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Second Reading.
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Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
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Tuesday, June 04, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

23/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Ambewila junction to Udawela via Ranwala in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in 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;

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- (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?

76/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration & Disaster Management,—(2)

- (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?

134/'18

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

- (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?

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219/'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 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?

240/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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;
 - (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?

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255/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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 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?

335/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is aware that the public is experiencing immense difficulties due to most of the 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?

381/'18

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(3)

- (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;

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- (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?

490/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (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?

536/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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. Kapukotuawa; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

565/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (2)

- (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,—(2)

- (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,—(2)

- (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?

693/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

759/'19

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

- (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?
 - (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?
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Thursday, June 06, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

29/'18

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

- (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?

80/'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 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?

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- (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?

136/'18

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

- (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?

194/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the foreign tours that the Presidents of Sri Lanka engaged in and the objectives of such tours from 2013 to date;
 - (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?

242/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

261/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—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 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?

336/'18

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

- (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?

373/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate labourers who served in 2002 in the Rahathangoda 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?

437/'19

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

- (a) Will He inform this House—
 - (i) The extent of land belonging to the Janata Estate Development Board that has been given to outsiders on lease basis as at 30.06.2018;
 - (ii) The name, address, lease period, the extent of land leased out and the lease amount of the persons and institutions they have been given to; and
 - (iii) Whether the properties have been valued according to the rates in the open market and lease amount charged accordingly in leasing out these lands?

- (b) Will He inform this House—
- (i) if the persons who leased those lands have sub-leased them, what those lands are;
 - (ii) the name, address, lease period, the extent of land and the lease amount of the persons to whom those lands have been sub-leased separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money the Board lost as a result of not updating the levying of lease and illegal sub-leasing; and
 - (iv) the measures that can be taken against sub-leasing in terms of the lease agreement?
- (c) If not, why?

449/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that the Jayathilaka stadium at Nawalapitya was developed as a comprehensive stadium with a swimming pool, an indoor stadium, an auditorium and an indoor boxing ring at a cost of 350 million rupees out of the Fund of the Ministry of Sports with the aim of promoting sports in the village;
 - (ii) he accepts that the aforesaid stadium was maintained properly by the Nawalapitiya Municipal Council by the latter half of the year 2014 under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that there was no proper maintenance, renovation or management in the aforesaid stadium during the last three years; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken by the Ministry of Sports to take over this stadium as well under its purview and maintain it as is done in regard to other stadiums like this?
- (b) If not, why?

505/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that from 2004 onwards, the people residing in the area adjoining Sisili Hanaro (Pvt) Ltd. in Mulleriyawa suffer owing to the smoke resulted by the combustion of chemical waste of the hospitals of the Western province throughout the 24 hours;
 - (ii) that the requirements stipulated by the World Health Organization (WHO) have not been met when this company was established;
 - (iii) that the recommendation of the Regional Medical officer of Health has not been obtained with pertinence to getting the license of the Central Environmental Authority; and
 - (iv) the conditions laid down in the license are severely violated?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a proper evaluation which has been done through a scientific study on the environmental pollution which causes health hazards to the people of the area is available in this regard;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken by the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine in view of minimizing the inconveniences caused to the people;
 - (iii) if not, of the short term and long term measures that can be taken to put an end to this trouble;
 - (iv) whether it is possible to establish a centre for the combustion of the clinical waste in Sri Lanka as per the criteria stipulated by the WHO;
 - (v) whether the relevant plans have been formulated by the government by now; and
 - (vi) if so, of the date on which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

566/19

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

- (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; and
 - (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?

760/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

840/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— 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) 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; and
 - (iii) how landslides and floods in that area could be minimized through that?

(16)

- (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?

863/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. G. M. W. M. Premathilaka and his ancestors have resided on the land called Thalawa in Udamadura, Nildandahinna, for over 100 years;
 - (ii) they planted about 13 Turpentine trees on one border of their land in 1986;
 - (iii) those plants had been provided to them by the tobacco companies at that time to be used for day to day firewood requirement; and
 - (iv) even though several letters had been sent to the Forest Officer of the area and the Divisional Secretary seeking permission to fell some of the mature Turpentine trees to thatch the roof of the very old house that they occupy because that roof is near collapse, permission has not been granted up to now to fell those trees?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will look into this matter and take steps to grant Mr. Premathilaka permission to fell the 13 Turpentine trees they had planted, to enable him to repair his house?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, June 07, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

24/'18

Hon. Hesha Vithanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a telephone tapping system has been brought to or installed in the country to listen to or record telephone conversations taking place over telephone networks operated in Sri Lanka?
 - (ii) if so, the value of said system;
 - (iii) the number of telephones covered by that system; and
 - (iv) the object of bringing down such a system?
- (b) If not, why?

