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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

39/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the national electricity supply project named “Ratama Eliyai – Andura Duralai ” was commenced;
- (ii) the number of housing units to which electricity was supplied through the aforesaid project; and
- (iii) the number of housing units to which electricity has been provided by now as a percentage of the total number of housing units existing in the country?

(b) If not, why?

90/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of land brought under potato cultivation in Jaffna district in 2017;
- (ii) whether the necessary seeds have been provided on time to farmers who cultivated potato in the previous season;
- (iii) if not, whether arrangements have been made to provide seeds necessary for red onion cultivation as an alternative; and
- (iv) of the reasons which prevented the provision of seed potatoes for cultivation on time?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the farmers' income has increased as a result of the red onion cultivation provided as an alternative;
 - (ii) if not, whether the red onion cultivations have been destroyed;
 - (iii) if so, the reason for that;
 - (iv) of the amounts paid, if compensation has been paid by the government for the destroyed cultivations; and
 - (v) if such compensation has not been provided, the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

147/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of local milk powder factories in the Uva Province;
 - (ii) names and addresses of the said factories;
 - (iii) the output of these companies up to now in respect of each year since the Yahapalana government came to power; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to solve the problems faced at present by the local milk powder companies in the Uva province?
- (b) If not, why?

209/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of passengers who travelled by train;
 - (ii) the income earned from transporting passengers;
 - (iii) the number of railway tickets printed;
 - (iv) the amount spent to print the railway tickets;
- in the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of turns that should be scheduled for the trains to transport passengers; and
 - (ii) the number of turns the trains take usually per day?
- (c) If not, why?

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247/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

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

347/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Padavi Parakramapura town is situated in a densely populated area; and
 - (ii) the town has not been properly planned?
- (b) Since it is suitable to develop this town under the city development project, will he inform this House of the date that required action be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

433/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) of the cadre of the Civil Aviation Authority;
 - (ii) of the permanent cadre and the staff employed under the contract basis;
 - (iii) separately of the age limits of the Director General, Additional Director General, Deputy Director General and the Directors in charge of the sections of the Civil Aviation Authority; and
 - (iv) of the number of consultants in the Authority and their age limits?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House whether it has been planned to deploy a group of qualified next-in-line officers to fill the vacancies created in the cadre with the retirement of the officers of the Civil Aviation Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

454/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kandy District —
 - (i) of the names of the places of tourist attraction;
 - (ii) of the names of the institutes that provide accommodation facilities for tourists;
 - (iii) separately of the number of hotels classified based on the star rating of hotels and the names of those hotels; and
 - (iv) separately of the names of tourist restaurants classified based on the tourist restaurant grading system?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to year 2017—
 - (i) of the programmes that were implemented by the Ministry for developing the tourism industry;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money that was spent on those programmes; and
 - (iii) of the names of the programmes that were implemented in order to improve the security of tourists?
- (c) Will he state of the special plans that have been prepared for attracting more tourists in the coming years?
- (d) If not, why?

518/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of mortgage loans obtained from state banks by Sri Lankan citizens from 01.01.2014 to 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) out of the above, of the amount of loans obtained by pawning Jewellery;
 - (iii) separately of the number of men and women who have obtained loans with a value less than Rs. 200,000 by pawning Jewellery; and
 - (iv) of the amount of loans mentioned in (i) above, as a percentage of the total loans issued during the said time period?
- (b) If not, why?

571/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the income that Sri Lanka earned by betel exports from years 2010 to 2014 and from the year 2017 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of families engaged in betel cultivation in Kurunegala district;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the farmers are unable to sell their betel since Pakistan, the major betel purchaser of Sri Lanka, has imposed huge taxes; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the Ministry having intervened into aforesaid situation in order to uplift the living standards of the betel farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

634/'18

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipient families as at 31.10.2018;
 - (ii) the number of persons that received Samurdhi benefits as at 31.10.2018; and
 - (iii) the difference between the number of persons that received Samurdhi benefits as at 31.12.2014 and the number of persons that received Samurdhi benefits as at 31.10.2018 ?
- (b) If not, why?

636/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House what the lottery tickets issued by the Development Lotteries Board are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, according to each year—
 - (i) the revenue earned from sales;
 - (ii) the amount or the percentage allocated as prize money from the total revenue earned from sales;
 - (iii) of the number of winners in the ascending order of the prize money won after sales; and
 - (iv) the amount left with the government annually from the unsold lottery tickets with prizes or due to unclaimed prize money; from each lottery issued during the period 2010-2018?
- (c) If not, why?

757/'19

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— 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 volume of sand issued from the Manampitiya boat landing stage via the GSMB Technical Services (Pvt) Ltd. during the period from 01.01.2019 to 31.01.2019; and
 - (ii) the manner in which priority (issuing of tokens) is given when issuing sand via the GSMB on a daily basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the revenue received by the government on daily and monthly basis for the Manampitiya boat landing stage from the GSMB;
 - (ii) separately, the total revenue received by the government according to each year via the GSMB from year 2013 to 2018; and
 - (iii) the account to which the revenue is credited to?
- (c) If not, why ?

816/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— 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 the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that officers of the Forest Conservation Department have ordered the suspension of cultivation which had been conducted up to the Maha Season of 2016/2017 since the year 1984 on lands located within the Grama Niladhari Division of Panama South in the Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to Ampara District;
 - (ii) if so, what the reasons for it are;
 - (iii) which officer gave the order for this purpose;
 - (iv) whether permission has been given to farmers to resume cultivation on the lands in question; and
 - (v) if so, on what date such permission was given?
- (b) If not, why?

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948/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that the coastal railway line from the Galle Railway Station towards Matara was renovated under the assistance extended by the Indian Government; and
 - (ii) that the new railway was constructed over the only access road to the houses and lands of Thalapitiya, Bandaranayake place and Thakkiya lane located adjoining the railway and consequentially, the residents are inconvenienced due to the unavailability of a proper access way?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to construct a protected access road to this area, which is a basic requirement of the residents?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

40/'18

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

- (a) Will inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for not having been completed yet the investigation into the display of a election propaganda hoarding (20x30 feet) in the premises of the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat during the period of the presidential election 2015;
 - (ii) the action that will be taken to expedite this investigation; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken against the sluggish manner that such investigations into the acts of corruption such as the display of election propaganda hoardings in public institutions are carried out?
- (b) If not, why?

