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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Regulations under the Trust Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms under Sections 115A read with Section 6A and Section 19A of the Trust Ordinance (Chapter 87) regarding Information relating to Express Trusts and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2108/10 of 28th January 2019, which were presented on 22.02.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 relating to Vehicle exhaust emission standards and Safety Measures/ Standards and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/45 of 25th January 2019, which were presented on 20.02.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, March 15, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

113/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Auditor-General has sent to the Chief Secretary of the Uva Province the inquiry report No. SIN/B/AG/KI/2017/02 dated 20.04.2017 in respect of the irregularities that have taken place and are taking place in the Uva Provincial Council?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he would present to this House the facts contained in the paragraphs from 2(a)(i) to (x) of the aforesaid report which disclose information regarding the appointment of advisers of the Chief Minister of the Uva Province; and
 - (ii) whether observations that have been presented in paragraphs from 2(a) (i) to (xiii) in regard to the aforesaid disclosures will be presented to this House?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Monday, March 18, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/'18

Hon. Heshu 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,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the legal basis on which the Presidential Task Force on Energy Demand Side Management was established;
 - (ii) of the key task performed after the establishment of that institution; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that a result proportionate to the investment made in that institution has not been achieved?
- (b) If not, why?

65/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in respect of each year separately, the estimated amount of money for a milch cow when milch cows are imported to Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) in respect of each year separately, the amount of money paid when the milch cows mentioned in above (i) are imported;
 - (iii) the number of unproductive and dead cows out of the milch cows that were imported;

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- (iv) the amount of money spent to develop the infrastructure facilities for the imported milch cows;
 - (v) the amount of money charged per one cow when these cows are sold to private entrepreneurs; and
 - (vi) the criteria that have been taken into consideration when the private entrepreneurs are selected to provide milch cows?
- (b) If not, why?

116/'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) of the schools that are governed by the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the number of buildings that have been provided to the aforesaid schools out of the provisions allocated to the provincial council, by the Chief Minister of the Uva Province after his appointment;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the schools to which buildings have been provided;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of the companies and the persons that have been entrusted with the aforesaid construction; and
 - (v) separately of the amount of money that has been spent by the provincial council on the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

214/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Peliyagoda Central Fish Market Complex was opened;
 - (ii) the income earned by the Sri Lanka Fisheries Corporation of Sri Lanka since the day the vehicle park of that market complex was opened;
 - (iii) whether a portion of the income from that vehicle park goes to a private company;
 - (iv) if so, the amount that goes annually;
 - (v) whether a tender procedure was followed in awarding the task of collecting the above money to that private company; and
 - (vi) if so, the other companies that submitted tenders for that?
- (b) If not, why?

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624/'18

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— 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 income and profit earned by Lanka Phosphate Company Limited at present;
 - (ii) the person who has been serving as its Chairman from the year 2015;
 - (iii) separately, the number of official vehicles, fuel allowance, salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (iv) the total amount paid to him from the year 2015 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether other allowances have been paid in addition to the approved allowances;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so paid;
 - (iii) as to who has granted permission for such payments?
- (c) If not, why?

320/'18

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a policy is implemented by the Ministry of Education with effect from 2018, to transfer the principles who have served in national schools for a period of more than 8 years;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the principles and the national schools proposed for the transfers;
 - (iii) whether an assurance will be given to the effect that the national school system will not collapse and the education level of these schools will not deteriorate owing to these transfers; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken in appointing new principles to these schools?
- (b) If not, why?

378/'18

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road from Polegoda to Ihala Welgama in the Bulathsinhala Divisional Secretariat Division is impassable due to the landslide that occurred in the area named 1st Mile Post, as a result of the floods and landslides experienced on 27.05.2017;

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- (ii) around 10,000 to 15,000 people who used this road in the areas of Omaththa settlement, Omaththa Colony, Gampalakanda, Wavulakanda, Muduna, Bategalla, Thennahena, Samagipura, Ihala Welgama, Gallanamulla, Henyaya and Atahawulhena situated in the Grama Niladhari divisions of number 819G Muduna, 819H Gamage Watta, 824 Thennahena and 825 Ihala Welgama, are facing severe hardships; and
 - (iii) measures are yet to be taken to renovate this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether expeditious measures will be taken to renovate the aforesaid road which is impassable due to the damages; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time the renovation will begin and when it is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

391/'18

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a programme is being implemented to install solar powered electricity generators at sacred places and other public places;
 - (ii) if so, separately of the amount of money that will be spent on each of those projects; and
 - (iii) of the name of the institute through which the aforesaid programme is implemented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether a name board will be erected for each of those projects; and
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money that will be spent on a name board?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the action that has been taken by the government by now to preserve the Kuragala archaeological site;
- (b) If not, why?