79/'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) of the quantity of chicken required for the monthly consumption of this country; and
 - (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (iv) of the assistance provided by the government for chicken production and the sale?
- (d) If not, why?

143/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether institutions undertaking matters of garbage management exist under the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) if so, of the names and addresses of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) whether officers of the aforesaid institutions have participated in trainings on Garbage Management from the year 2010 to date;
 - (iv) if so, separately of the names and positions of the officers who participated in those programmes, the cities in which the workshops were conducted and the expenditure borne;
 - (v) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry regarding garbage management, utilizing the expertise and experiences of the officers who underwent foreign training?
- (b) If not, why?

220/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

243/'18

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (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?

251/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—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 minor, medium and major irrigation schemes rehabilitated in Kandy district in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) of the estimated amount for each rehabilitation 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 with relevance to each of the aforesaid years;
 - (vi) whether the feasibility study, environmental and engineering reports with regard to aforesaid rehabilitation work will be submitted;

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- (vii) whether tenders were called for the silt, soil or sand removed in such rehabilitation work; and
- (viii) if so, whether a list of names of the contractors who obtained those tenders will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

342/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several years have lapsed since the laying of a foundation stone to build a bridge connecting the village Sriimagama in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division and Kalawewa; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which that construction is expected to be commenced?

(b) If not, why?

427/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the area brought under pepper cultivation in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the pepper yield of this country from 2015 to 2018, separately for each year;
- (iii) of the amount of pepper exported from this country from 2015 to 2018, separately for each year;
- (iv) whether an amount of pepper exceeding that produced locally, has been exported within the said years;
- (v) if so, whether pepper is imported to Sri Lanka; and
- (vi) of the countries from which pepper is imported to Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that only a few high level businessmen enjoy benefits as a result of importing pepper to Sri Lanka while it is destroying pepper cultivation in the country causing injustice to the innocent pepper farmers;
- (ii) whether any programme is implemented to uplift pepper industry again;
- (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
- (iv) of the date on which that programme will be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

435/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution which organized the Felicitation ceremony which was conducted in the Nelum Pokuna Theatre on 31.07.2018 where the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine was awarded with the “Suwapathi Kirula” title;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money which was spent on the aforesaid event;
 - (iii) of the institution which borne the relevant expenditure;
 - (iv) separately of the duties rendered by each of the aforesaid institutions and the amount of money spent by each, if the relevant expenditure has been borne by several institutions; and
 - (v) of the objectives behind the organization of an event of the above nature?
- (b) If not, why?

438/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will submit a detailed description of the statutory allowances paid to the employees of Janatha Estate Development Board, including the benefits of the Employees Provident Fund and the Employees Trust Fund, during the period from the year 2015 up to 2018, separately for each year;
 - (ii) the cumulative total of the allowances that have not been paid yet, separately for each year; and
 - (iii) the number of cases filed by the Labour Commissioner's Office in regard to the non-payment of the contributions of the aforesaid Funds?
- (b) If not, why?

444/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to shift Trincomalee Deputy Land Commissioner's Office outside the District Secretariat building where the same is housed, presently;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons;

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- (iii) separately of the names, designations, and the nationalities of the officers employed in aforesaid office; and
- (iv) separately, of the persons for whom the solutions have been offered with regard to the land matters, since 2008 to date, as per their nationalities?

(b) If not, why?

450/'19

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— 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 a public market has been constructed in Nawalapitiya town by the Urban Development Authority under the Nawalapitiya Urban Development Programme;
- (ii) of the institutions that disbursed money for the land in which the public market is constructed and for the construction work of the public market;
- (iii) of the annual rent collected by the Nawalapitiya Urban Council from the shop keepers of the public market in the year in which it was commenced;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the present Urban Council has increased the annual rent by 1500%;
- (v) whether he admits the fact that the businessmen are unable to pay the aforesaid rent, which has been increased by 1500% at once; and
- (vi) whether he will instruct the Nawalapitiya Urban Council to review the aforesaid situation again and fix a reasonable rent?

(b) If not, why?

466/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Puttalam district faced a severe drought situation during the last 3-4 months;
- (ii) whether it is admitted that coconut cultivation was immensely affected due to this drought; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to provide any kind of relief and aid for the coconut cultivators of Puttalam district who were affected from the drought?

(b) If not, why?

468/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of domestic airports;
 - (ii) the locations of those domestic airports;
 - (iii) the number of aircrafts that are used for domestic flights; and in Sri Lanka at present, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that have been taken to develop domestic flight facilities since the government of Good Governance came to power?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a possibility to implement a Cable car project in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, whether locations where such Cable cars can be used, have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, what those locations are; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to commence this project;

since such cable cars have been set up in other countries in order to attract more tourists to places of interest to tourists?
- (d) If not, why?