91/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— 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) of the countries from which canned fish is imported to this country;
 - (ii) of the local companies that import the canned fish;
 - (iii) of the occasions in 2018 where canned fish was imported which was not suitable for consumption;
 - (iv) of the companies that imported such canned fish and the quantity relevant, separately;
 - (v) whether permission has been granted by the Consumer Affairs Authority for the relevant importation;
 - (vi) of the steps taken regarding the canned fish not suitable for consumption that was imported; and
 - (vii) of the companies that imported on such occasions, if canned fish not suitable for consumption had been imported on previous occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

148/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of non-academic employees serving under the Ministry of Education of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) the positions held by them currently;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that these employees have not been granted due promotions even though they have been recruited under Circular 06/2006; and
 - (iv) the measures to be initiated by the Ministry to solve their problems ?
- (b) If not, why?

225/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) a section of officers have been granted appointments for the post of Principal with effect from 13.11.2009 for a section of officers based on the Principal's Service Minute published in the Gazette Extraordinary dated 02.07.1999 and No. 1086/26, having gazetted in 2005 and conducting a competitive examination in 2006;
 - (ii) appointments for Principals have been granted in 2010, 2012 and in 2014 as per the court ruling No. 212/2010/FR and dated 26.01.2012 based on that competitive examination; and

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(iii) whether he is aware that though these appointments were given according to the service minute published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1086/26 and dated 02.07.1999 and, the in granting the promotions the conditions in the new service minute published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1885/31 and dated 22.10.2014 are applicable?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) it is unfair to grant appointments from time to time throughout a number of years for a group who faced the same examination; and
- (ii) it is unfair to offer promotions based on the new service minute and subject them to new conditions with retrospective effect?

(c) If not, why?

266/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Mannar 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?

434/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) Whether he is aware that a large number of local and foreign tourists visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and that the said orphanage generates the highest income for the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
 - (ii) of the number of foreign tourists that visited the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage from 2015 to 2018 separately as per each quarter; and
 - (iii) of the income generated by the Orphanage from the year 2015 to 2018 as per each year and quarter?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for depriving the tourists who visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage from the opportunity to feed milk to baby elephants, if such has been done;
 - (ii) the loss annually incurred by the institution owing to this situation;
 - (iii) whether a certain programme will be put in place by the government to develop the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage which is deemed as a valuable asset to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

455/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the length of the part of the Central Expressway that is constructed from Kurunegala to Galagedara;
 - (ii) of the total estimated cost for the construction of that part;
 - (iii) of the names of the locations where access and exit points will be constructed; and
 - (iv) of the dates of commencement and completion of the construction work?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid part of the expressway —
 - (i) of the total extent of lands that have been acquired as at present;
 - (ii) of the total value of the compensation that have been paid so far; and
 - (iii) of the total value of the compensation that is yet to be paid?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction work of this expressway?
- (d) If not, why?

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572/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ceylon Electricity Board has a Disaster Management Plan;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for not having such a plan;
 - (iii) whether Ceylon Electricity Board has a Business Continuity Plan; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for not having such a plan?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 11, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/'18

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action was taken to distribute 10 million LED bulbs among power consumers;
 - (ii) if so, the cost of that project;
 - (iii) whether he admits that taking action to recover the cost of the said project from consumers is unfair;
 - (iv) of the institution that monitored the said project; and
 - (v) whether he admits that the said project was a failure?
- (b) If not, why?

92/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed from year 2015 to up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of the such sites;
 - (iii) of the reasons to destroy those sites;

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- (iv) whether the persons who destroyed relevant archeological sites have been identified;
 - (v) of the punishments given to them;
 - (vi) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed by the unidentified persons; and
 - (vii) whether it could be stated the measures that will be taken in the future against the destroying of archeological sites, which signify a country's historical grandeur?
- (b) If not, why ?

149/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the quantity of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in the Yala and Maha seasons from 2010, to date in respect of each district separately;
 - (ii) out of the volume, the amount that was converted into rice and released to the domestic market; and
 - (iii) if paddy has been sold as animal feed during that period, the names of persons who bought paddy and the prices at which they were bought, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

221/'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) separately of the number of medical officers serving in Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy and Sri Lanka Air Force; and
 - (ii) separately in terms of each force the names of those medical officers and their numbers of registration with Sri Lanka Medical Council?
- (b) If not, why?

267/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Vavuniya 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?

366/'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 workers who served in 2002 in the Galaboda estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the Membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

550/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(3)

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

573/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to privatize the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) if so, of the reason behind such action;
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to prevent the incurring of losses by the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (iv) whether he admits that the method adopted to calculate the charges payable by consumers of electricity is not fair?
- (b) If not, why?

603/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the loan facility of Rs. 40,000/- that had been granted to low income earners to get the electricity supply and to pay the loan installment together with the monthly electricity bill is still being implemented;
 - (ii) if so, when wiring a house in granting that loan, whether a sum of about Rs. 21,000/- is charged for installing 05 electric bulbs, 01 plug point and the distribution board; and
 - (iii) if so, how greater is this amount as against the market price?
- (b) If not, why?

607/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the total number of units of electricity generated in Sri Lanka daily;
 - (ii) of the daily demand of electricity during the day and the night in units;
 - (iii) of the number of units of electricity contributed daily by the private sector; and
 - (iv) of the number of units of electricity generated daily through renewable energy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the primary objectives of the “Soorya Bala Sangramaya” Programme;
 - (ii) of the benefits of that programme;
 - (iii) of the role of the Ministry in implementing that programme;
 - (iv) of the names of the registered institutes that implement solar power projects; and
 - (v) of the standards that will be considered in registering the aforesaid institutes?
- (c) Will he also state whether he will admit that the Ministry does not show any considerable interest in utilizing sea waves for generating electricity despite that there are ample opportunities for utilizing sea waves as a renewable energy source as Sri Lanka is an island?
- (d) If not, why?

