



(Eighth Parliament - Third Session)

No. 2 (9).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

OF

PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, June 21, 2019

Tuesday, July 09, 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,— Supplementary Sum— Head 117— Programme 02,— † That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Sixty Five Thousand Million (Rs. 65,000 Million) be payable out of the consolidated fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceed of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for service of the Financial Year beginning of the 1st of January 2019 and ending on 31st December 2019 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:—

SCHEDULE

Head - 117		Ministry of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development	
Programme - 02		Development Activities	
		Rs. Million	
		Recurrent Expenditure	-
		Capital Expenditure	65,000
		Total Expenditure	65,000
Project	03	Expressways Development	57,131
		Foreign Loans (Financing Code 12)	55,818
		Foreign Finance Related Domestic Co-Financing (Financing Code 18)	1,313
	04	Highways Development	6,044
		Foreign Loans (Financing Code 12)	5,564
		Foreign Finance Related Domestic Co-Financing (Financing Code 17)	480

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05	Widening & Improvement of Roads		500
	Domestic Funds (Financing Code 11)	500	
06	Construction of Bridges and Flyovers		225
	Foreign Finance Associated Cost (Financing Code 17)	225	
07	Natural Disaster Affected Roads Rehabilitation		1,100
	Foreign Loans (Financing Code 12)	1,100	
			<u>65,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 32 of 2019 presented on 20th June, 2019.
Supplementary Estimate Nos.1 to 31 Total Rs. 287,939,000,000.

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Active Liability Management Act,— That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rs. 480.0 billion may be raised by way of loans, in or outside Sri Lanka for such purposes as specified in terms of the provisions of the Section 3 of the Active Liability Management Act, No. 8 of 2018.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/9 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 18.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/25 of 13th March 2019, which was presented on 18.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/49 of 14th March 2019, which was presented on 18.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/5 of 13th May 2019, which was presented on 18.06.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—Resolution under the Administrative Districts Act,— That this Parliament resolves under Section 3 of the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 that:—

- (a) the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo specified in the First Schedule to the Administrative Districts Act, No. 22 of 1955 shall be altered by the inclusion of the reclaimed area of land known as “Port City Colombo” described in the Schedule hereto, within the area of authority and the limits of the Administrative District of Colombo; and
- (b) such reclaimed area of land shall be annexed to the Divisional Secretary’s Division of Colombo in the Administrative District of Colombo.

SCHEDULE

All that allotment land marked as Lot Nos. 2 to 7 known as the “Port City Colombo” depicted in Tracing No. CO/DSO/2019/370 dated 11.06.2019 prepared by the Surveyor General containing in extent of 446.6153ha situated in Colombo, in the Western Province at the following connection points, and the allotment is bounded as follows:-

Connection Point-Western Boundary of the Colombo Divisional Secretary’s Division, Colombo District	East Coordinate	North Coordinate
Northern Connection Point	396913.476	492847.764
Southern Connection Point	397077.037	492290.222

(Reference Coordinate System: Sri Lanka Grid 1999)

1. Lot No 2 : Extent : 155.8376 ha.

- North - Lot Nos. 6 and 1, Colombo Port and Chaithaya Road
East - Lot No. 1, Colombo Port, Chaithaya Road, Indian Ocean and Lot No.7
South - Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 7, 6 and 3
West - Lot Nos. 6, 3 and 6

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2. Lot No 3 : Extent : 15.0933ha.

North - Lot No. 2
East - Lot Nos. 2 and 6
South - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
West - Lot Nos. 4 and 6

3. Lot No 4 : Extent : 113.5311 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 6 and 3
East - Lot Nos. 3 and 6
South - Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6
West - Lot Nos. 6, 5 and 6

4. Lot No 5 : Extent : 14.7856 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
East - Lot Nos. 6 and 4
South - Lot No. 6
West - Lot No. 6

5. Lot No 6 : Extent : 101.1038 ha.

North - Lot Nos. 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3 and 2
East - Lot Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2 and 7
South - Lot Nos. 2 and 7
West - Lot Nos. 2 and 7

6. Lot No 7 : Extent : 46.2639 ha.

North - Indian Ocean, Lot Nos. 1, 6 and 2
East - Lot Nos. 1, 6, and 2 and Indian Ocean
South - Indian Ocean
West - Indian Ocean

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Tuesday, August 20, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

37/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members in the Association of Ceylon Petroleum Private bowser owners;
 - (ii) of their names, addresses and the numbers assigned to their bowsers;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the members of the aforementioned association are faced with difficulties because their transportation fees were not revised to match the recent increase of the price of fuel; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

68/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of archaeological sites that come under the Department of Archaeology; and
 - (ii) the names of those sites in respect of each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the number of employees who were recruited from 2015 separately in each District—
 - (i) on permanent basis;
 - (ii) on casual basis;
 - (iii) on contract basis;
 - (iv) on casual basis and made permanent in their posts; and
 - (v) on contract basis and made permanent in their posts?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether these recruitments have been done following the accepted government procedure; and
 - (ii) the number of vacancies in respect of each District separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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142/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of International Schools functioning in the district of Badulla;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) separately of the number of teachers serving and the number of students studying in each of the aforesaid schools at present; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to regulate matters with pertinence to the recruitment of teachers to the aforesaid schools and the charges obtained from the students?
- (b) If not, why?

230/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) giant Mimosa plant is invading the area around the Bowathenna reservoir of Nawula, Mathale; and
 - (ii) the aforementioned situation will cause grave difficulties to the farmers?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to resolve this issue?
- (c) If not, why?

244/18

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

(7)

341/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that it is not possible to obtain water properly for agricultural activities as a result of not renovating the canals and dams that provide water to all the paddy fields in Mahaweli H Zone in Anuradhapura district for a long time; and
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to renovate this irrigation system including the canals and dams?
- (b) If not, why?

372/'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 Nagastenna 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 workers 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?