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66/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an archeological site with a historical value has been destroyed utilizing machinery in the Belungala, Puugollagama of the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division in the district of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for that;
 - (iii) whether ancient ruins can be seen in the relevant land;
 - (iv) whether any assumption has been made regarding the period to which the aforesaid ruins belong; and
 - (v) of the owners of this land?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the officer who authorized the aforesaid activity;
 - (ii) whether permission for the aforesaid activity has been granted by the Department of Archeology; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken against those who contributed towards the destruction of this archeological site utilizing machinery?
- (c) If not, why?

122/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of two storied and three storied buildings built by the Uva Provincial Education Department in Badulla district separately from year 2010 to up to date;
 - (ii) Names and addresses of the schools where the buildings were constructed;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the persons/institutes that obtained contracts of constructing the buildings;
 - (iv) the amount of money paid for each person/institute for the construction separately; and
 - (v) the methodology and adopted by the Provincial Education Ministry when awarding those contracts?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

323/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the bus stand in Kekirawa has not been renovated methodically since the year 1977 to date and that it is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) people are greatly inconvenienced as a result and those manoeuvring buses inside this bus stop too has become very difficult?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to renovate this bus stand in future; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

386/'18

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total length of the Southern Expressway;
 - (ii) of the estimated cost for the construction of the Southern Expressway;
 - (iii) of the number of those who lost their lands and other property due to the construction of the aforesaid expressway;
 - (iv) whether due compensation has been paid to those people as at present; and
 - (v) if so, of the total amount of money that has been paid as compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the total income that the government earned from the Southern Expressway in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (ii) of the total amount that was allocated on repairs of the Southern Expressway in the aforesaid years?
- (c) If not, why?

673/'19

Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha,— 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 a World Bank funded project called CRI is implemented under the Ministry of Irrigation;
 - (ii) of the projects proposed under the said project by now; and
 - (iii) of the progress of the Wee Oya project in Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat Division, which is among the said projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the progress of the project known as Rue-castle under the CRI project in Deraniyagala or Dehiowita Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether the plan of that project will be submitted to this House;
 - (iii) whether Deraniyagala town will be submerged as a result of this project;
 - (iv) of the estimated cost of this project; and
 - (v) whether that estimate and the plan will be submitted to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

411/'19

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that –
 - (i) Excise Inspectors refused to serve at the Excise Duty Division that has been established under the Department of Excise for the implementation of Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989;
 - (ii) Director General of National Budget in terms of Financial Regulation 71 has approved 10 posts in the cadre of Excise Inspectors in order to promote the sub-inspectors to the post of Excise Inspector who were recruited for the purpose of implementing the duties coming under the purview of the post of Excise Inspector in terms of the aforesaid Act;
 - (iii) the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media has approved filling of the vacancies in those approved posts by way of promoting the Sub-inspectors attached to the Excise Duty Division of the Department of Excise; and
 - (iv) approval has been granted to fill those 10 posts by giving promotions through a test?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether Excise Duty Sub-inspectors have been promoted to the post of Excise Inspector; and
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the officers that have been promoted?
- (c) If not, why?

416/'19

Hon. Gamini Lokuge,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees who were serving at the Central Cultural Fund as at 15.01.2015, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 up to 15.05.2018, separately;
 - (iii) whether such recruitment has been done in accordance with the personnel management plan of the Central Cultural Fund;
 - (iv) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (ii) above;
 - (v) of the number of permanent, casual and contract basis employees recruited to the Department of Archaeology from the Central Cultural Fund from 15.01.2015 to 15.05.2018, separately; and
 - (vi) of the amount spent out of the Central Cultural Fund per month for the salaries and allowances of the employees mentioned in (v) above?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, March 21, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

21/'18

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a water project was planned to be initiated in Werahera, Godakawela in the district of Rathnapura but it was suspended on the way; and
 - (ii) the residents of the area are severely inconvenienced owing to this?

(10)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the construction work of the aforesaid project will be expedited as planned;
- (ii) whether provisions have been made for that; and
- (iii) if so, of the date on which its construction work would be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

123/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House –

- (i) whether a programme to provide housing aid to low income families is in progress under the Samurdhi programme;
- (ii) if so, the names and addresses of persons of Badulla district who received the housing aid in each divisional secretariat separately, after the good governance government came into power;
- (iii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to provide more housing aid to the people in Badulla district under this project, in the future ?