620/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a flyover has been constructed through Nawalapitiya town by the Road Development Authority under the Nawalapitiya town development project spending Rs.300 lakhs, with the aim of minimizing the traffic congestion in Nawalapitiya town;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the current Urban Council of Nawalapitiya is planning to demolish and sell this public property without permission of the Road Development Authority; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to stop the demolishing of this bridge constructed by the Road Development Authority, without permission from your Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

637/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House what the lottery tickets issued by the National Lotteries Board are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, according to each year—
 - (i) the revenue earned from sales;
 - (ii) the amount or the percentage allocated as prize money from the total revenue earned from sales;
 - (iii) of the number of winners in the ascending order of the prize money won after sales; and
 - (iv) the amount left with the government annually from the unsold lottery tickets with prizes or due to unclaimed prize money;from each lottery issued during the period 2010-2018
- (c) If not, why ?

676/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that,
 - (i) the Kekirawa play ground was developed by the NELSIP project at an estimate of Rs. 368 lakhs with the provisions received from Asian Development Bank;
 - (ii) the aforementioned project was abandoned as a result of irregularities that occurred during the project;
 - (iii) although the Kekirawa Divisional Coordination Committee ordered through the Commissioner of Local Authorities of Anuradhapura and the NELSIP Project Director that a report should be submitted regarding the quality control, standards and the monies spent, no action has been taken to submit such a report; and
 - (iv) corruption and fraud related to this project amounts to about Rs. 35 lakhs?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the said play ground was used to hold a musical show even before this play ground was commissioned to the public and investigations were concluded as required by Commissioner of Local Government, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Secretary to the Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) such conduct is in fact attempts to cover up the fraud and corruption?

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- (c) Will he state whether he will issue an order to expedite the investigation and to delay the use of the play ground until it is properly commissioned to the public?
- (d) If not, why?

682/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an aeroplane leased out by Sri Lankan Airlines had been sublet to another Airline by the Sri Lankan Airlines itself;
 - (ii) of the monthly lease rental paid by Sri Lankan Airlines to the Leasing Company from which the aeroplane was leased out;
 - (iii) of the monthly lease rental paid to the Sri Lankan Airlines by the Airline for which the aeroplane was sublet;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid aeroplane has been included in the Aero Operation License and Civil Aviation Registry; and
 - (v) of the registration number of aforesaid aeroplane if there is any such registration number?
- (b) If not, why?

687/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) an interview was held to select suitable candidates for the post of Divisional Child Protection Officer (Grade MA03-iii);
 - (ii) the candidates who passed the said interview have been informed that they have passed the interview and selected for the aforesaid post; and
 - (iii) Mrs. H.L.A. Lunuwila of No. 58/5, 3rd Lane, Kumbukkangaha Pokuna Rd., Udahamulla, Nugegoda was informed by the letter No. NCPA/AU/418(i)(06) dated 14.12.2017 signed by the Chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority that the relevant appointment letter will be sent to her in due course?
 - (b) Will she inform this Houses—
 - (i) whether action is being taken to recruit a group of some other persons based on political connections instead of recruiting those who were selected in the abovementioned manner?
 - (ii) whether those who passed the interview including Mrs. Lunuwila will be granted appointments; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which appointments will be given to them?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, July 12, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

41/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sports associations coming under the purview of the Ministry of Sports;
 - (ii) the manner in which elections are held for the aforesaid sports associations;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry monitors the officers elected to the positions of the aforesaid sports associations and the manner in which they function for the uplift of the sports associations; and
 - (iv) the courses of action taken against the sports associations that do not function properly for the uplift of sports but function only for fulfilling their personal requirements?
- (b) If not, why?

93/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of cancer patients reported in Sri Lanka up to date;
 - (ii) of the types of vaccines given for cancer;
 - (iii) whether a formal tender procedure is followed with pertinence to purchasing the relevant vaccines; are
 - (iv) whether it is required to obtain the cabinet approval when a bulk of highly expensive drugs are purchased?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation with relevance to the purchase of highly expensive drugs in the year 2018;
 - (ii) if so, whether the tenders submitted in that regard will be tabled;
 - (iii) whether the purchases which should have been done subject to the cabinet approval, had been done in a fraudulent manner without the approval of the cabinet;
 - (iv) whether ministerial approval has been granted for this purpose;
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken, in case if vaccines have been fraudulently purchased at exorbitant prices?
- (c) If not, why ?

150/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of villages affected by the Torque monkey menace in Badulla district;
 - (ii) the names of those villages;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the agricultural activities of the people are hampered by the Torque monkey menace which is rampant in those areas; and
 - (iv) of the steps intends to take to be taken by the Ministry to pay compensation to farmers in Badulla district whose agricultural activities have been hampered by the Torque monkey menace?
- (b) If not, why?

197/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

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

268/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in terms of each Zonal Education office, of the number of Principals employed in Monaragala district;
 - (ii) whether aforesaid Principals or the individuals who do not belonging to the Sri Lanka Principals' service, have been given principal service promotions after 8th January 2015; and
 - (iii) if so, whether there are individuals who were subjected to politically victimized among the persons who were given promotions?
- (b) If not, why?

331/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

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

367/'18

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

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

415/'19

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether he admits that posts of the Excise Inspector Grade have not been created within the Department of Customs;
 - (ii) whether the letter dated 27.03.2000 signed by the Director of Customs (Control) absorbing into the Excise Division has been signed on behalf of the Director General of Customs or the Director General of Excise;

- (iii) whether he admits that the Director General of Customs who lacks authority to act under this Excise Act has no authority to issue a letter citing an erroneous salary for a post created under the Excise Department within a context where attention is brought to the fact that the authority vested solely in the Director General of Customs under Excise Act is not exercised properly by Order No.10 of the Public Accounts Committee;
 - (iv) whether he admits that an annual salary of Rs. 95,280/- had been paid even by that time as per Circular No. 2/97 iii on the salary scale 85,440/- 5x 2460 = 97,740/-, even though the salary for the said post is given as Rs. 50,520/-7x1320-10x1560=75,360/-; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken to correct it?
- (b) If not, why?