506/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that it has been disclosed by the Price Water House Coopers audit firm that corruption and frauds have taken place in the Lanka Puthra Bank during the period in which the position of the CEO was held by Mrs. Shiromani Wickramasinghe, the sister of Ajith Niwad Cabral, the former governor of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) that loans had been granted to persons with political affiliations contravening the Bank Act from the year 2006 to 2014; and
 - (iii) that certain loans had been granted without considering the repaying ability keeping as sureties, the lands possessed by the government, lands possessed by the temples, barren lands and quartz depicted as gems?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the persons and institutions that have obtained loans in this manner;
 - (ii) of the loan amount obtained by each of the aforesaid persons and the institutions;
 - (iii) of the amount that has been hitherto paid back, out of the aforesaid loans;
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken against the then Board of Directors including the CEO that approved the grant of such loans;
 - (v) if so, of the progress of the legal proceedings; and
 - (vi) if not so, whether proper legal measures will be taken pertaining to this matter?
- (c) If not, why?
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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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 42/'19

Hon. Heshu 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. 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 the 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 Puttlam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a hotel school be established in Puttlam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttlam 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. 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, Dambadeniya 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. Heshu 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. Heshu 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. 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. 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.

P. 49/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Upliftment of betel cultivation,— Cultivation of betel is the livelihood of a large number of people in Gampaha and Kurunegala districts and it is an agricultural crop, the export of which has brought foreign exchange to the country and on account of the imposition of heavy taxes on the imported betel by Pakistan which is one of the key buyers of betel from Sri Lanka as well as due to a number of other local issues relevant to the cultivation, the price of betel has plummeted to a very low level and the activities of the Betel Research Centre too have become irregular against this backdrop and therefore this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to boost the betel cultivation in order to uplift betel farmers who have been severely inconvenienced in the face of these difficulties and making the government interventions more efficient to find new export markets.

P. 50/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Releasing the guarantors from the list of guarantors who have been blacklisted by the Credit Information Bureau,— That this Parliament resolves that a relaxed policy be adopted in relation to guarantors as property guarantees as well as personal guarantees are obtained by the commercial banks operative in the country in providing credit facilities to the citizens of the country for various purposes and even though the guarantor is helping the debtor, a serious injustice is caused by blacklisting the guarantors together with the debtors in case of default by the debtor making the guarantor unable to obtain bank loans until such loan is settled, creating a situation that can have adverse impact on the emergence of new entrepreneurs as well as the Gross Domestic Production.

P. 51 /'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction of amendments to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the view to operating private higher education institutes with higher standards,— Presently, there is a tendency of establishing large numbers of private higher education institutes in Sri Lanka, and since a systematic education system contributes to the development of a country, the establishment of private higher education institutes is advantageous for a country in many aspects, but as it is very important to provide education from these institutions in conformity with accepted standards so that the quality of the education provided by these institutions is maintained, as the existing system of laws is not strong enough to maintain the services provided by private sector higher education institutes at a higher standard by reviewing the course contents of those institutions through the intervention of experienced scholars and educationalist, that this Parliament resolves that amendments to the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 be introduced.

P. 52/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Protecting depositors by amending the relevant Acts relating to operation of private financial institutions,— As there are occasions where issues arise related to the protection of depositors when depositing money with private financial institutions, since the existing legal provisions are not strong enough to carry out the business functions of private financial institutions so that the protection of the depositors is ensured, that this Parliament resolves that Companies Act No. 7 Of 2007 be amended and Insolvency Law be strengthened promptly, and, in support of those laws, the Secured Transactions Act No. 49 of 2009 and Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Acts No. 1 and 19 of 2011 be amended in order to create strong financial sector in the country.

P. 53/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Production of Minor Export Crops in Proper Standards,— Production of minor export crops that are not up to the proper standards exert a harmful impact on the cultivators as well as on the country as whole, and increasing exports is important for increasing the government revenue, but the high reputation that Sri Lanka's minor export crops had earned globally has been tarnished due to deceitful acts such as adding urea to *goraka*, and, as the overseas demand for Sri Lanka's minor export crops has declined consequently resulting in a drop of prices in the local market as well, that this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken to correct this situation and to protect the quality of Sri Lanka's minor export crops.