462/'19

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

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

488/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

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

501/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— 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 varieties of food that were provided to the Sri Lanka Navy by the suppliers during the period from 2015.02.01 to 2018.01.31;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the suppliers, sub suppliers and the institutions that engaged in the aforesaid food supply;
 - (iii) of the institutions that submitted fake documents and acted contravening the procurement regulations;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the officers who have given the directives to purchase goods and officers who ordered goods without the approval of the Procurement Committee;
 - (v) of the loss incurred on the government as a result of the unlawful purchases; and
 - (vi) whether action has been taken to recover the said loss from the relevant persons and institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

535/'19

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

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

555/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the number of families that reside permanently and the lands belonging to them;
 - (ii) of the number of families/ persons who possess freehold land titles for lands;
 - (iii) of the extent of dry land and paddy land with freehold land titles;
 - (iv) of the number of families/persons with land permits; and
 - (v) of the extent of dry land and paddy land with land permits; in Kilinochchi district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing freehold land titles to the people who have been living in Kilinochchi district for over 60 years;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the people of Kilinochchi who were affected by the war, are unable to improve their economic standing by means of action such as mortgaging their lands and obtaining loans from banks or other financial institutions; and
 - (iii) of the number of families/ persons in Killinochchi district that do not possess freehold land titles or land permits up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

563/19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(2)

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

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the nature of crises that Share Market brokers were faced with as stated in budget proposal No. 288 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the manner in which the government made its interventions in order to resolve the aforesaid crises;
 - (iii) whether data will be presented to this House in the form of a table pertaining to the number of brokers operating in the Sri Lankan Share Market during the period from year 2014 to 2016, their regional distribution and the amount of broker transactions that had taken place during that period; and
 - (iv) of the names of the share market brokers who joined together during year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) a proposal had been presented for establishing a circuit court for Deltota area, which is located about 40 kilometers away from Kandy City, with the view to enabling the people living in Deltota town to overcome the inconveniences and difficulties they have to face as they come to the Kandy city for their judicial purposes; and
 - (ii) the Provincial Department of Education of the Central Province has agreed to provide for that purpose a building of a school belonging to that Province that has been closed down at present?
 - (b) Will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to establish a circuit court in Deltota town taking into consideration the opportunity the people living in Pathahewaheta and Deltota Divisional Secretariat Divisions and in the surrounding areas get to have their judicial activities fulfilled without difficulty?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 21, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

32/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police Constables attached to the Department of Police in Sri Lanka who have completed 10 years of service by now;
 - (ii) of the methodology followed to promote officers to the rank of sergeant;
 - (iii) of the number of Police Constables out of the constables mentioned in (i) above who have qualified to be promoted to the rank of sergeant; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to grant promotions to Police Constables who have not been promoted despite being qualified for promotions?
- (b) If not, why?

75/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

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

129/18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;

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

212/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015 to date;
 - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

334/18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,— (3)

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

354/18

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Toyota Noah motor vehicle numbered EP JA-7555, two Samsung mobile phones, a Nokia mobile phone, national identity cards and several driving licences and a travelling bag that contained money, together with the suspect who was connected with the incident relating to the complaint No. 248/177/MOIB dated 13.02.2017 lodged with the Gampaha Police Station were handed over to the Kalutara District Crime Division on 01.05.2017 by a group of civilians;
- (ii) the aforesaid suspect had been detained at the Panadura Police Station from 01.05.2017 to 06.05.2017 in contravention of legal provisions; and
- (iii) the Inspector General of Police was informed by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Law and Order and Southern Development through his letter bearing reference MLO/MO/OUT/147/17 dated 29.08.2017 to carry out an investigation into the aforesaid incident?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the nature of action that has been taken regarding the aforesaid incident, and of the present progress of implementing such action; and
- (ii) of the nature of the steps that have been taken to serve justice to the aggrieved party?

(c) If not, why?

408/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he would admit that the former Subject Minister had stated before the media that the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed a period over 8 years of service in that post would be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police;
- (ii) whether he is aware that those officers have become greatly disappointed as the aforesaid promotions have not been given to them so far;

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- (iii) whether steps would be taken to give them the said promotions accordingly; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date from which such promotions would be effective?
- (b) If not, why?

441/19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately by age, the number of persons identified as disabled in Kalutara district as at 01.09.2018, the nature of the disability, gender, whether the disability is by birth or due to an accident;
 - (ii) separately, the name of each person with disabilities, address, name of the guardian and the Grama Niladhari Division;
 - (iii) separately, the disability allowance obtained by persons with disabilities from the Divisional Secretariat and the nature of their disability;
 - (iv) the number of persons who should receive allowance, but not receiving the allowance; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken in respect of the persons mentioned in (iv) above?
- (b) If not, why?

495/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of roads in the district of Kandy that belong to the Provincial Council and the total length of those roads in kilometres;
 - (ii) the names of the roads that have been developed using allocations from the Provincial Council after the government of good governance came into power;
 - (iii) the amount spent for that; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the other Provincial Council roads that are in a dilapidated condition at present?
- (b) If not why?