(b) If not, why?

244/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Madulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district, along with their names;
- (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
- (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
- (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
- (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

490/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fuel filling stations located in the district of Kandy;
 - (ii) of the addresses of the aforesaid filling stations;
 - (iii) separately, of the filling stations coming under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Indian Oil Company(IOC);
 - (iv) of the number of filling station permits that have been issued in the district of Kandy from the year 2010 to date;
 - (v) of the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained the aforesaid permits;
 - (vi) of the amount of money earned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by so issuing the permits; and
 - (vii) of the criteria considered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in issuing the permits for Fuel filling stations?
- (b) If not, why?

588/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—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 action taken to encourage private sector to manufacture Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) as per the budget proposal No. 211 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) whether a report that has been prepared on the feasibility study of the phosphate deposit of Sri Lanka will be submitted;
 - (iii) the contribution made by the public sector for the manufacture of phosphate in each year during the period from the year 1990 up to now, separately;
 - (iv) the amount by which the expenditure incurred (annually) to import fertilizer was reduced through the contribution made by public sector for the manufacture of phosphate; and
 - (v) the benefits that have been achieved through this budget proposal by now?
- (b) If not, why?

678/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families in Sri Lanka whose livelihood depend on smallholder rubber industry; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that they have been driven to a state of despair due to the decline in the rubber industry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of rubber for which the Economic Service Charge (ESC) was levied per person prior to the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the amount of the Economic Service Charge so levied;
 - (iii) of the quantity of rubber for which the Economic Service Charge is levied per person as of today; and
 - (iv) whether the Economic Service Charge has added more burden on the people engaged in the smallholder rubber industry and rubber smallholders?
- (c) If not, why?

689/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Private Ltd. during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

476/'19

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

- (a) Will He inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the person to whom a land from the Wiliyamulla Plantation belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board has been given on lease basis;
 - (ii) the extent of that land;
 - (iii) the loss incurred by the Janatha Estate Development Board owing to non-recovery of the lease from 2013 to 2015 according to the new valuation report;
 - (iv) the steps to be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
 - (b) If not why?
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Friday, March 22, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

23/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Ambewila junction to Udawela via Ranwala in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ratnapura district has fallen into disrepair as a result of not being repaired for many years?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) of the institution to which the said road belongs to;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to repair this road to be suitable for transport;
 - (iii) if so, the proposed dates for the commencement and completion of the repair;
 - (iv) the amount estimated for the development of this road; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated as of now?
- (c) If not, why?

133/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools which have technological laboratory facilities out of the schools in the Badulla district of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to improve technological knowledge of students in the Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

335/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— 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 the public is experiencing immense difficulties due to most rural roads in the Anuradhapura district being in a dilapidated state; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which measures will be taken to renovate these roads immediately?
- (b) If not, why?

456/'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) whether he is aware that there is a tank called Kinipitiya close to the historic Thaniwella Devala, Madampe;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands cultivated using water from the said tank;
 - (iii) the number of farmers thus benefitted;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the tank is in a dilapidated condition today with a dense growth of various aquatic plants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry for the speedy renovation of the said tank?
- (b) If not, why?

536/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a lottery called Mahajana Sampatha 'Raja Dinuma' is drawn by the National Lotteries Board;
 - (ii) the National Lotteries Board published an advertisement to the effect that a brand new hybrid motor car will be awarded in the 3328th draw of the aforesaid lottery;
 - (iii) Mr. K.W. G. B Kapukotuwa of Kalamuna, Madugalla, Ududumbara won the motor car in the aforesaid draw;
 - (iv) the aforesaid motor car was handed over to Mr. Kapukotuwa in the premises of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation on 25.01.2017 ;
 - (v) when the Registration Certificate of the vehicle was examined it was evident that he had been given only a reconditioned motor car instead of a brand new car; and
 - (vi) though a complaint was made at the National Lotteries Board in this regard , no reply has been received?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to conduct an inquiry in this regard and take legal action against those who committed this fraud;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to award a new motor car to Mr. Kapukotuwa; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

589/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Small and Medium Scale Enterprise Board was set up a counter on the Stock Exchange in accordance with the proposal No. 293 of the budget of the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that industrialists are not adequately aware of this counter which is related to the realization of the great objective of providing financial facilities in a manner which is more advantageous to the small and medium scale entrepreneurs of the Stock Exchange;
 - (iii) if so, whether a description of the location of this counter and the services provided by it will be submitted; and
 - (iv) whether intervention will be made to formulate a national programme which grants financial resources for providing seed capital required for commencing small and medium scale enterprises, under concessionary conditions and interest rates keeping entrepreneurship skills as security?
- (b) If not, why?

