why?

203/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa, - To ask the Minister of Megapolis & Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the financial allocations made for the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development pertaining to the year 2017, by way of the Budget, supplementary estimates and the other additional provisions;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent by the aforesaid Ministry in year 2017;
 - (iii) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made;
 - (iv) of the balance amount of financial allocations;
 - (v) of the percentage of aforesaid sum as against the total allocations made ?
- (b) If not, why?

260/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major irrigation schemes renovated in Trincomalee district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;

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- (ii) of the estimated amount for each renovation work, separately;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the said renovation work;
 - (iv) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted;
 - (v) of the physical and financial progress of the renovation work of that contract with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports relevant to that renovation work will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in renovation work; and
 - (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

535/'19

Hon Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) earth has been removed up to 4 feet on the left and right banks of Kelani river at Raggahawatta area in Kaduwela and concrete pillars constructed in constructing the outer Colombo circular road; and
 - (ii) Raggahawatta and Hewagama areas which suffer from floods every year will suffer ever severely owing to this reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether banks that were cut would be brought back to their previous state in order to prevent the people in the area from being harmed by severe floods that would occur owing to the river banks being cut?
- (c) If not, why?

549/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a national school known as Kili/Kilinochchi Central College in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) this college, which is one of the two National schools in the kilinochchi district is functioning with shortage of teachers, shortage of staff, shortage of desks and chairs and other resources?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the name of the principal, deputy principal, teachers and members of the non-academic staff of aforesaid college;
 - (ii) the reasons for not making arrangements to fill the vacancies of the non-academic staff of this college; and
 - (iii) whether educational activities of the students can be developed by not making arrangements to fill these vacancies?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the date, the building needs of this college will be fulfilled;
 - (ii) the date, the shortage of desks and chairs will be fully met; and
 - (iii) the date, the vacancies of the staff of this college will be filled?
- (d) If not, why?

587/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that it was proposed to provide government land in Hambanthota and Trincomalee to promote the ship building, ship breaking and ship repair industry as per budget proposal No.210 of 2016;
 - (ii) of the extent of government lands in Hambanthota and Trincomalee districts in hectares, according to the official reports compiled by the district secretary;
 - (iii) of the extent of land productively utilized and unutilized out of those government lands identified by the government, separately; and
 - (iv) of the extent of land distributed and the persons to whom lands were distributed as per budget proposal No.210 of 2016 and on what conditions?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, May 10, 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 11/' 18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

P. 12/' 18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

P. 13/' 19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

P. 14/' 19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in Kandy District since this District is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

P. 15/' 19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivation in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

P. 16/' 19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

P. 17/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Prevention of the spreading of epidemics due to inclement weather conditions,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to prevent spreading of epidemics since Public Health Inspectors have pointed out that there is a risk of spreading of rat fever, diarrhoea and other communicable diseases in the affected areas after the floods caused by inclement weather conditions have subsided.

P. 18/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

P. 19/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promoting Judo in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that, as there are a large number of players in Kandy District who are talented in playing judo, steps be taken to promote judo in Kandy District so that these players can be upgraded to the international level.

P. 20/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

P.21/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

P. 22/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the good governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

P.23/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of a Kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

P. 24/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people in Baththalangunduwa island,— That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under good governance government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

P. 25/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquatic plants cultivation project in Puttalam district,—That this Parliament resolves that an aquatic plants cultivation project be implemented in Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquatic plants and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aquatic plants at present.

P.26 /'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

P. 27/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

P. 28/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a hotel school be established in Puttalam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttalam district as a tourism zone under the good governance government.

P. 29 /'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the present government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western Province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

P. 30/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

P. 31/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Launching an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial to the economy of the country .

P. 32/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

P.33/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad social security network embracing all sectors,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

P. 34/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for kidney patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a hospital be established for the kidney patients in North Western Province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North Western Province, in recent times.

P. 35/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of Thalassaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

P. 36/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Development of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an accelerated program be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

P. 37/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela who lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme be implemented to provide relief to those people.

P. 38/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to transport the production of the vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

P. 39/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

P. 40/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to control the floods that constantly affect Ratnapura District during periods of inclement weather.

P. 41/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

P. 42/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Formulation of a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura District due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura District, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

P. 43/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P. 44/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of Psychological Counselors or Advisors with special training to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

P. 45/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

P. 46 /'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

P. 47/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,— That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.