574/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to call for tenders to build 90 Solar Power Plants with a capacity of 1 megawatt (MW) each;
 - (ii) the capacity of electricity added to the national grid under that project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the accusation that projects delay owing to calling for competitive bids?
- (b) If not, why?

639/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names and addresses of the persons in each Divisional Secretariat Division in Trincomalee District , who were selected to provide five lakhs of rupees each to construct houses along with the basis on which they were selected for granting that aid; and
 - (ii) whether the relative extra amount that is required due to the increase of the prices of stone, sand, cement, cement bricks, wood, roofing sheets including the fuel prices and lorry hire charges at the time of constructing houses than those that prevailed at the time of selecting the recipients of houses will be provided to them as they are inconvenienced as a result of it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the reason for not making the payments due to relevant local authorities for using their machinery in carrying out these housing projects?
- (c) If not, why ?

685/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land in which arecanut has been cultivated in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of the arecanut production of Sri Lanka for each year from the year 2015 to 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of dried arecanut exported by Sri Lanka during each year from the year 2015 to 2018;
 - (ii) whether the amount of dried arecanut exported by Sri Lanka has exceeded the dried arecanut production of the country during this period; and
 - (iii) of the countries from which dried arecanut is imported, if imported?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the arecanut cultivators are severely inconvenienced owing to the negative impact made on the local arecanut cultivation as a result of importing dried arecanuts to Sri Lanka and that only a few high level businessmen are benefitted and protected through this;
 - (ii) what is the programme implemented to uplift the Sri Lankan arecanut industry back again, if such programme is implemented; and
 - (iii) of the period of time that will be taken to implement the aforesaid programme?
- (d) If not, why?

696/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the members of the Weliamuna Committee which compiled a report on Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid to the members of the Committee for the compilation of the said report;
 - (iii) the number of recommendations in the said Committee report; and
 - (iv) out of the said recommendations, the recommendations that have been implemented as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

829/'19

Hon Douglas Devananda,— 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) 330 houses had been allocated by the then Ministry of Resettlements, Rehabilitation and Northern Development for the Settikulam Divisional Secretariat Division in Vavuniya District;
 - (ii) 40 beneficiaries from the five villages, namely Neriyaikulam, Illuppeikulam, Veppankulam, Alagapuri and Adampankulam belonging to Neriyaikulam Grama Niladhari Division in Vavuniya had been selected accordingly; and
 - (iii) according to the present situation, only 150 houses have been allocated for the Settikulam Divisional Secretariat Division instead of the 330 houses that had been allocated earlier, and therefore, the 40 beneficiaries that had been selected from the Neriyaikulam Grama Niladhari Division had lost houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the factors that hinder the provision of 330 houses for Settikulam Divisional Secretariat Division as it had been allocated earlier;
 - (ii) of the steps that can be taken to fulfill the housing requirement of the 40 persons that had been selected earlier from Neriyaikulam Grama Niladhari Division; and
 - (iii) of the date on which houses will be allocated to them?
- (c) If not, why?

835/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the internal road from Veppankulam to Silawathura belonging to the Musali Pradeshiya Sabha of Mannar District was constructed by the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief in the year 2010?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates on which the construction activities of the said road were commenced and concluded;
 - (ii) the length of the road;
 - (iii) the villages that lie across this road;
 - (iv) the institution to which the contract was awarded;
 - (v) the owners (shareholders) of that institution at the time;
 - (vi) the amount allocated for that purpose; and
 - (vii) whether the said road is being used now?
- (c) If not, why?

949/'19

Hon. Muhammadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a notice has been issued by your Ministry/ the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs to the effect that Umra permit holders and institutions which have completed five years would be accorded priority in selecting new agents/institutions to accompany devotees for the Haj pilgrimage;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for not granting permission to “GI Travels” (R.No. MRCA/umra/041/2018) which submitted the lowest bid for the amount to be charged from devotees out of agents and institutions selected to accompany devotees for Haj pilgrimage; and
 - (iii) whether opportunities will be made available to the said agency as it has been in possession of the Umra permit for over five years and has discharged its responsibilities satisfactorily and is more capable of performing this task and it has stepped in to accompany Haj devotees to Mecca at a minimum cost?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, July 23, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

46/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform the House about—
- (i) the number of dengue patients identified within Ratnapura District in the year 2017;
 - (ii) the figures for each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions separately; and
 - (iii) the special measures that have already been taken to prevent dengue in Ratnapura District?
- (b) If not, why?

151/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately on per year basis, of the number of representatives of local government bodies who participated in international training programmes on solid waste management in each year from 2010 to date;
- (ii) of the names of the aforesaid representatives and the names of the local government bodies they belong to;
- (iii) separately of the names of countries and cities where the aforesaid training programmes were held and the duration of each of those programmes;
- (iv) separately of the amount of money that was spent on participating in those training programmes; and
- (v) of the names of local government institutes which implemented programmes for solid waste management after their representatives had participated in such training programmes?

(b) If not, why?

269/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

368/'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 workers who served in 2002 in the Kolapathana estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the Membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

451/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the monthly allowance to be paid to senior citizens who have completed 70 years of age, for which allocations have been made, is Rs. 2000/- ;
 - (ii) an amount of Rs. 100/- is retained from the aforesaid amount of money with effect from January 2016; and
 - (iii) the officials have informed that the aforesaid amount of money which is retained as mentioned above is collected to an account named Social Security Fund?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take action to suspend the collection of the aforesaid amount from the allowance paid to the senior citizens due to protest made by them in that regard;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been collected by now; and
 - (iii) the action that has been taken by now for the benefit of senior citizens out of the aforesaid amount of money?
- (c) If not, why?