477/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution to which the building at No.175, Vauxhall lane, belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board has been given on lease basis;
 - (ii) the period for which it had been leased out and the lease amount;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a lessee had been expelled from this building due to being default on lease payment; and
 - (iv) whether the properties belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board have been recovered from the expelled lessee?
- (b) If not why?

759/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that financial assistance is provided by the National Housing Development Authority for the repair of houses of families with kidney patients;
 - (ii) of the qualifications required and the documents to be submitted, to apply for that benefit; and
 - (iii) of the amount provided under that for the repair of a house?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of people who have applied for the aforesaid housing assistance by now per district, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of people out of such applicants who have been provided with housing assistance per district, separately;
 - (iii) of the date by which that money will be provided to all the applicants who have met the required qualifications; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to start a programme to construct houses for kidney patients, as there are such patients who live in huts with no house to repair?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, March 23, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

25/'18

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the measures the government adopts to develop rural industries in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been spent on it so far; and
 - (iii) whether the projects implemented to strengthen the rural industries system are sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

840/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— 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 arrangements have been made to construct a reservoir in Deraniyagala by building a dam across Seethawaka River;
 - (ii) if so, what the objective of that project is;
 - (iii) how landslides and floods in that area could be minimized through that?

(17)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether traditional people's lives would not be disrupted through the destruction of Deraniyagala town, historic places, areas with cultural value and agricultural and export crop cultivations as a result of the implementation of this project; and
- (ii) whether appropriate steps would be taken to resettle the people affected by this project?

(c) If not, why?

134/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names and periods of service of the members of the Public Performance Board from 2010 up to now;
- (ii) of the names of the Sinhala films approved for screening during each of those periods;
- (iii) of the names of the Sinhala films subjected to ban within each of those periods and the names of the directors of those films;
- (iv) of the reasons for the decisions taken by the Public Performance Board to ban those films; and
- (v) of the steps taken under the good governance government for the creation of quality Sinhala films free of bans?

(b) If not, why?

241/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathne,— 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 allegations leveled by the farmers to the effect that various malpractices and financial irregularities take place in the Dambulla Economic Centre when entering vehicles to the centre and when charging fees for utilizing the lavatories; and
- (ii) if so, of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to control such malpractices taking place in the Dambulla Economic Centre?

(b) If not, why?

379/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authority institutions in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
 - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
 - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills; and
 - (iv) whether there are hills of risky status among them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
 - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Local Government for it;
 - (iii) whether there is a move to secure local and foreign investments for this;
 - (iv) if so what they are; and
 - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

590/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the effort to issue Chinese Yuan and Sukuk bonds in addition to Dollar bonds, as a further step according to the proposal No. 292 of the 2016 budget, was successful?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a table which includes the details of the Dollar bonds issued by the government of Sri Lanka up to now, the date of issue of the aforesaid bonds, the amount of Dollars obtained, the interest rate and the date of maturity;
 - (ii) the year in which the highest amount of loan in the history of Sri Lanka was obtained through the issue of Dollar bonds, which was described as a system of obtaining loans at exorbitant interest rates, along with the interest rate concerned; and excessive
 - (iii) the approach of the Minister of Finance in regard to the issue of Chinese Yuan bonds and Sukuk bonds?
- (c) If not, why?

(19)

691/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— 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 of the amount spent to purchase tear gas for the use of Police Department from the year 2013 to 2017, separately with respect to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

760/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— 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 with relevance to the period from the time that former Chief of Staff of the President's staff, Dr. I.H.K.Mahanama and Mr. P.Dissanayake, the former Chairman of the State Timber Corporation started serving in public and statutory institutions up to now—
 - (i) of the positions held by them;
 - (ii) of the periods when those positions were held;
 - (iii) of the institutions where they have served in such capacity; and
 - (iv) of the allegations were and the steps taken in that regard, if any disciplinary or other allegations have been leveled against them during the said periods of service?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the person who made the recommendations to appoint Dr. I.H.K.Mahanama to the post of Chief of Staff of the President's Staff and Mr. P. Dissanayake to the post of Chairman of the State Timber Corporation?
- (c) If not, why?