515/19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(3)

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

553/19

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— 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 salaries are being paid to the teachers of pre-schools maintained by the Civil Security Department in Kilinochchi district by the Department itself?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) separately, the number of pre-schools maintained by the Civil Security Department in Kilinochchi district, the number of pre-school teachers who receive salaries and the monthly salary of each teacher;
 - (ii) whether it is aware that a fee is charged from parents for the uniforms of the students studying in those pre-schools;
 - (iii) the amount charged from each student for uniforms;
 - (iv) the basis of charging that fee from parents; and
 - (v) the basis of printing the badge of the Army on school uniforms of these students?
- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether there will be no impact on matters such as reconciliation, ethnic harmony and unity in a post-war era, by security forces maintaining a pre-school; and
 - (ii) whether it is legitimate to maintain pre-schools, that comes under the purview of the Northern Provincial Council, by the security forces?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(3)

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

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether an aircraft has been leased out to an international airline of Pakistan on 'wet lease' basis;
 - (ii) if so, of the hourly rate at which the aforesaid aircraft has been leased out;
 - (iii) of the validity period of the aforesaid agreement;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money due under the said agreement has been received; and
 - (v) if not, of the amount of money received?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether agreements have been made for any other aircraft under the said lease system; and
 - (ii) if not, whether there is any preparation to do so in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of government debt pertaining to years 2014, 2015 and 2016 as a percentage to the Gross Domestic Production (GDP); and
 - (ii) of the per capita government debt pertaining to years 2014, 2015 and 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for granting the permit bearing No. C483984 to an outsider for mining sand at the Safinagar ferry where licences for mining of sand should not be granted, despite a licence for mining 100 cubes of sand at the Madannatti pass in the Mahaweli river belonging to the Seruwila Divisional Secretariat Division has been directly granted to the Department of Civil Security for their construction needs;
 - (ii) sand obtained from the Safinagar ferry should be cleaned as it contains silt and the volume of sand, mined at this ferry obtained by the Department of Civil Security; and
 - (iii) the approval of the Director General of the Department of Civil Security has been obtained to have an outsider involved to provide sand to the Department?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, August 22, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a project by the name of “500 Rural Bridges Project” which was initiated under the then Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports is implemented at present;

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- (ii) if so, of the objectives of the said project;
 - (iii) of the number and the names of the bridges selected for this project from the district of Badulla; and
 - (iv) of the programme in existence with the Ministry regarding the development of the other bridges in a dilapidated status in the district of Badulla?
- (b) If not, why?

95/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the companies that supply Oxygen to the hospitals of the central government; and
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent on that monthly; and
 - (iii) whether these companies provide the relevant service to the hospitals without any shortage?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) of the companies that supply Oxygen to hospitals of the Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) of the total amount of money spent for the supply of Oxygen to hospitals of the Provincial Councils;
 - (iii) whether those monies are directly disbursed to the Provincial Councils by the General Treasury;
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated by the General Treasury for that purpose annually;
 - (v) the amount of money required by the hospitals of the Provincial Councils for that purpose annually; and
 - (vi) whether the relevant funds have been received in stipulated time?
- (c) If not, why?

155/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government to provide relief to the issues, faced by the people due to the damages caused to their houses and business entities following the Uma Oya development project, falling under the purview of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

222/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers presently holding the post of Sub Inspector of Police at Sri Lanka Police Department;
 - (ii) of the period of service after which they should be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police according to the recruitment procedure; and
 - (iii) whether promotions have been given to the Sub Inspectors of Police who have completed the stipulated period of service?
- (b) If not, why?

273/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the renovation of the “Rathri wewa” located at the Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District in the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the environmental and other approvals obtained in that regard;
 - (iii) the renovation work mentioned in the estimate relevant to this project;
 - (iv) whether he will submit a full report of the relevant estimate;
 - (v) whether he acknowledges that layers of soil have been removed from the tank bed during the renovation to increase the depth and the area of the tank; and
 - (vi) how the layers of soil were removed and the place on which they were dumped?
- (b) If not, why?

361/18

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Hanthana estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;

(20)

- (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 workers 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?

459/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of Departments, Ministries and other Statutory bodies which were coming under the Chief Minister of the North Western Province which was dissolved recently;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of each of those institutions;
 - (iii) the number of employees recruited to institutions which were coming under the purview of the Chief Minister of the North Western Province, after the government of good governance came to power;
 - (iv) the names of the employees recruited and the posts to which they were recruited, separately; and
 - (v) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to recruit those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

580/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families that have been affected by the severe drought that prevailed recently in the district of Kurunegala;
 - (ii) separately, of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the affected families have been reported; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of drinking water of the people affected by the drought?
- (b) If not, why?

606/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Ceylon Solar Power Private Limited located at No.93/2, Kandy Road, Yakkala is an institution registered with the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority or an institution which has been blacklisted;
 - (ii) whether the registration of this institution was suspended by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority on 14.03.2017;
 - (iii) whether the reason for the suspension of the registration was due to the poor quality of solar power equipment installed by the said institution or due to an internal matter of the institution; and
 - (iv) if the registration of the said institution has been suspended, the reason for the intervention of the Authority without initiating legal action?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that more than 40 persons who have been employed on contract basis have lost their jobs as a result of the suspension of the registration of the said institution; and
 - (ii) if the registration of this institution has been suspended temporarily, whether permission will be granted to run the institution again if the institution is found not to be at fault subsequent to investigations by the relevant authorities?
- (c) If not, why?

613/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of projects commenced;
 - (ii) the total number of houses constructed;
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent;
 - (iv) Under the Village reawakening programme, since the government of Good Governance came to power until August 2018?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of housing projects commenced;
 - (ii) the locations of the housing projects;
 - (iii) the number of projects completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent;
- in the Central Province under that programme?

(22)

- (c) Will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made in the future to initiate Village Reawakening projects in Kandy district?
- (d) If not, why?

753/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the reasons for not providing protection up to now for Engineer Nishantha de Alwis of the organization Sathya Gaveshakayo despite the court order to the effect that he should be provided protection as he had assisted the battle against terrorism?
- (b) If not, why?

777/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of interest subsidy allocated to the Gampaha district in implementing the 'Enterprise Sri Lanka' programme in the island;
 - (ii) the fields that were accorded special attention in implementing the above programme;
 - (iii) the state and private banks that have been enlisted for the implementation of the 'Enterprise Sri Lanka' programme in the island;
 - (iv) separately by gender, the number of loan applicants from the Gampaha district who applied for loans to join the above programme;
 - (v) the amount of loans released to the aforementioned persons in the year 2018; and
 - (vi) the progress of this national programme?
- (b) If not, why?