P. 54 / 19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction and Establishment of the Entrepreneurial Banking System,—That this Parliament resolves that the Entrepreneurial Banking System be established in Sri Lanka due to the inadequacy of the financial assistance extended by the commercial banks of the country towards the empowerment of small and medium scale entrepreneurs, and since the tendency of creating new entrepreneurs may escalate as a result of popularizing the Entrepreneurial Banking System which is utilized in the advanced countries of the world and due to the possibility of understanding the requirements for the young entrepreneurs who come to the bank with innovative ideas and providing the financial facilities needed while extending support towards the development of the country by generating employment opportunities and increasing the national production as a consequence of its' specific features like the provision of business knowledge and continuous protection to the customers.

P. 55 / 19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Monitoring Ayurvedic Spas,— That this Parliament resolves that a socially beneficial and favourable situation be established by bringing Ayurvedic Spas under constant monitoring of institutions and Local Authorities which have the authority to register these Spas in order to prevent misdemeanors which take place in many Ayurvedic Spas since the increasing of Ayurvedic Spas in many parts of the island should be beneficial to the society too, while the creation of entrepreneurs is beneficial to the country.

P. 56 / 19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Counting the community that was counted under the Head of “Indian Tamils” under the Head of “Upcountry Tamils” at the future censuses,— That this Parliament resolves that the community that was brought into this country from India and is counted under the Head of “Indian Tamils” be counted under the Head of “Upcountry Tamils” at the censuses to be conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics in future as their citizenship becomes problematic when they are called “Indian Tamils” though they enjoy full citizenship at present by identifying themselves as “Upcountry Tamils”.

P. 57 / 19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of a Sinhala medium teaching section in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

P. 58 / 19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— Taking expeditious action towards eliminating the expansion of invasive plant species which swiftly expand in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken towards the complete elimination of the expansion of these invasive plant species which has at present become a serious threat to the existence of plant and animal categories, since a significant number of invasive plant species are spreading in Sri Lanka and since it has been confirmed through the researches done in the respective areas that the Bee community is endangered and gravely threatened by the planting of trees like Acacia, which have been planted on road sides of the island and in public places like the cemeteries and play grounds by certain organizations and individuals.

P. 59/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Taking measures to allocate the ownership of estates among the workers having converted them into small holdings, with a view to administer the Plantation Sector through a novel system,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the government to maintain a sustainable administration in the plantation sector, which is deemed as a major export income sector, by allocating the ownership of the estates among workers, having converted them into small holdings with a view to administer the sector through a novel system with the state intervention, reversing the privatizations that have currently been done, since the estate sector of Sri Lanka possesses a long history and since new cultivations including Oil Palm have entered the plantation sector during the last 25 years and since the improper, privatized management in the plantation sector has led to the degradation of this sector and since an economic and social environment conducive for the workers to engage in their jobs with confidence, is not prevalent in the estate sector.

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

26/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of complaints regarding rapes, sexual abuse and child abuse received by Sri Lanka Police from the year 2012 up to now, separately in respect of each District; and
 - (ii) of the number of complaints out of those complaints, in respect of which investigations have been completed?
- (b) If not, why?

81/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of job opportunities generated by now under the government scheme to generate one million jobs;
 - (ii) of the employment programmes implemented for the graduates;
 - (iii) of the number of graduates recruited under these programmes;
 - (iv) of the number of graduates directed towards the private sector; and
 - (v) of the number of graduates directed towards government jobs?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) of the number of persons recruited to permanent positions in the government service;
- (ii) of the number of persons recruited to casual posts in the government;
- (iii) of the number of persons recruited to government from each district; and
- (iv) separately of the number of persons attached to government departments, corporations etc.?

(c) If not, why?

144/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 owners of rice mills that have been registered with the Paddy Marketing Board;
- (ii) separately on small and medium-scale basis, of the names and addresses of the aforesaid owners of rice mills; and
- (iii) of the methodology adopted by the Ministry in selling paddy to private rice mill owners?

(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 and Youth Affairs,—(2)

(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; and
- (iv) separately, of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour?

(b) If not, why?

232/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of universities coming under the purview of the University Grants Commission;
 - (ii) whether he will submit a list of the aforesaid universities and the faculties affiliated to the said universities; and
 - (iii) the number of students studying in the aforesaid universities and the faculties at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether external degree courses are conducted in the aforesaid universities and faculties;
 - (ii) of the number of students who have got registered for external degree courses in each of the aforesaid universities and faculties, separately; and
 - (iii) of the fees charged by each university and faculty for external degree courses, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) of the accounts in which the amounts paid by the students who have got registered for external degree courses in each university and faculty are deposited;
 - (ii) of the present balances of the aforesaid accounts;
 - (iii) whether the amounts credited to the aforesaid accounts are coming under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance or Ministry of Higher Education or any other government institution; and
 - (iv) if so, what such institutions are?
- (d) If not, why?

262/'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 Trincomalee 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?