469/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the recruitments made by the Ministry of Education since the Good Governance government came to power up to August 2018,
 - (i) the total number of employees recruited;
 - (ii) the designations;
 - (iii) the methodology; and
 - (iv) the districts where vacancies existed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees; and
 - (ii) the designations;

of the persons representing Kandy district out of those employees?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that when a vacancy occurs in a public institution the particular employment opportunity should be given to the eligible persons living close to that institution in order for the relevant job to be performed efficiently?
- (d) If not, why?

472/'19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that high quality Organic Fertilizer should be manufactured so as to avoid the farmers from using Chemical Fertilizer;
 - (ii) of the quantity of Organic Fertilizer that was manufactured during the period from 2014 to 2017, separately as per each year;
 - (iii) whether there is a quality assessment process on aforesaid type of fertilizer;
 - (iv) whether there are institutions that certify the quality of aforesaid fertilizer;
 - (v) if so, of the names of aforesaid institutions; and
 - (vi) whether an institution will be set up, if same is unavailable for quality assessment purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

497/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees that served in the Janatha Estates Development Board as at 31.12.2017 as the particular manpower estimate and the scheme of recruitment;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each position;
 - (iii) separately of the number of permanent, casual and temporary employees that have been recruited to this Board from January 2015 to date ;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that, among these employees, there are certain individuals who have been recruited outside the scheme of recruitment; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Janatha Estates Development Board with pertinence to these recruitments and the payment of their salaries?
- (b) If not, why?

575/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of paddy lands cultivated under Magallewewa Tank, Nikaweratiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that illegal occupants reside on tank reserve of this tank;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such families of illegal occupants;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that severe damage is caused to the tank due to these illegal occupants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to remove these illegal occupants and develop the tank?
- (b) If not, why?

658/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,
 - (i) of the number of persons that held various types of deeds for the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
 - (ii) of the number of persons that held permits and land grants for the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
 - (iii) of the number of houses occupied and their condition in the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
 - (iv) of the places of business, names and addresses of businessmen and nature of their business in the lands taken over to build the Trincomalee Port;
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- (b) If not, why?

686/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the total land area of which, minor export crops have been cultivated in Sri Lanka and the number of farmers engaged in cultivation;
 - (ii) separately, the harvest collected from minor export crops of Sri Lanka from year 2015 to 2018 according to each year; and
 - (iii) the relief granted by the government for the minor export crop cultivators ?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) it is aware that the minor export crop cultivation in Sri Lanka has faced setbacks at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons are ?
- (c) If not, why?

698/'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,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the non citizens of Sri Lanka who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) the names of the dual citizens who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

772/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of private Financial Institutions engaged in business activities actively in the country;
 - (ii) of the total capital owned by aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) of the manner in which such capital was raised;
 - (iv) of the institution authorized to monitor the financial activities of aforesaid institutions; and
 - (v) whether the monitoring process is carried out satisfactorily?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the allocations have been made from the General treasury in 2016/2017 to compensate the shareholders of the ETI Finance, a private financial institution;
 - (ii) if so of aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) of the alternative methods that can be adopted in delivering justice to the clients who invested in Private financial institutions; and
 - (iv) whether he accepts the fact that it sets a wrong precedence when the clients who invested in private financial institutions are compensated using public funds?
- (c) If not, why?

836/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management & Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Whether he is aware that people living in Musali Divisional Secretariat area were affected from the floods caused by the overflowing of Malwathu Oya in year 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of families that were affected from floods;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated by the government to provide relief to those families;
 - (iii) of the money given to each family out of the total amount; and
 - (iv) of the number of families that received the payments?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the institution or the persons that disbursed the money within the Divisional Secretariat area;
 - (ii) of the names and official addresses of those institutions and persons; and
 - (iii) of the details of the cheques issued to the relevant institutions and persons?
- (d) If not, why?

854/19

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a salary anomaly has been created in the pension of retired public servants —
 - (i) due to increase of the basic salary of public servants by Rs.10,000/- by adding to their basic salary the special allowance of Rs. 10,000/- that had been paid from January 2016; and
 - (ii) due to the fact that the aforesaid amount has not been added to the pension of the public servants who retired before 2016?
- (b) Will he accept the importance of —
 - (i) removing the aforesaid salary anomaly as that anomaly further widens due the increase of salaries of public servants once again through the budget proposals;
 - (ii) preventing the retired public servants from engaging in constant struggles for getting salary anomalies removed; and
 - (iii) establishment of a permanent procedure to add to the pension of the retired public servants a reasonable percentage of the salary increase granted to public servants when salaries of public servants are increased?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to remove the aforesaid salary anomaly;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such steps will be taken; and
 - (iii) of the percentage in which the salary anomaly will be removed?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

47/18

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of new industries established with foreign investment in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) their names;
 from 2005 to 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the current laws and regulations as well as the facilities offered to industry startups discourage investors; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry will take to provide a rapid service for investors?
- (c) If not, why?

94/'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 organizations allied with LTTE that have been included in the Interpol list on request by the government of Sri Lanka as at 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of LTTE terrorists and Under world members that had been included in the relevant list by then?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of organizations allied with LTTE that have been delisted from Interpol list from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of LTTE terrorists who have been thus delisted after 2015;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the removal of the aforesaid organizations and terrorists from the Interpol list;
 - (iv) whether the approval of Sri Lankan government has been given to the aforesaid delisting; and
 - (v) whether it is accepted that such delisting would stimulate the action taken by the LTTE allied groups at the international arena against Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

152/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the subject of waste management comes under Provincial Councils in terms of the 13th amendment to the constitution;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of Provincial Councils that have established separate institutes for solid waste management since the establishment of Provincial Councils to date;
 - (iii) of the names of Provincial Councils that have not established specific institute for that; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government regarding establishment of such unique institutes in Provincial Councils where such institutes have not been established?
- (b) If not, why?

270/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the minor, medium and major scale irrigation schemes renovated in Monaragala 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?