794/19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of vehicles belonging to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka by the end of the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the said vehicles, the number of vehicles transferred to the Ministries, departments and corporations of the government;
 - (iii) of the said vehicles, the number of vehicles that have met with accidents; and
 - (iv) amongst them, the number of vehicles not repaired?

(23)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the amount of money spent by the Authority for maintaining these vehicles?
- (c) If not, why?

882/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the small tanks in Anuradhapura district are getting rapidly filled with invasive aquatic plants such as common water hyacinth;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the invasion of the aforesaid aquatic plants has spread even to the medium sized tanks such as “Katiyawa Wewa”;
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that the invasion of these aquatic plants may affect the paddy cultivation in the future making it a problem that affects the whole nation; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to completely stop the invasion of the aforesaid aquatic plants?
- (a) If not, why?

965/19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Mr. M. M. Jauffer, who is a resident of Nelugollakada, Rathmalgahawewa, Anuradhapura had opened an account numbered 706863 at the Kahatagasdigilya branch of the Bank of Ceylon before going abroad and had deposited more than 5 million rupees earned during the period from 01.06.2006 to December 2012; and
 - (ii) after it was revealed that nearly 5 million rupees had been fraudulently withdrawn over the counter and the ATM from Mr. Jauffer’s account when he had attempted to withdraw money upon his return to the country in December 2012, he had requested the bank to payback his money after the matter was informed to the Bank of Ceylon; although it is yet to be paid?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this money and the due interest will be paid to Mr. Jauffer; and
 - (ii) if it will be paid, when?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, August 23, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

55/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an institution called “Hadabima Authority”, under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if so, of the major tasks of aforesaid institution;
 - (iii) of the name and the address of the building in which aforesaid office has been housed by now;
 - (iv) of the monthly and annual rent paid for aforesaid building; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to locate aforesaid institution in the same building in which the Ministry of Agriculture has been housed?
- (b) If not, why?

96/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately in terms of each year, of the number of individuals who lost the properties owing to road constructions after the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number in terms of each district;
 - (iii) of the number of persons received compensations for the lost properties from year 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) of the amount paid for the aforementioned purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the preparations have been made to pay the compensation with an interest by reason of the delays in paying the same;
 - (ii) whether compensation payments have been made with the interests by now;
 - (iii) of the criterion adopted in doing so; and
 - (iv) of the interest rate?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries who received the compensation; and
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries expected to be provided with the compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

158/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the irrigation systems belonging to the central government and Provincial Council available in the district of Badulla;
 - (ii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the central government;
 - (iii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the Provincial Council;
 - (iv) separately of the amount of money spent by the central government and the Provincial Council for the maintenance and reconstruction of the irrigation systems of the Badulla district from the year 2010 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

274/18

Hon. Padama Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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 the forest in the Maragala Oya mountain range situated above Moneragala town in Moneragala district has been declared a reserve;
 - (ii) if so, of the date it was done;
 - (iii) whether this forest in the Maragala mountain range has been gazetted as an environmentally sensitive area;
 - (iv) if so, of the date it was done;
 - (v) the extent of land belonging to the Maragala Oya forest;
 - (vi) whether the boundaries of this sensitive area or the reserve have been marked;
 - (vii) of the rivers, water courses, rivulets and streams that start from this mountain range;
 - (viii) whether it has been reported recently that the water of the drinking water project had been contaminated due to unauthorized activities near the “G-Lone” water reserve, a water source here; and
 - (ix) of the action taken to protect the forest and the water sources?
- (a) If not, why?

362/18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(3)

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

527/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) pipes have been laid and a water tank has been constructed under the community water project by the Thilaka Community Development Society in the year 2017 for providing pipe borne water facility to 180 families residing in Sirisumanagama of Thilakapura, Ambalangoda;
 - (ii) the Thilakapura Community Development Society has collected a sum of rupees 10000/- from the particular residents pledging to provide water supply through this water project in February 2017;
 - (iii) sanitary issues have arisen since the water in the wells of the area has been contaminated by sewage?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not hitherto providing the aforesaid water supply;
 - (ii) whether steps would be expeditiously taken to provide the pipe borne water supply to these residents without further delay?
- (c) If not, why?

635/18

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether it is possible for administrations of universities to authorize signing agreements in secret with private companies; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to provide the results of a research to a private company for a minimal amount like Rs.100/-, as the value of the results of a research cannot be determined prior to commencing the research?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Council of University of Moratuwa has entered into an agreement with the private company called Code Gen on 06.02.2017 for a research on artificial intelligence;
 - (ii) whether the two parties have agreed to provide the result of that research to the said company for a sum of Rs.100/- as per that agreement;
 - (iii) why the academic staff of the University was not informed of the content of the agreement prior to signing it;
 - (iv) whether a lecture hall assigned for students' educational purposes has been provided for the use of the relevant company because of this agreement;
 - (v) if so, for what purpose;
 - (vi) why providing a lecture hall has been included in the agreement;
 - (vii) of the date on which this agreement and its impact will be inquired into by the Committee on Public Enterprises?
- (c) If not, why?

660/18

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) of the main objectives of establishing Consumer Affairs Authority;
 - (ii) of its tasks;
 - (iii) of the offences committed in relation to consumer affairs against which the authority is able to take actions; and
 - (iv) powers of the authority and steps that could be taken against the culprits, separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the raids carried out ; and
 - (ii) of the number of awareness programmes conducted and the locations they were held;
- by the Authority during 2017?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that most of the cafeterias where the long distance passenger busses are called at, sell low quality food at higher prices and the passengers are severely inconvenienced as the consumers have limited choice; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

754/19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilme,— 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 total number of officers in different ranks of the three armed forces, the Police and the Civil Security Department who are in remand prison or in prison at present;
 - (ii) of the nature of the charges that have been filed against all the officers against whom judicial action has been taken including those who are in remand prison and in prison and the present situation of those charges; and
 - (iii) out of those officers, of the names and addresses of those who have been sentenced to death and of the nature of the offences relevant to such sentence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total number of civilians of various statuses against whom judicial action has been taken filing various charges including Nishantha De Alwis of “Sathya Gaveshakayo” Organization who extended their cooperation in combatting terrorism?
- (c) If not, why?