Monday, March 25, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

27/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has been taking measures to bring stability to widows of Sri Lanka economically;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are;

- (iii) whether action will be taken to provide those women with necessary assistance to carry out their future affairs; and
- (iv) if so, what plans have been proposed for implementing in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

135/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of schools in Badulla district with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Technology stream classes;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers for Technology subject in Badulla district to date;
 - (iv) of the names of aforesaid teachers and the schools where they teach to date; and
 - (v) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry to popularize the technology subject among the students of Badulla district in future?
- (b) If not why?

219/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— 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 date on which the government decided to ban glyphosate;
 - (ii) of the reasons for taking such a decision;
 - (iii) of the organizations of experts or individuals who made recommendations for that ban;
 - (iv) of the date on which the government decided to lift the ban on glyphosate;
 - (v) of the reasons for taking such a decision; and
 - (vi) of the organizations of experts or individuals who made recommendations for lifting that ban?
- (b) If not, why?

245/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Rideemaliyadda Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla district, along with their names;
 - (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
 - (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
 - (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

336/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— 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 the 3 kilometer road from “Akkara 500” village belonging to the Iplogama Divisional Secretariat to Kusalagama, Kala Wewa is in a dilapidated state;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to renovate it immediately; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (b) If not, why ?

464/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of families in Puttalam district that has faced with the problem of drinking water;
 - (ii) the names of the Grama Niladhari divisions in which the such families live;
 - (iii) the steps taken under the project named “Puttalamata Navodaya” to provide solutions to the problem of drinking water;
 - (iv) the number of families that has been provided with drinking water facilities by now under the aforesaid project on the basis of Grama Niladhari divisions in Puttalam district; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve the issue of drinking water in Puttalam district?
- (b) If not, why?

491/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— 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 number of farmers engaged in Livestock activities in the district of Kandy;
 - (ii) of the measures hitherto taken with a view to uplifting the livestock activities of the said district;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the relevant officers face various obstacles when rendering their official duties; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to improve livestock development of the district of Kandy?
- (b) If not, why?

537/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the place where the diploma awarding ceremony of the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) was held so far;
 - (ii) of the place where the diploma awarding ceremony of year 2017 was held;
 - (iii) of the amount of money charged from a diploma holder in this regard last year;
 - (iv) of the amount of money charged from a diploma holder in this regard in year 2017;
 - (v) although money was charged in previous years since a payment was required to book the hall, the reason for charging money even when the hall was provided free in year 2017;
 - (vi) of the reason for shifting the diploma awarding ceremony to a remote area such as Ampara, where lodging facilities are hard to find, instead of Colombo where the ceremony was held so far?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, March 26, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

85/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— 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 areas where prawn farming is practiced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of farmers engaged in prawn farming for exporting;
 - (iii) of the annual prawn production of Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) of the annual foreign exchange received from prawn farming in Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date, separately;
 - (v) of the relief provided by the government for prawn farming;
 - (vi) whether the government will take measures to increase the foreign exchange received from prawn farming in the future;
 - (vii) if so, whether those measures will be explained; and
 - (viii) whether the measures that will be taken to strengthen the prawn farmers will be explained?
- (b) If not, why?

242/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— 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) many houses have been damaged due to the Uma Oya development project ; and
 - (ii) of the number of people whose houses have been damaged, 220 people have been informed to vacate their houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names and the addresses of the house owners to whom the notices to vacate the houses have been issued;
 - (ii) the promises that were made before they vacated their houses have not been fulfilled up to now; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of approximately 220 house owners?
- (c) If not, why?

381/'18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the Sri Lanka Scouting and Guiding Movement which completes 106 years has over 75,000 Scouts and Girl Guides affiliated to it;
 - (ii) that during the past five years, the sum of Rs. 8 million which is received by the Scout Head Quarters as earnings sent annually from the 'Job Week' of the scouts has been spent without adhering to a proper methodology;
 - (iii) that when the building which houses the Head Quarters was built, action had been taken without approval from the Scout Committee to pay to a company which had a friendly relationship with the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Nimal de Silva, a sum of Rs. 8 million as consultation fees together with a sum of Rs. 14 million for the building which had not been properly built; and
 - (iv) that the cement cottages built in the Nuwara Eliya area for a scout camp using funds earned from the scout 'job week' without obtaining proper approval from the Department of Forest Conservation were banned causing a grave financial loss;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a formal inquiry into the said misuse of funds has been started by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the progress of the said inquiry; and
 - (iii) if not, whether a full inquiry in to this matter will take place in future;
- (c) If not, why?