369/'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 workers who served in 2002 in the Levelent estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the Membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

498/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that measures were taken by the previous government to install a CCTV camera system in the private Bus Terminal located at Bastian Mawatha, Colombo, enabling proper supervision of the bus terminal;
 - (ii) of the number of cameras functioning at the moment;
 - (iii) of the monthly payment made for the internet facilities obtained for this purpose;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that money has been spent for obtaining internet facilities in spite of the fact that the cameras are out of order; and
 - (v) whether a detailed report will be presented pertaining to this matter?
- (b) If not, why ?

576/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the nature of the ownership of the government with regard to the Ante Leco (Pvt) Ltd is concerned ;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company from the inception in respect of each year separately;
 - (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?
- (b) If not, why?

608/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— 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 number of industrial estates;
 - (ii) the number of plots of land;
 - (iii) the number of factories operating in the industrial estates; and
 - (iv) the number of employees in the industrial estates; that belong to Industrial Development Board, separately?

(35)

- (b) Will he state in regard to the programmes conducted by Industrial Development Board in the Central Province in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of self employment promotion programmes;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid programmes were held;
 - (iii) the equipment provided;
 - (iv) the basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
 - (v) the number of technological training programmes conducted?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that even though the opportunity of engaging in electronic businesses through the internet is open even to the persons living in rural areas at present, the knowledge required for it has not been sufficiently provided; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide this knowledge in a systematic manner?
- (d) If not, why?

659/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that some lessees have not yet renewed their lease agreements for the properties belonging to the Sri Lanka Railway Department in the Kanthale town which are utilized by them to run places of business and for residential purposes on the basis of annual lease?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons utilizing properties on lease basis in the Kanthale town;
 - (ii) out of the above, of the names of persons who have failed to renew their annual lease agreements; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not renewing their lease agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

688/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to national schools existing in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Gampaha districts for the period from the year 2010 up to 2017—

(36)

- (i) the cut out marks of the Grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to grade six class based on the results of the scholarship results;
 - (iii) the number of parallel classes in grade five and grade six;
 - (iv) the number of students who were admitted to Grade six class from the primary section not based on the results of the scholarship examination; and
 - (v) the percentage of the students who were admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results out of the total number of students in grade six?
- (b) If not, why?

773/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the value of the loan facility granted for the applicants qualified to follow Post Graduate courses during the period from January 2016 to 31st August 2018;
 - (ii) of the interest rates on aforesaid loans;
 - (iii) of the maximum period of time to repay the loan; and
 - (iv) of the securities taken by the respective financial institutions when aforesaid loan was granted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount and the interest that had been recovered by 31st August 2018 in respect of the loans granted as per a(i);
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid measures taken are satisfactory?
- (c) If not, why?

861/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken by the government to acquire the required extent of land from the lands in possession of the state plantation companies for the provision of lands to 6579 families in Ratnapura District who do not have their own lands to construct of houses; and;
 - (ii) if not, the alternative measures intended to be taken by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

950/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services & Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed by the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs during the period from 2012 to 2018 in selecting agencies to take the Haj pilgrims to the Holy City of Mecca;
 - (ii) of the persons/ institutions that submitted applications for that;
 - (iii) whether there have been occasions of holding written competitive tests for each person/institution in addition to the interview;
 - (iv) of the marks obtained by the persons/institutions that faced the competitive tests and interviews in each year;
 - (v) of the number of persons/institutions selected out of those;
 - (vi) of the names and addresses of those persons/institutions and the quota allocated; and
 - (vii) of the number of “IATA” license holders out of the persons/ institutions selected and their details?
- (b) If not, why?

971/'19

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 the Kekirawa Police Station that provides the services to Kekirawa, a major town in Anuradhpura district, and to a large contiguous area, is housed in the old buildings;
 - (ii) whether step will be taken to renovate aforesaid Police Station to suit the present day needs; if so, of such measures; and
 - (iii) of the date from which aforesaid task will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1025/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he will elaborate on the main courses of action taken to develop the capital market of Sri Lanka in keeping with proposals Nos. 281, 282, 283 and 284 of 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the action taken to amend the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act in keeping with proposal No. 284;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a chart that depicts the trends in progress of the share market of Sri Lanka from year 2000 to 2017 according to standard indicators which are used to measure share market growth;
 - (iv) whether the unusual increase in the interest rates prevalent at present is considered a hindrance to the growth of the share market; and
 - (v) if not, of the opinion held in this regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 25, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

48/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the people living in Ellethota village in Bandarawela are faced with a severe problem of obtaining drinking water; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide pure drinking water to the aforesaid people?
- (b) If not, why?

99/'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 the House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been killed while engaged in country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;

- (ii) of the reasons why the Police officers concerned were killed;
- (iii) whether he will state the value of the compensation paid to their wives and children;
- (iv) what steps have been taken by the Department of Police to protect their wives and children; and
- (v) whether their widows and orphans allowances have been paid duly?
- (b) Will he also inform the House —
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been granted promotions after being killed;
 - (ii) of the number of Police officers who have not been granted promotions after being killed; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not granting them promotions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take action to improve the methodology that is in place to protect the lives of police officers engaged in crime suppression activities and to safeguard their wives and children in future; and
 - (ii) if so, table the timeframe and the expected methodology for doing it?
- (d) If not, why?

153/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 names of institutions that take decisions pertaining to garbage, handle matters pertaining to garbage and come under the purview of the Ministry of Environment and Mahaweli Development;
 - (ii) whether officers of these institutions have gone abroad on study tours related to the management of garbage from year 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) if so, of the names and designations of such officers along with details of their study tours abroad;
 - (iv) separately the amount of money spent on each of these educational activities; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the knowledge gained by the officers who participated in the aforementioned study tours has been utilized for the purposes of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

370/'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 workers who served in 2002 in the Lulkandura estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
- (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

422/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an agreement has been signed between the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Hyrax Oil Sdn Bhd to establish and operate a lubricant mixing center;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it was signed;
- (iii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the agreed core points of the aforesaid agreement;
- (iv) whether due approval has been obtained for the project as per the aforementioned agreement;
- (v) whether the company has already established a lubricant mixing center in Sri Lanka as per the abovementioned agreement; and
- (vi) whether permits have been obtained to import lubricants required for the proposed lubricant mixing center mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

499/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House –
 - (i) of the total number of buses that were deployed for “Sisu Seriya” bus service during the period from 01.01.2015 to 30.06.2018, and of the names of the routes on which they were deployed;
 - (ii) separately of the number of private buses and the number of SLTB buses that were in operation on the aforesaid routes;
 - (iii) separately of the amounts that were paid to those private buses; and
 - (iv) if there are persons who have obtained money producing fake documents stating that they had operated buses, of the names of such persons?
- (b) If not, why?