778/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the construction work of the Karasnagala water supply scheme, which was initiated by the previous government with a view to providing drinking water to people in 5 divisional secretariat divisions in the Gampaha district, has come to a halt;
 - (ii) of the present state of that scheme;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to take that scheme forward;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the scheduled date of completion of the project and providing benefits to the people has long expired;
 - (v) if so, the expected date of completion of the project and providing benefits to the people?
- (b) If not, why?

795/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buildings provided to other public institutions for rent or on lease owned by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
 - (ii) separately, of the buildings and the annual rent or lease charged for them;
 - (iii) out of them, whether there is any building that had been given without an agreement; and
 - (iv) if so, they are?
- (b) Whether he will inform this House, that persons who had obtained buildings on rent without an agreement, have paid rents?
- (c) If not, why?

966/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2037/16 and dated 21.09.2017 had been issued by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) a notification regarding the establishment of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in the University of Ruhuna had also been issued through this Gazette in line with the order of Clause 27(1) of the University Act No. 16 of 1978;
 - (iii) despite the statement that a building will be constructed for this purpose, no measure has been taken yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether money has been allocated from the Ministry to establish the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences;
 - (ii) if so, the amount is; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the date of which the construction will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

975/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the road from Ganewalpola town to Dachchihalmillewa in the Kekirawa Divisionla Secretariat divisions in a severely dilapidated condition;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to develop this road which is used by a large number of people, expeditiously; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

1010/19

Hon. (Dr) Nalinda Jayathissa,— 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 there are any payments due by the Air Force from the public institutions for providing aviation services;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the name of each public institution, amount due and the due period; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Air Force to recover the said due amounts?
- (b) If not, why?

1028/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the measures adopted to encourage foreign companies for dollar listing in the Colombo Stock Exchange as per budget proposals 294 and 295;
 - (ii) whether market capitalization of the Colombo Stock Exchange was increased to Rs. 50 billion from Rs. 28 billion as per proposal 295;
 - (iii) whether it is intended to introduce and operate the ‘Capital Gains Tax’ as stated by the Hon. Prime Minister on a number of occasions;
 - (iv) whether he acknowledges that the Super Gains Tax imposed in the year 2015 had served as a severe impediment for the development of the Stock Exchange; and
 - (v) whether it is expected to impose taxes with retrospective effect?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, September 03, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

42/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a programme has been launched to provide electricity to the low income families in Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) the number of families that has been provided with electricity by now under the aforesaid programme after the Good Governance government came into power, on Divisional Secretariat Division basis separately; and
 - (iii) the methodology followed by the Provincial Council in selecting the aforesaid beneficiaries?
- (b) If not, why?

97/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of interviews conducted by the Ministry with regard to making recruitments for public service from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether there is a criterion the interview panel should follow during the interviews held to make recruitments for public service;

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- (iii) if so, whether the criterion be tabled; and
 - (iv) if the criterion mentioned in (ii) above has not been prepared, whether the measures will be taken to prepare those criterion in the future?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the interviews to recruit Development Officers held recently;
 - (ii) whether it is aware that questions have been asked from the female candidates, who faced those interviews, in relation to their personal life and outside the scope which had embarrassed them;
 - (iii) if so, the places such incidents have occurred; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in relation to the violation of the human rights of the relevant female candidates;
- (c) If not, why?

160/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the objectives of the programme named “one tank for a village”, which is implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources;
 - (ii) the tanks selected for the aforesaid programme from each electorate in Badulla district, separately; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry will take steps to select more tanks from Badulla district for the aforesaid programme?
- (b) If not, why?

275/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of renal patients that have been reported in Moneragala district by now;
 - (ii) the number of patients that have died due to the renal disease during the last five years;
 - (iii) the hospitals in Moneragala district in which clinics are conducted for renal patients at present;
 - (iv) the number of patients that have registered themselves in the aforesaid clinics during the last five years;

(33)

- (v) accordingly, the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which a larger number of renal patients can be found in Moneragala district; and
- (vi) whether a detailed report of the action taken by the government in the years 2016 and 2017 in regard to these renal patients and the prevention of this disease will be presented?

(b) If not, why?

364/18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Delthota estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 to 2015 after serving in this estate;
- (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid workers 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?

615/18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total number of drinking water supply projects that have been implemented in Kandy District from the date the good governance government came into power to date;
- (ii) of the areas in which the aforesaid water supply projects are located and of the number of consumers under those projects;
- (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for obtaining water supply in the Nawalapitiya electoral area in 2017, and out of them, of the number of those to whom water supply has been given at present;
- (iv) whether he would admit that many people living in Ganga Ihala Divisional Secretariat Division in Nawalapitiya electorate are faced with severe difficulties and inconveniences due to the lack of drinking water; and
- (v) whether action will be taken to solve the drinking water problem of those people promptly?

(b) If not, why?

765/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Upparu and Ralkuli bridges, on either side of the Genge bridge through which the Mahaweli river meets the sea, are located over two tributaries of the Mahaweli river?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sand mining licences granted to mine sand from the sand dune located in a way that prevents sea water from mixing with the water of the Mahaweli river at the Genge bay on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary, even though Upparu tributary joins the Mahaweli river over Madanthettiwala of the Mahaweli river and Rakkuli tributary joins the Mahaweli river at Manalaru;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of licencees and the approved number of cubes of sand, separately;
 - (iii) whether he will submit the copies of the two survey reports issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in June 2016 and May 2018;
 - (iv) of the obstacles to grant sand mining licences according to the recommendations of those reports?
- (c) If not, why?