343/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Hindu Kovil in Kekirawa town is in a very old and dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) of the date on which this Kovil will be made available to the devotees for worshipping after speedily completing the restoration going on at snail's pace at present?

(b) If not, why?

429/'19

Hon. Kanaka Hearth,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will He inform this House—

- (i) Whether a new rural development programme known as 'Gamperaliya' has been started;
- (ii) if so, the nature of the rural projects implemented under that;
- (iii) of the methodology of obtaining development proposals for this and the committee through which such proposals are obtained; and
- (iv) the value of the allocations made to an electorate through this?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the methodology through which contracts of these projects are intended to be handled?

(c) If not, why?

439/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the number of advisors and public relations officers that had been recruited to Road Development Authority without its approval by 31.12. 2016, separately;

(36)

- (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid persons, the allowance paid to them, the projects to which they have been attached, the methodology adopted to recruit them their educational qualifications and other qualifications and the privileges provided to them, separately;
 - (iii) the number of persons out of them, who are in service presently; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

446/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) why the security provided to the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has not been increased since DIG Nalaka Silva, who is accused of hatching a conspiracy against them, had contacts with a LTTE member, Tamil diaspora and a notorious underworld member;
 - (ii) the reason for not providing bullet proof vehicles or such facilities to the President and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence since they engage in various public meetings and other activities throughout the country; and
 - (iii) the reason for IGP to retain the said DIG in service while the inquiry was on since technical evidence related to the incident can be destroyed within 05 minutes as stated by Namal Kumara who divulged information in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

467/'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 local government authorities situated in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) of the names of them;
 - (iii) of the number of children's parks managed by each local government authority;

- (iv) of the names of them;
 - (v) of the annual allocations provided by the Ministry for the development of each children's park from year 2010, separately; and
 - (vi) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to further develop these children's parks and future measures that will be taken?
- (b) If not, why?

496/'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 living in Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat Division are suffering a severe water shortage;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Ma Oya originates from the catchment areas of Rakshawa and Asu Pini Ella located in this Division;
 - (iii) whether the water will be provided to the people in the electorates such as Aranayake and Mawanella using the waters of the Ma Oya which flows through the aforesaid catchment areas;
 - (iv) whether it would not be reasonable to provide water first to the people in Ganga Ihala Korale, who have been affected by the shortage of water, and then to the people in other areas; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to provide water to the people in Ganga Ihala Korale and also to the people in Aranayake and Mawanella without creating any issue?
- (b) If not, why?

567/'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) separately of the profit earned/ loss incurred by the Paddy Marketing Board annually from year 2010 onwards;
 - (ii) separately of the quantity of paddy purchased from farmers of each District during each season in each year within the aforementioned period; and
 - (iii) if the Paddy Marketing Board has incurred any losses during this period, of the reasons that caused those losses?
- (b) If not, why?

595/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether an institution called 'bond clearance' office was established for the development of the government securities market in keeping with proposal number 286 of the budget of 2016;
 - (ii) whether he will explain how the Rs.500 million allocated from the consolidated fund of the government for the establishment of a sales structure under the supervision of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was utilized;
 - (iii) of the nature of the behaviour displayed by foreign investors in the government securities market from 2015 to 2017; and of the US Dollar value of investments recalled by them on each of the aforementioned years; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to attract foreign investors to the Sri Lankan securities market from year 2018 onwards?
- (b) If not, why?

597/'18

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether applications have been called from areas like Medirigiriya of the District of Polonnaruwa, for granting lands in the Mahaweli zones;
 - (ii) of the number of applications that has been received regarding land grants in the Mahaweli zones; and
 - (iii) of the methodology that will be adopted when selecting the prospective applicants for granting lands out of that list?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 19, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

30/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— 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 measures taken to develop the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka, so far;
 - (ii) of the amounts of money allocated to the fisheries sector from 2005 to 2017 in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (iii) whether the amounts of money so allocated were sufficient for each year?
- (b) If not, why?

86/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of nurses serving in government hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the hospitals that have male nursing vacancies;
 - (iii) of the number of prevailing vacancies;
 - (iv) of the reasons for the creation of such vacancies; and
 - (v) of the measures that have been taken to minimize the difficulties faced by patients due to the prevailing nursing vacancies in hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether gazette notifications have been issued calling for applications to fill the relevant vacancies;
 - (ii) of the recruitment qualifications for the post of nursing officer; and
 - (iii) of the date when the vacancies will be filled, if measures are yet to be taken to fill them?
- (c) If not, why?

145/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of places identified by the National Building Research Organization within Badulla district as landslide prone areas;
 - (ii) the names of those places; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to safeguard the lives of the people residing in those risky places?
- (b) If not, why?