609/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of places of Buddhist religious worship situated in Pussallawa town;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid places of religious worship; and
 - (iii) the action that has been taken by the government up to now for the development of the aforesaid places of religious worship after this good governance government came into power?
- (b) If not, why?

619/'18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— Minister of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) initiatives were taken in the year 2012 to widen the Gampola – Dolaosbage road in Kandy, which is under the purview of the Road Development Authority, into two lanes and a distance of seven kilometers from Kuruduwatta up to Welikanda has been completed by now having carpeted it;
 - (ii) no work of this road has been carried out for the whole period of three and a half years since January 2015 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to allocate money for the remaining 4 kilometers of the aforesaid road, which is used by a large number of people and many vehicles, and commence its work?
- (c) If not, why?

655/'18

Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of years have elapsed since the work of the outer circular road which extends from 6th post of the Trincomalee – Kandy road up to Kinniya on Trincomalee – Anurahhapura road was commenced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this road is constructed with four lanes which can be extended up to six lanes as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 18.07.2013;
 - (ii) the reason for not being able to lay stones and carpet the road even up to now even though the road had been cleaned and gravel had been laid by January 2015;
 - (iii) the name of the company which is in charge of the construction work at present; and
 - (iv) the date on which this road should be handed over having completed the construction work?
- (c) If not, why?

774/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— 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 a number of Textile Centers established in many districts of the country make a direct or indirect contribution to the national production, creating several employment opportunities?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Main Textile Centers, Sub Textile Centers and Domestic Textile Centers operative in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) of the number of Main Textile Centers, Sub Textile Centers and Domestic Textile Centers that have been closed down respectively in Gampaha district;
 - (iii) of the major causes that led to close down aforesaid Textile Centers and of the number of employment opportunities lost due to that reason;
 - (iv) of the proposals made by the Budget 2019 in respect of the improvement and the revival of aforesaid local industry; and
 - (v) whether he is satisfied said proposal?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the annual turnover of the Textile Centers operative in Divulapitiya Electorate; and
 - (ii) of the institution tasked with the monitoring process of the operations of aforesaid Centers?
- (d) If not, why?

813/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— 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) the number of graduates who forwarded applications in response to a news paper advertisement published by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs for recruiting unemployed graduates for training in the public institutions through an interview;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who appeared for that interview in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates who were recruited for training following the interview?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the graduates were categorized as internal and external graduates when they were recruited for the relevant training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of internal and external graduates recruited in relation to each district, separately;
 - (iii) whether a problematic situation arose when awarding letters of appointment to the external graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

864/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the fertilizer subsidy was provided to the following Societies in 2016—
 - (i) Dorapane Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Dangpane Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Kolonna Tea Inspector's Division;
 - (ii) Rang Govi Kanda Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Veralugahamula Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Rakwana Tea Inspector's Division;
 - (iii) Dombagammana Tea Smallholdings Development Society, Vanneeya watta Tea Smallholdings Development Society, Yakdehiwatta Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Horangala Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Nivithigala Tea Inspector's Division; and
 - (iv) Alpitiya Tea Smallholdings Development Society and Bibilegama Tea Smallholdings Development Society in Madampe Tea Inspector's Division?
- (b) If so, will he also inform this House whether he will submit the documents to confirm the provision of fertilizer subsidy to those Societies in 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

964/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) on 05th, 06th and 07th August 2017, a politician had got surveyed the land called Hamuge Watta, which is 23 acres in extent, located in No. 205, Gajaneggama Grama Niladhari Division in the Maho Divisional Secretary's Division in the Kurunegala District;
- (ii) after surveying and partitioning the land, those plots of lands were sold on the pretext of distributing them among public sector employees for constructing houses; and
- (iii) after the residents of the area had protested against that process, the relevant government officers confirmed that partitioning of the aforesaid land was illegal?

(b) Will he inform this House –

- (i) whether the land referred to in (i) above is a land that belongs to the Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms;
- (ii) if the aforesaid land had been transferred to any other Ministry, of the name of such Ministry;
- (iii) whether legal action has been initiated against the persons who had taken steps to illegally partition a state land;
- (iv) if not, whether such legal action will be taken in due course;
- (v) whether there are plans to utilize this land for any purpose whatsoever; and
- (vi) if so, of the nature of such purpose?

(c) If not, why?

972/'19

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 that the Ipologama police station that was established in the war heroes village in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division last year under the patronage of the Inspector General of Police is housed in a temporary building ;
- (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct a suitable permanent building for a police station and house this police station in it?

(b) If not, why?

1026/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an allowance of Rs.20,000/- was provided to pregnant mothers as mentioned by the then Minister of Finance in the “100 day revolution” declaration;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the list of names of the pregnant mothers who received this benefit in 2015 and 2016;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne by the government in 2015 and 2016 for the provision of Rs. 20,000/- for each pregnant mother; and
 - (iv) whether he will submit a copy of the circular giving instruction as per 7.29 of the declaration mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, July 26, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

51/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Solid Waste Management Centres constructed under the “Puraneguma Project” implemented under the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
 - (ii) of their names;
 - (iii) of the expenditure borne on this; and
 - (iv) of the programme available with the Ministry regarding solid waste management in the district of Badulla?
- (b) If not, why?