798/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the vehicles provided for the use of the Vice Chairman and the Working Director of the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the registration numbers and the types of vehicles were;
 - (iii) whether there are vehicles obtained on rent or lease among them;
 - (iv) if so, the types of vehicles and their registration numbers;
 - (v) of the monthly amount paid for each vehicle from 01.01.2016 to date; and
 - (vi) of the monthly amount paid for the fuel of the said vehicles to date?
- (b) If not, why?

810/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Engineering, Accountancy and other professional courses conducted by the higher educational institutions other than the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education;
 - (ii) the fees charged by those institutions for each course;
 - (iii) the fee levying courses offered by the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education; and
 - (iv) of those courses and the fees charged?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the changes of fees that took place in relation to the courses in (ii) and (iv) above during the period from 2012 - 2015;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the bursary of the students studying in the state universities has been increased up to Rs. 5000/-; and
 - (iii) as to why the monthly bursary of the students of the Open University which is Rs. 312.50 has not been increased even though the course fees have gone up by 10% annually?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he admits that all courses offered by the government or semi government higher educational institutions (Bachelor's degree/Diploma) should be fully exempted from fees?
- (d) If not, why?

855/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is widespread destruction of human lives and properties by wild elephants;
 - (ii) families have been rendered orphaned and destitute by such destruction of lives and properties; and
 - (iii) the payment of compensation for lives and properties so destroyed is continually delayed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make the payment of such compensation early; and
 - (ii) if so, the date whereon it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the officers who became eligible within 2016 to obtain the second vehicle on concessionary basis have been subjected to severe injustice as a result of extending the five year period that had been provided to officers of the statutory institutions to obtain the second vehicle in the importation of vehicles on concessionary basis through Circular No. 01/2010 dated 10.12.2010 up to 10 years by the implementation of the Circular No. 01/2016 dated 14.07.2016 effective from 21.11.2015;
 - (ii) the officers who retired from 2016 up to 08.06.2018 were deprived of that entitlement as a result of reducing that period again to 5 years by implementing Circular No. 01/2018 (1) dated 08.06.2018 effective from 09.06.2018;
 - (iii) these officers have been deprived of the permit worth Rs.3.6 million the retired officers of the same level in other institutions were entitled to through the Circular 01/2018 (1), as dates had not been mentioned in the Cabinet decision relevant to the said Circular No. 01/2018(1) as 08.06.2018 or 09.06.2018;
 - (iv) Accordingly, will he inform this House whether this permit will be provided to all the officers who retired from 2016 up to 08.06.2018 who had fulfilled the qualifications as per the Circular of 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the only national school situated in Ampara district in Mahaweli System“C”, Am/ Dehiaththakandiya Madhya Maha Vidyalaya, is a school with over 3000 students and approximately 150 academic and non-academic staff;
 - (ii) whether surveys were conducted by the Ministry of Education in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to fulfill the physical resource and human resource requirements of that school; and
 - (iii) if so, of the progress in the process of identifying and fulfilling the requirements of the said school?
- (b) Will he state whether special attention will be paid by the line Ministry for the development of that school in line with (a) (ii) above or for providing a good future for the poor children living in the remote villages?
- (c) If not, why?

939/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately and in relation to each year from 2015 to 2018—
 - (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka in Metric Tonnes;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign exchange spent to import rice;
 - (iii) the manner in which the Special Commodity Levy, that was charged to import rice, was amended; and
 - (iv) the volumes of rice imported by the public institutions and the profit made or the loss incurred by the sale of rice?
- (b) If not, why?

968/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the volunteer Police Constables were absorbed to teachers service 3- II as per the Cabinet paper No/9/1374/360/047;
 - (ii) these individuals were deployed in the difficult areas like Welioya where there was a severe shortage of teachers;
 - (iii) the schools that were scheduled to be closed down were revived owing to aforesaid reason; and
 - (iv) however, there is a move to attach them again to the Volunteer Police Service regardless of their objections?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to confirm them in the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service as per their request; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date?
- (c) If not, why?

976/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kebithigollewa town which is a populous town in Anuradhapura district is full of unplanned constructions;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to convert it into a planned city; and
 - (iii) if so, the date that plan will be implemented?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 04, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

44/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Rassagala hospital in Balangoda has been closed down due to a landslide risk;
 - (ii) patients are being treated at the moment on the upper floor of the Rassagala Ayurvedic Centre; and
 - (iii) the people who come to get treatment are inconvenienced due to that reason?
- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

98/18

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 state—
 - (i) separately, as per each year from year 2015 to date, the amount of rewards granted to motivate the officers who come forward to combat the crimes in the country;
 - (ii) the number of the officers who have been paid the aforesaid rewards to date;
 - (iii) whether a criterion which should be followed in the payment of allowances, is available;
 - (iv) if so, whether aforesaid criterion will be tabled;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to increase the value of the rewards and the allowances paid to the aforesaid officers who dedicate their lives; and
 - (vi) if so, whether the details of such time periods and the mechanisms will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

161/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the length of the road network in Badulla district , which is under the purview of the local authorities in kilometres ;
 - (ii) the number of provincial roads which were renovated after the good governance government came into power; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to renovate the road network coming under the purview of the local authorities in Badulla district, expeditiously due to fact that most of the aforesaid roads are heavily dilapidated ?
- (b) If not, why?

365/18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

- (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 workers 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?

616/18

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a function was held at the Duncan White Auditorium of the Ministry of Sports on 02.10.2018 to award cricket equipment to 35 selected schools in Colombo district;
 - (ii) a person named Bandula Dissanayake, who was the Chairman of the Tournament Committee of Sri Lanka Cricket, attended that function on behalf of the former administration of Sri Lanka Cricket; and
 - (iii) at that function, he was wearing the official necktie of Sri Lanka Cricket?