210/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water supply and Higher Education—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of students studying in Advanced Technological Institute in Labuduwa, Galle;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to build a hostel for those students;
 - (iii) if so, the place in which the hostel will be built;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated for that; and
 - (v) the time that will be taken to complete the construction of that hostel?
- (b) If not, why?

263/'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 Kurunegala 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?

344/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that teachers find it difficult to teach the subjects assigned to them at school as a result of granting appointments not relevant to the subjects of the graduates when graduate teaching appointments are granted;
 - (ii) whether there is any method to change the subjects of the teachers who have been granted appointments by now; and
 - (iii) if not, of the possible solution for that situation?
- (b) If not, why?

430/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of railway stations belonging to the Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (ii) of them, the number of railway stations that need to be developed;
 - (iii) the number of railway stations developed since 2015 and their names; and
 - (iv) the railway stations that are to be developed in future?
- (b) If not, why?

540/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Air Vice Marshall K. T. B. G. Jayampathi of Sri Lanka Air force, having obtained a permit on 08.01.2008 for the import of a car on concessionary basis had got his vehicle released from the Customs;
 - (ii) though the said officer can obtain another car on concessionary basis only after five years, having submitted an application again for the import of a car on concessionary basis on 14.01.2011 with the recommendation of the then commander of the Air force and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, he had obtained the relevant permit on 07.06.2011 and imported a motor car; and
 - (iii) he has thus violated the provisions of circulars?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the legal action constituted against this officer; and
 - (ii) the legal action constituted against the then Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and the commander of the Air force for issuing recommendations for the import of a motor car under the concessionary basis in breach of the regulations of the relevant circulars?
- (c) If not, why?

568/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the number of families affected due to the drought in Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the number of families for which the drought relief was provided and the water was supplied by using bowsers;
 - (iii) of the measures that would be taken by the Ministry to provide further relief to the people affected by the drought that is prevalent in Kurunegala district;
- (b) If not, why?

600/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of the salary that is paid to the manpower workers of the Piliyandala Regional Office of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board; and
 - (ii) of the amount of the salary that is paid to the workers of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether employing manpower workers paying a lower salary is not a way of obtaining labour in an unfair manner whereas the Board requires the service of the manpower workers;
 - (ii) as to why accounts details are not given to those manpower workers for the Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Employees Provident Fund (EPF) contributions charged from those workers; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to recruit these manpower workers to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board?
- (c) If not, why?

628/'18

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of paddy land in Ampara District which was not cultivated due to the shortage of water which prevailed during the Yala season of 2018;
- (ii) whether compensation will be paid to paddy land owners who were unable to cultivate due to the above reason;
- (iii) if not, whether some other reasonable means of relief will be arranged for the benefit of the aforementioned farmer families?

(b) If not, why?

630/'18

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of vacancies in the post of Director and Assistant Director in the Department of National Archives as at 30 September 2018;
- (ii) of the date on which the aforementioned posts became vacant; and
- (iii) of the reasons why steps have not been taken up to now, to fill the aforementioned vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

638/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a statement has been recorded from the former Deputy Inspector General of Police who was in charge of the Terrorism Investigation Division in regard to the conspiracy which is said to have been made by him against the President and Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence;
- (ii) whether an investigation has been conducted in regard to the his official, residential and mobile telephone calls; and
- (iii) whether the security of Namal Kumara who is said to be the Operational Director of “Dushana Virodee Balakaya” will be assured until the veracity of the fact that he said to have received life threats is confirmed?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the current situation of this incident in a manner in which the future legal action in that regard is not disturbed?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether action will be taken to enhance the security of the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa even though the security of the President can be determined in accordance with his discretion?
- (d) If not, why?

674/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Maha Wewa bridge situated at Grama Niladhari Division No.635 in Kekirawa Pradeshiya Sabha area of Anuradhapura district is in a dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) an estimate, requesting funds for the renovation of the bridge has been forwarded to your ministry by the Commissioner of Local Government of the North Central Province;
 - (iii) the Secretary to the Ministry has not provided funds for the purpose so far; and
 - (iv) around 7000 farmers living in 8 villages will face difficulties in transportation if the bridge is destroyed during the upcoming rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to renovate this bridge; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that will take for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why ?

945/'19

Hon Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Miss F. Ziffa of No. 7/3, Temple Road, Udathlawinna, Madige in Kandy District lives with total disability;
 - (ii) whether Miss Ziffa, who is 15 years old, will be provided with the medical/monthly financial assistance that is provided to persons with disabilities?
 - (iii) whether he is aware that, despite the Director of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities has been informed of this matter through the letter No. MSS/2017/WZ/07 dated 04.07.2017 of the subject Ministry, providing this financial assistance is being delayed; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide the aforesaid financial assistance to Miss Ziffa promptly?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, June 20, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

38/'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) whether he is aware that the weekly fair conducted temporarily near the replica of Buddha Gaya situated at Mahiyangana town turns into a mess during rainy days; and
 - (ii) if so, the prompt measures that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the Mahiyangana weekly fair?
- (b) If not, why?