565/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance & Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the 'Govisetha Lottery' was started;
 - (ii) the primary objectives thereof;
 - (iii) separately, the income generated annually from the sale of the said lottery from its inception up to now;
 - (iv) of the said income, the amount given as prizes annually;
 - (v) the amount spent for the welfare of the farmer community; and
 - (vi) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to spend a higher amount for the welfare of the farmer community?
- (b) If not, why?

591/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Real Estate Trust was established as per Budget Proposal No. 290 of 2016;if not why;
 - (ii) of the parties that have been assigned the task of doing the preliminary work for setting up a Trust of that nature;
 - (iii) whether government lands have been transferred to private businessmen for mega housing projects, without establishing a Listed Unit Trust;
 - (iv) if so, what are the conditions and payments applicable in that regard;
 - (v) whether proper Cabinet approval has been granted when government lands were transferred to private businessmen for mega housing projects; and
 - (vi) if so, of the methodology adopted in selecting private entrepreneurs?
- (b) If not, why?

679/'18

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of estate families that has been provided houses under the programme to provide new houses in place of the old estate houses (line rooms); and
 - (ii) of the number of estate families that has not been provided houses up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of estate families in Kegalle district that has to be provided houses under the programme to provide houses;
 - (ii) the number of estate families that has been provided houses up to now; and
 - (iii) the number of estate families that has not been provided houses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several families are residing in the same estate house (line room) by now;
 - (ii) if so, whether the programme to provide new houses will be expedited; and
 - (iii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

692/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the value by which the Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated in relation to the US dollar from 09.01.2015 to 30.11.2017; and
 - (ii) the amount in rupees by which the foreign debt of the government increased due to the depreciation of the Rupee during the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

761/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— 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 aware that—
 - (i) Dr. I. H. K. Mahanama had held the post of Additional Secretary to the Prime Minister before he held the post of Secretary to the Ministry at the Ministry of Lands; and
 - (ii) as chief accounting officer during that period, he not only took decisions at Ministerial Tender Boards, but also functioned in Cabinet Appointed Tender Boards?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the periods in which Dr. Mahanama had served as Chairman/Member of the Cabinet Appointed Tender Boards, together with the positions he held in affairs such as import of pharmaceuticals;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of Chairpersons, Managing Director and Members of the Boards of Directors of establishments that had submitted tenders to the Tender Boards referred to above during such service;
 - (iii) of the establishments whose tenders were accepted from among those submitted and the prices pertaining to those tenders;
 - (iv) of the pharmaceuticals imported with quantities thereof and the countries from which they were imported on the approval of the Tender Boards in which Dr. Mahanama had been the Chairman or a Member; and
 - (v) the dates on which the Tender Board of the Ministry of Health held its meetings and the Members belonging to such Board from 2010 to date?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 27, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

29/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the loss incurred or profit earned made by the National Housing Development Authority separately from the year 2005 to date;
 - (ii) the amount of capital and reserves therewith as of today;
 - (iii) the aggregate of the short term loans, bank overdrafts, medium term and long term loans obtained by the Authority;
 - (iv) separately, the number of beneficiaries of the projects carried out by the Authority under the previous regime and the current regime; and
 - (v) the new projects proposed to be implemented by the National Housing Development Authority in future;?
- (b) If not, why?

136/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers employed in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service by now;
 - (ii) Separately of the names, designations and places of work of aforesaid officers;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies exist in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service to date and of the places of work where the vacancies exist;
 - (iv) whether Ministry has conducted competitive examinations to fill aforesaid vacancies;
 - (v) if so, of the names and addresses of the individuals who got through aforesaid examination; and
 - (vi) of the measures taken to grant appointments to aforesaid persons?
- (b) If not why?

220/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayatissa,— 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 government decided to ban the use of asbestos;
 - (ii) of the reasons for taking such a decision;
 - (iii) of the reports by committees of experts on which the government's decision for that ban was based;
 - (iv) of the date on which the government decided to lift the said ban;
 - (v) of the reasons for taking such a decision; and
 - (vi) of the experts who recommended that the use of asbestos again was suitable?
- (b) If not, why?

246/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Badulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Badulla district, along with their names;
 - (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
 - (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
 - (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted ?
- (b) If not, why?