(40)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the nature of the legal and ethical background for a former official of Sri Lanka Cricket to attend such an event in a situation where election of office bearers of that institute had been postponed and the institute was functioning under a competent authority; and
 - (ii) of the nature of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the corrupt officials of Sri Lanka Cricket from participating in the activities implemented by the good governance government?
- (a) If not, why?

799/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the person who served as the Chairman of the National Housing Development Authority from 09.01.2015 to 25.10.2018 was;
 - (ii) of the monthly allowance paid to him;
 - (iii) of the monthly telephone allowance paid to him;
 - (iv) of the monthly fuel allowance or the transport allowance he has obtained;
 - (v) if he had rented a house, the monthly rent paid; and
 - (vi) in addition, if any other allowances have been paid, those allowances according to each month, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vehicles allocated for the Chairman;
 - (ii) of the number of vehicles owned by the authority out of those vehicles; and
 - (iii) if vehicles have been rented or leased, details regarding them?
- (c) If not, why?

811/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a pedestrian space is available at present along the roads leading to Kohuwala junction;
 - (ii) whether the situation got aggravated due to heavier traffic flow;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken by the Road Development Authority (RDA) in this regard since 2016;

(41)

- (iv) whether expansion of the above mentioned roadways has been put off because the land the adjacent to those roadways belong to politicians and Lyceum College; and
 - (v) whether he will make a statement in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1019/19

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa,— 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 Divisions for which vacancies for the post of Registrar of Births and Deaths have been gazetted;
 - (ii) of the recruitment procedure for the said posts of Registrar;
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to appoint one Additional Registrar of Births and Deaths for four Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iv) if so, why;
 - (v) of the number of Medical Registrars for Births and Deaths appointed to the main hospitals and the number of hospitals; and
 - (vi) whether a methodology is being implemented to change the tradition in recruiting for the post of Registrar?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, September 05, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

56/18

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

- (a) Will he inform the House about—
- (i) whether he is aware that an allegation has been levelled regarding match fixing during the Youth Netball Tournament;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Ministry has conducted an investigation in this regard;
 - (iii) if so, whether he will present details regarding that investigation; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken against the persons who committed match fixing?
- (b) If not, why?

104/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of migrant workers who did not return to the country after completing the due period of service in the Middle East countries from the year 2000 up to date;
 - (ii) the number of complaints received by the Foreign Employment Bureau in that regard;
 - (iii) the number of investigations conducted in relation to those complaints; and
 - (iv) the number of complaints of against which investigations were not conducted?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of complaints out of which reasons for not returning were found;
 - (ii) what those reasons are;
 - (iii) the number of complaints of which reasons for not returning were not found; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in future in regard to the complaints of which reasons for not returning were not found?
- (c) If not, why?

162/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles that belong to the Bandarawela Municipal Council;
 - (ii) the number of each of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the officers to whom each of the aforesaid vehicles has been handed over along with the section to which they have been handed over;
 - (iv) if the vehicles of the Municipal Council have been handed over to other external institutions, the names of the officers to whom they have been handed over along with the intuitions to which they have been handed over; and
 - (v) if any irregularity has occurred when handing over the vehicles of Bandarawela Municipal Council to other parties, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

276/18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the economic indicators used for measuring poverty in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) accordingly, the number of poor people as of now;
 - (iii) the 10 poorest Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on poverty of Sri Lanka by provinces and districts; and
 - (v) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on poverty of Sri Lanka during the past 10 years?
- (b) If not, why?

661/18

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 separately—
 - (i) of the density of the forest reserves of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of tanks found in aforesaid reserves;
 - (iii) of the rain forests and their density;
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the programmes launched on forest conservation during 2017;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on aforesaid programmes; and
 - (iii) of the programmes conducted in appreciation of environment friendly businesses?
- (c) Will he state the measures taken by the Ministry to avoid direct flow of waste water into the rivers as the waste water that runs through most of the cities flows in to the rivers causing water pollution in large scale?
- (d) If not, why?

766/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licensed liquor shops in operation throughout the country at present;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of the licence-holders and the Licence Numbers of such liquor shops, the date on which or the year in which each such licence was originally granted, and the place at which each such liquor shop is run; and
 - (iii) of the annual liquor consumption in each year since 2000 till now, separately according to the percentage of alcohol strength and according to each brand name?
- (b) If not, why?

800/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount allocated to the National Housing Development Authority for 2018 as recurrent expenditure;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for each district of the island out of the said allocation, separately; and
 - (iii) of the amount allocated for each district as a percentage, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

866/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he acknowledges that the drinking water level has dropped due to the water bottling business operated in Viharahena in Karandana area;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that this business was initially launched on 16.12.2003 as Rubber Products and subsequently changed its name as Vihara Natural Products on 30.06.2017 and started a water bottling plant using a tube well;
 - (iii) the reason for not offering a proper solution to this problem despite a number of letters submitted by me in this connection, taking into account strong objections raised by the people of the area; and
 - (iv) whether an inquiry will be conducted into this matter and action will be taken to prevent the decrease in the water level?
- (b) If not, why?

932/19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that an SLTB bus used to run daily at 4.15 from Pangollamada to Maharagama via Akurana and Kandy on route No. 595 in Kandy district;
 - (ii) whether a policy decision has been taken to stop that bus service which was operated for the convenience of the public including the patients coming to the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama;
 - (iii) the date on which the said bus service was operative last; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to operate the said bus service on a daily basis?
- (b) If not, why?

969/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Poultry farm situated in a close proximity to Kotagala Siriperakum Vidyalaya was removed in 2015 in the wake of the protests of the School Development Association and the staff of the teachers;
 - (ii) there is a move to replace the poultry farm with a large scale cattle farm at present; and
 - (iii) the School Development Association and the staff of teachers of Siriperakum Vidyalaya have protested against the move considering the harmful effects that will cause on the health of the students with the establishment of a cattle farm?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he would take measures to stop the construction of the cattle farm considering the possible harm that may cause to the students?
- (c) If not, why?