87/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date and place, the foundation stone was laid for the inception of Volkswagen factory;
 - (ii) of the extent of land earmarked for the purpose;
 - (iii) whether the said construction has commenced;
 - (iv) if so, the progress of the construction;
 - (v) whether the manufacturing process has commenced after the completion of the construction;
 - (vi) if so, the number of vehicles manufactured by now; and
 - (vii) if not, will the reasons be mentioned?
- (b) If not, why?

146/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a number of villages in the Uva Paranagama electorate are subjected to the threat posed by leopards;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of those villages; and
 - (iii) of the steps that are taken by the Ministry to free those villages from the threat posed by the leopards?
- (b) If not, why?

211/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the electricity board started to buy electricity from Ace Power Embilipitiya Pvt. Ltd;
 - (ii) the price paid per one unit during that period;
 - (iii) the total amount of money paid to the Ace Embilipitiya Power Plant during that whole period; and
 - (iv) the amount invested by the company that owned the power plant?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the agreement was extended after purchasing electricity for a period of 10 years;
 - (ii) the reasons for the extension of the agreement;
 - (iii) whether the approval of the Public Utility Commission has been obtained for that;
 - (iv) if so, whether that approval will be tabled; and
 - (v) whether all the agreements signed with the Ace Embilipitiya Power Plant will be tabled?
- (c) If not, why?

264/'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 Kegalle 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?

345/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a scarcity of teachers for teaching the subjects of Islam and Buddhism in a number of schools in the North Central Province; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

431/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether he admits that the Sri Lanka Railways, which is one of the main modes of transport in Sri Lanka, is faced with the problems of not being punctual, not running railways properly and over crowdedness;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that;
 - (iii) the number of trains of running condition in the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
 - (iv) whether they can meet all the railway transport requirements in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) if new Power Sets have been added to the railway service after 2014, what they are?
- (b) If not, why?

545/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a large number of individuals who applied for the Elders' Allowance which is provided to the citizens above 70 years have not received the said allowance;
 - (ii) when inquiries are made in this regard at the Divisional Secretariats, it is stated that arrangements would be made to provide the allowance to the remaining individuals as per the number of vacancies created among those who are already provided with the Elders' Allowance?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of individuals who have been provided with the Elders' Allowance after the appointment of the incumbent subject minister;
 - (ii) whether arrangements would be made to provide the Elders' Allowance to those who have applied but not hitherto received the allowance; and
 - (iii) if so, with effect from which date will it be done?
- (c) If not, why?

569/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Kidney patients reported from Kurunegala district since year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) separately, in terms of each Divisional Secretariat Division, of aforesaid number of patients;
 - (iii) of the measures that the Ministry has taken to provide medical facilities and other facilities to aforesaid patients; and
 - (iv) of the measures that the Ministry takes in controlling the Kidney disease that spreads rapidly in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

601/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Independence Television Network, which had once been rated No. 01, has now fallen down to the 06th position; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons that led this Television Network to the present situation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the annual income of the Independence Television Network in years 2014 and 2017;
 - (ii) whether an arrangement is underway to sell the Independence Television Network;
 - (iii) whether salaries of the employees of this institute are being paid utilizing the money in the fixed deposits of the institute; and
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

629/'18

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of paddy land cultivated under the Rambukkan Oya Reservoir project of the Mahaoya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Ampara District in the Yala season of 2018;

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- (ii) of the extent of land which can be irrigated in future under the aforementioned irrigation project; and
- (iii) of the steps taken to achieve this?

(b) If not, why?

631/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of Indian or Pakistan nationals who have been awarded Sri Lankan citizenship in each year from 1947 to 2000?
- (b) If not, why?