100/'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 the House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been disabled while engaged in the country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;

(46)

- (ii) of the number of such officers who have reached total disability;
 - (iii) of the value of the compensation paid to them;
 - (iv) of the number of such officers to whom compensation has not been paid;
 - (v) of the reasons for not paying them compensation;
 - (vi) whether monthly salaries are duly paid to the officers who have reached total disability;
 - (vii) whether there are any officers who are not paid monthly salaries after reaching total disability; and
 - (viii) if so, of the reasons for not paying monthly salaries to them?
- (b) If not, why?

154/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the bridge situated near the 2nd mile post of the Badulla-Bandarawela road is in a state of disrepair;
 - (ii) of the names of the villages which use this bridge as their access point; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to repair this bridge while preserving its antique qualities?
- (b) If not, why?

371/'18

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

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

423/'19

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Kuchchiveli archaeological site in Trincomalee district was gazetted;
 - (ii) whether an archaeological survey or exploration has been carried out regarding that site;
 - (iii) of the archaeological information discovered up to now;
 - (iv) whether a complete report in that regard will be submitted;
 - (v) whether some external parties are occupying the lands of that site in a way that could lead to the destruction of that archaeological site;
 - (vi) whether a complete report on the damages caused to the said archaeological site will be submitted accordingly; and
 - (vii) of the legal action taken by now to protect this archaeological site?
- (b) If not, why?

504/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which houses in the housing scheme built in the Nuwara Gam Palatha – Central of the Anuradhapura Division were allocated;
 - (ii) of the name of each person who received the allocated houses, the number of the house he/she received and whether he/she is a public servant or a retired public servant;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforementioned housing scheme has been built obstructing an elephant pass which is frequented by wild elephants in the area; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to build an elephant fence for the protection of the lives of the recipients of houses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent on the publicity campaign for the opening of the housing scheme; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the plaque built to mark the opening of the housing scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

577/19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a number of huge electric generators have been installed in the premises of the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Mallawapitiya, Kurunagala; and
 - (ii) the people in the vicinity have been highly inconvenienced by the loud noise emanating from these machines when they are functioning?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained to install these machines;
 - (ii) if so, the institution which carried out the aforesaid environmental assessment; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

610/18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage, — 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 drug raids carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of persons taken into custody for offenses related to drugs;
 - (iii) of the value of drugs seized;in Kandy District during the past two years separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, a list comprising of drugs which have been identified as illegal substances and the names of the countries from which they come to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Gampola and surrounding areas belonging to Kandy District have been a drug distribution hub for a while now and that the aforesaid distribution network continues function powerfully, targeting schoolchildren and the youth; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to capture these drug traffickers expeditiously and eliminate the drug menace from this area?
- (d) If not, why?

621/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Urban Development Authority carried out the Nawalapitiya City Development programme at a cost of Rs. 2,500 million;
 - (ii) the businesses that were run at various places in that city were gazetted and located under that programme;
 - (iii) the vegetable shops that were run at various places in the city were located in the public market; and
 - (iv) despite that the urban council has gazetted and approved the locations for shops, the present rule has accepted bribes from businessmen and has granted permission to sell vegetables and fruits in every place of the city?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to stop this illegal activity?
- (c) If not, why?

656/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that though about 40 shop spaces are established in the land situated between the Irrigation Mechanical Workshop and the Sampath Bank in the Kantale town, which is owned by the Department of Irrigation, the businessmen concerned do not have clear title to the said land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to release the aforesaid plots of land from the ownership of the Department of Irrigation, which are enjoyed as commercial premises at present having made permanent constructions in them; and
 - (ii) the reason for not being able to consider the possession of the aforesaid plots of land by the aforesaid businessmen, without charging the commercial value of the land from them, as they have developed the aforesaid plots of land up to the present condition during a difficult period of time in which wars and conflicts prevailed?
- (c) If not, why?

814/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of the years 2016 to 2019—
 - (i) the change in the selling prices of a litre of petrol, diesel, kerosene and aviation fuel;
 - (ii) the types of taxes imposed on a litre of each type of the aforementioned fuels;
 - (iii) the expenditure incurred on each litre of the said types of fuels; and
 - (iv) separately, the profit/loss made from a litre compared with the prices of the world market?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the procedure for revising the selling price of diesel and petrol every month in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the profit made by the government and the advantages and disadvantages for consumers?
- (c) If not, why?

865/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Land and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. T.B Dissanayake of No. 205, Gammadda Road, Kaluwamodara, Aluthgama has run been running a quarry business using the tone situated at Mukalana, Dothulu Ella, in Thundola Grama Nildhari Division in Wallalawita Divisional Secretariat Division for a number of years;
 - (ii) though a quarry business has been run for a number of years in this manner this industry has been discontinued for a requirement of a Minister or upon an endorsement of the President; and
 - (iii) the President has informed the former Land Commissioner General to grant approval to commence the business again upon a request made to him?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether permission will be granted to commence the quarry business again?
- (c) If not, why?

963/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Mr. A. C. M. Hassan residing at No. 87A, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Karapitiya, Galle who is considered as one the key shareholders of the land titled Arachchikumbura which was acquired recently by the government under the Karapitiya Town Development Programme has not been paid compensation to date as per the value of that land;
- (ii) as to why no response has hitherto been made to a request made by him for a plot of land belonging to the Urban Development Authority in the backdrop of the failure to grant him a sufficient compensation to the said commercial plot of land linked to his livelihood; and
- (iii) having considered this matter, whether action will be taken to ensure justice to Mr. Hassan?

(b) If not, why?

973/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme has been implemented to provide schools to the children of Sri Lankan workers who are in foreign employment, which is a major contribution to the economy of the country; and
- (ii) if so, what that programme is?

(b) If not, why?

1027/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a write off of 50% of the debt capital amounting up to Rs.100,000/= owed to commercial banks by farmers has been granted as stated by the Minister of Finance through the 100 day revolution declaration;
- (ii) of the expenditure that had to be borne by the government as a result of the write off loans granted for the farmers' loans;
- (iii) whether a list of names of the farmers for whom the loan write off was granted together with the amount written off next to each name, will be submitted; and
- (iv) of the amount reimbursed by the government to the commercial banks up to now in lieu of the write off loans granted to the farmers?

(b) If not, why?