337/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) out of the total number of garment factories functioned in Anuradhapura district fifty percent have been closed by now;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to reopen those garment factories under government sponsorship providing a solution to the unemployment of the youth in the area;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

465/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a road known as ancient Ambalam rural road that run from wanathavilluwa Pubudugama fisheries village to Redbana fisheries village; and
 - (ii) that road is in a severely dilapidated condition at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps the Ministry intends to take to develop this road in order to help ease the lives of the people living in that fisheries village?
- (c) If not, why?

492/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— 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 the people in Bogahakanda, Seewalikanda and Bulathgolla villages in the Kandy district are severely affected owing to non availability of pipe borne water; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps to be taken by the Ministry to provide the people in those villages with pipe borne water?
- (b) If not, why?

538/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) high marks are given to persons who produce deed of transfer, deed of gift and indenture of lease as proof of residency when admitting children to Dharmaraja College, Kandy;
 - (ii) the families who do not possess above mentioned deeds and living in the houses provided by the Urban Council only have tax documents issued by the Urban Council as proof of residency; and
 - (iii) since minimum marks are given for that document their children are unable to enter Dharmaraja College?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a methodology will be created to admit the children of these families who are living in these houses for generations paying rates to the government; and
 - (ii) if so, the date?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, March 28, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

243/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there is a town named Elkaduwa within the Ukuwela Pradeshiya Sabha area ; and
 - (ii) the above mentioned town has no common amenities like public toilets and pipe borne water?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop Ukuwela town?
- (c) If not, why?

363/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Bowhill estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000– 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers 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 worker, the registration number and the amount due from the ETF, EPF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

390/'18

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual usage of timber in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, how that timber requirement is met?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that timber is imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the quantity of sawn timber imported within the period from 2014 to 2016 and the value of such timber for each year;
 - (iii) of the value of timber products imported to this country as furniture within the aforesaid three years;
 - (iv) of the total amount spent on timber imported within those three years;
 - (v) of the reasons for the rapid increase in importing timber in the recent past; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken to minimize the huge amount of foreign exchange spent on importing timber to this country?
- (c) If not, why?

551/'16

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

- (a) Is he aware that the public playground that is located in the Center of the Kilinochchi town has not been made available for the use of the sportsmen of the Kilinochchi district up until now, although 9 years have lapsed since the commencement of the construction works of the same in year 2010, under the theme 'A play ground of International Standards'?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this is an international or a district level playground;
 - (ii) of the allocations made for the construction of aforesaid playground;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent during the aforesaid 9 years;
 - (iv) of the number of contractors entered into the agreements pertaining to the constructions of aforesaid playground, so far; and
 - (v) of the nature of the operations of the contractors engaged in the constructions by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to which extent, the sportsmen of the district have been inconvenienced due to the delayed constructions of this playground; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to improve the sports in Kilinochchi district?
- (d) If not, why?

566/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether shops have been constructed by Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha intending to give on lease, in the vicinity where the Aurvedic Medical Centre of Bandragama town had been located;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of shops constructed;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent and as to who provided such funds;
 - (iv) whether tender has been called in order to lease aforesaid shops; and
 - (v) separately, of the name, address, the shop number and the bid forwarded for each shop?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to make the people aware of the aforementioned tender;
 - (ii) of the name of each newspaper in which the advertisement was published, the date of the advertisement and the size of the advertisement; and
 - (iii) the venues, if publicized by banners or hoardings ?

(c) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether copies of aforesaid advertisement will be submitted;
- (ii) whether he accept the fact that a sufficient number of tenderers were not available for aforesaid tender;
- (iii) whether the recommendations will be made to call the tenders again on aforesaid shops in order to remedy the issue?

(d) If not, why?

592/'19

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

Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the measures taken to strengthen Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board as per Budget Proposal No.289 of 2016; and
- (ii) of the progress achieved up to now with respect to amending Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Act, No. 15 of 1995 of the persons who have been assigned the responsibility for that; and
- (iii) whether the manner in which the sum of Rs.100 million allocated through the 2016 budget for strengthening Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board was utilized, will be explained?

(b) If not, why?

693/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— 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) the total number of jobs that has been provided as at 31.07.2017 under the one million job programme of the government; and
- (ii) the district wise division of the aforesaid number, separately?

(b) If not, why?

762/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state on the programmes implemented in the Trincomalee district at present related to providing housing assistance, housing loans, providing equipment and constructing houses?