756/'19

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not admitting the students of Royal Primary College, Polonnaruwa, who have passed Grade 5 to Grade 6 of Polonnaruwa Royal Central College; and
 - (ii) the solutions that will be provided in relation to the secondary education of the students who had their education up to Grade 5 at Royal Primary College?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is intended to provide secondary education for the students of Royal Primary College, Polonnaruwa, who have passed Grade 5 within that school itself;
 - (ii) whether immediate and long term plans have been developed to improve the other facilities of that school for that purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, what those plans are?
- (c) 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 and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

769/'19

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Ltd. of East Hewagama Subdivision is facing a situation where daily services required by the people cannot be provided because of an irregularity that had taken place involving deposits amounting to Rs.54 crores deposited with the Rural Bank branches of the said Multi-purpose Cooperative Society;
 - (ii) the depositors and members of the Multi-purpose Cooperative Society are facing a problematic situation as a result of not being able to withdraw the deposits;
 - (iii) the employees of the Multi-purpose Cooperative Society might even lose their jobs as a result of this situation; and
 - (iv) the entire co-operative system is facing the danger of degeneration as relevant services collapse day by day owing to this fraud?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary action will be taken to solve this crisis speedily?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 21, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of Udagam Housing Projects that were commenced during the period from 2010 to 2015;
 - (ii) of the methodology that was adopted in selecting the recipients of houses of those housing projects;
 - (iii) of the total number of persons to whom relief has been received through those projects as beneficiaries; and
 - (iv) whether he will admit that taking necessary action through National Housing Development Authority to provide adequate assistance to the homeless people of the country has been neglected?
- (b) If not, why?

89/'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 of—
 - (i) the annual big onion requirement for consumption in Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) the amount produced locally out of the said amount;
 - (iii) the areas where big onion cultivation is done locally;
 - (iv) the number of farmers who cultivate big onion;
 - (v) the extent of land brought under big onion cultivation; and
 - (vi) the annual big onion harvest in each year from 2015 up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the relief measures made available to big onion farmers to strengthen them; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken in future to promote big onion cultivation ?
- (c) If not, why?

138/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure & Community Development,—(2)

- (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 Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (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?
- (c) If not, why?

265/'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 Puttlam 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;

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- (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?

346/'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 Galnewa bus stand situated in the Mahaweli 'H' Zone of Anuradhapura district is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) of the date it will be renovated and ready for public use?
- (b) If not, why?

409/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to years 2015 and 2016 separately—
- (i) of the value of the profits in US dollars that were generated from foreign investments in Sri Lanka and were withdrawn from the country during the aforesaid years;
 - (ii) of the extent of the impact that were caused to the value of the rupee as a result of the withdrawal of the profits in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the benefit that Sri Lanka received through employment opportunities and the other benefits received from each investment?
- (b) If not, why?

453/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the functions of the National Council for the Elderly and the National Secretariat for Elders;
 - (ii) of the programmes that were implemented in 2017 for promoting public welfare; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent of those programmes?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the number of the elderly in the population in Sri Lanka is rapidly increasing at present;
 - (ii) the majority of the elderly do not have any means making a living;
 - (iii) they do not have adequate knowledge about ways of making a living; and
 - (iv) they have been rendered helpless as their children have refused to look after them?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the nature of the measures that will be taken to remedy this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

516/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

541/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) motorcycles were provided to police officers at a concessionary price of Rs 150,000/- a few years ago;
 - (ii) no conditions were imposed in providing those motorcycles;
 - (iii) nonetheless, almost all retired police officers who obtained motorcycles have been pressured to pay a sum between Rs 150,000-200,000;
 - (iv) they have been informed by their places of work that the payment of pensions would not commence until the settlement of the said amount; and
 - (v) a large number of police officers are in a state of despair over a long period of time due to the non-receipt of their pensions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be drawn up without delay to pay pensions to these officers; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

570/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on milk powder imports to Sri Lanka from the year 2010 up to now separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the names of companies that import milk powder to Sri Lanka and the names of their products?
- (b) If not, why?

633/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on a per year basis separately—
 - (i) the number of persons that were sent or went to reside in India from Sri Lanka under various agreements and laws during the period from the year 1948 up to 2015;
 - (ii) the number of persons that went to India as refugees during the period from the year 1983 up to 2009; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who returned to Sri Lanka out of the persons that went to India as refugees during the period from the year 2009 up to 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

681/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of aeroplanes of Sri Lanka Airlines; and
 - (ii) separately, of the period for which aforesaid each aeroplane has been used?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the period for which the aeroplanes that were returned to the respective Airlines at the completion of lease agreements had been used;
 - (ii) whether the aeroplanes older than the ones which were returned are still being used by Sri Lankan Airlines under lease agreements;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for retaining older aeroplanes this long; and
 - (iv) of the criteria adopted in such retention?
- (c) If not, why?

762/'19

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

- (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?

- (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?

770/’19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Provincial Councils in Sri Lanka dissolved at the end of their tenure;
 - (ii) separately, of the period of time lapsed since the dissolution of relevant Provincial Councils by now;
 - (iii) separately, of the tenure remaining for the rest of the Provincial Councils apart from the dissolved provincial Councils by now; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken make the dissolved Provincial Councils functional by holding elections?
- (b) If not, why?
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