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- (b) Will he inform this House with pertinence to the “Grama Shakthi” Housing Assistance programme with a value of rupees five Lakhs—
- (i) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which it is implemented within the Trincomalee district;
 - (ii) of the amount of money allocated to the Trincomalee district under this;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted to select the beneficiaries and the requirements to be fulfilled;
 - (iv) of the names and addresses of the individuals who have been selected under each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (v) of the steps taken with pertinence to the complaints received to the effect that the beneficiaries are selected based on the letters issued by the organizers of certain political parties?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, March 29, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

31/’18

Hon. Hesha 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 inform this House—
- (i) of the number of cabinet, state and deputy ministerial positions in the cabinets created during each Parliament starting from the first Parliament in 1978 to Eighth Parliament, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of female ministers in each cabinet;
 - (iii) of the number of female ministers as a percentage of the total number of ministerial portfolios in each cabinet; and
 - (iv) whether the women have received a fair representation in the cabinet that is proportionate to the present women population in the country?
- (b) If not, why?

138/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that malnutrition is high among estate workers and their families in the Badulla district;
 - (ii) whether he admits that provision of a 'nutrition pack' to the aforementioned people through plantation companies parallel to the 'nutrition pack' issued by the current good governance government with the objective of improving nutrition levels of the people; and
 - (iii) if so, of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to implement such a programme through the plantation companies?
- (b) If not, why?

207/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 35 recipients of houses in Jana Udanagama, Wekada, Panadura have been living at that place from 1993;
 - (ii) the motion moved to the Panadura Urban Council by the then Panadura Urban Councilor Mr. Piyasena Fernando in 2006 that legal deeds must be given to those recipients of houses, was unanimously passed;
 - (iii) arrangements had been made by the Panadura Urban Council in 2014 to survey those lands and grant deeds upon obtaining a Survey order; and
 - (iv) the motion was once again unanimously passed by the current Urban Council of Panadura in May 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that recipients of houses in Janaudanagama, Wekada have not yet received deeds; and
 - (ii) the date, the deeds will be granted?
- (b) If not, why?

338/'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 risk of the washing away of the tank embankment owing to the absence of the break water in the Nachchaduwa Tank; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which arrangements would be made to construct the break water with a view to ensuring the safety of the tank embankment?
- (b) If not, why?

493/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of bus stands in Kandy district;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the bus stands;
 - (iii) the number of bus stands developed by utilizing the allocations of the Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government since the government of good governance came to power and their names;
 - (iv) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to develop the other bus stands?
- (b) If not, why?

516/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre of the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the permanent, casual, special project and trainee staff serving in National Housing Development Authority as at 31.12.2014, separately;
 - (iii) of the permanent, casual, special project and trainee staff in National Housing Development Authority as at 30.09.2017, separately; and
 - (iv) whether a list of the names, addresses of the persons employed in each staff mentioned above as at 30.09.2017 along with Grama Niladhari Division and the Divisional Secretariat Division in which they live will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

539/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Service Extensions are granted up to 60 years of age according to the service extension policy of the People's Bank;
 - (ii) this policy of granting Service extensions is used by the management of the Bank to suppress the trade union leaders who exposed corruption in the Bank;
 - (iii) accordingly, the release that had been granted to Mr. S. K. D. Hewapathirana the former President of the People's Bank branch of the Lanka Bank employees association who demanded a transparent investigation on the digitalization of the Peoples Bank was cancelled at first;
 - (iv) subsequently, the management has made arrangements to send him on retirement without granting the extension of service sought by him; and
 - (v) the investigation demanded by him too was not conducted?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Service Extension sought by Mr. Hewapathirana would be granted;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) whether the investigation demanded by Mr. Hewapathirana would be conducted?
- (c) If not, why?

680/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the welfare facilities provided by the government for the adults (over 60 years) in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the percentage of adults population in Sri Lanka in respect of each year in 2001 and 2011;
 - (iii) according to the projections, the approximate percentage of the adult population in Sri Lanka by 2021;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the percentage of adult population in Sri Lanka is rapidly increasing annually; and
 - (v) if so, whether any programme has been launched to ensure the safety and welfare of the adult population which is rapidly increasing?

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(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether the Identity Card for senior citizens issued to the adults has been able to provide for the relief that the government intended to provide; and
- (ii) whether your ministry will intervene and exempt the taxes imposed on fixed deposits of senior citizens?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) the number of elder care homes in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the criteria that have been adopted to consider the standards of the elder care homes?

(d) If not, why?