977/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a surplus of the officers who are not essential and a shortage of the officers who are essential in the Divisional Secretariats in Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the date on which necessary action will be taken to provide a more productive service to the public having balanced the aforesaid number of officers?
- (b) If not, why?

1003/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution which organized the ceremony “Integrity Conference” which was conducted in Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo on 18th March 2019 to launch the Five year plan for the eradication of bribery in the Public Service;
 - (ii) of the expenditure incurred on the aforesaid ceremony;
 - (iii) of the number of invitees that took part in the aforesaid ceremony; and
 - (iv) of the institution that made the expenses of the event?
- (b) If not, why?

1023/'19

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) who had given the approval to commit a financial irregularity countermanding Notice No. 818 from the Fund from which rewards are given to Excise Officers under Section 58 (a) of the Excise Ordinance;
 - (ii) the amounts annually paid according to the Notice concerned to the 1,200 non-uniformed members of the staff who collect revenue and to the 150 non-uniformed members of the staff who collect revenue together with the percentages of those amounts as against the amount of the Fund; and
 - (iii) the number of uniformed officers who had not reached the threshold in the special conditions cited in No. (vi) of that Notice?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) who had given the approval for making illegal payments during the past five years contravening Section 5.2;
 - (ii) the amounts exceeding which payments had been made during the past 5 years to the members of the staff who may lay claim to 7.2-ii and its percentage as against the overall reward fund income;
 - (iii) whether acts of crediting that are illegal have been carried out after paying the relevant sums due towards Grades in 7.2-ii; and
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken regarding the above-mentioned illegal disproportionate payments?
- (c) If not, why?

1029/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to how Rs 500 million allocated for the training of labourers in building and construction sectors as per budget proposal number 240 of 2016 was utilized;
 - (ii) whether the target of providing training to 30,000 youths with 7,500 youths trained on quarterly basis was achieved as per the above budget proposal; and
 - (iii) the institutions and organizations which shouldered the national programme of training such a large number like thirty thousand youths and the total amount of money paid to each institution;
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the St. Catherine Estate located within the Seaforth Division belonging to the Yatiyantota Divisional Secretariat Division is a water catchment area of the River Kelani and a haven for animals such as sambar and deer;
 - (ii) it is an area sought by local tourists?
 - (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether arrangements are being made to demarcate a 50-acre portion of that Estate and allot it to an individual or a group of persons;
 - (ii) whether the Land Reform Commission has been conducting survey activities for this purpose;
 - (iii) of the reasons for conducting its survey activities clandestinely on public holidays; and
 - (iv) whether the same problems will not recur under the circumstances although the requests made by the private sector with regard to this area since 2010 were rejected owing to the environmental concerns and the public outcry against it?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, September 06, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are villages named Kendalanda and Godagama in the Meegahakivula Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) those villages are still in a very difficult condition; and
- (b) If so, will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide necessary common amenities to the aforesaid villages?
- (c) If not, why?

105/18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses that were damaged by the strong winds that ravaged the Kurunegala district on or around 11th June 2018 in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) the number of families that was displaced;
 - (iii) the number of lives that was lost; and
 - (iv) the value of the properties lost?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the funds allocated to reconstruct the relevant properties;
 - (ii) whether those funds have been properly disbursed;
 - (iii) whether compensation has been paid in respect of lost lives;
 - (iv) if so the amount paid as compensation;
 - (v) are there any houses for which no compensation has been paid; and
 - (vi) if so the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

163/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Pirivenas in Badulla district;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid Pirivenas;
 - (iii) the number of students who study in each of the aforesaid Pirivenas along with the number of employees who work there, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to enhance the Pirivena education in Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

277/18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— 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) separately, in respect of years 2015, 2016 and 2017 the quantities of rice imported to Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) the taxes levied from a kilogram of rice in the import of rice;
 - (iii) accordingly, the total amount of money spent on the import of rice in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iv) the total amount of taxes levied in the import of rice during the aforesaid years; and
 - (v) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the fluctuation of the price of rice during the said years?
- (b) If not, why?

768/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Casino licenses issued up to now;
 - (ii) the names of those license holders, license numbers, and the date or the year when the license was first issued or the place where the Casino business is run; and
 - (iii) the number of new licenses applied for, at present?
- (b) If not, why?

801/19

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

- (a) Will he state in relation to the National Housing Development Authority for the year ended as at 31.12.2018, separately—
- (i) the recurrent expenditure;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the salaries and allowances of its employees;
 - (iii) the amount spent for the vehicles obtained on rent and on lease basis;
 - (iv) the amount spent for fuel;
 - (v) the amount spent for water and electricity charges; and
 - (vi) the amount spent for telephone charges?
- (b) Will he inform this House the amount spent for the salaries and other allowances of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

867/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether residents of estates have been provided with 07 perches each for possession from the respective estates by now;
 - (ii) whether he will work to provide the residents in the Eheliyagoda, Ayagama, Kiriella and Kuruvita Divisional Secretariat Divisions with 07 perches each for possession accordingly; and
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which such programmes will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

876/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current situation pertaining to the Drinking Water Supply Projects launched in Mahiyanganaya electorate of Badulla district in 2013;
 - (ii) of the number of families for which the drinking water was scheduled to be provided by the first phase of aforesaid Integrated Water Supply Project;
 - (iii) of the number of families for which drinking water could not be supplied;
 - (iv) of the current situation of aforesaid water supply project;
 - (v) whether there is a move to launch the second phase of foresaid water supply project; and
 - (vi) if so, of the current situation of the aforesaid second phase?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken by the Ministry to fulfill the drinking water needs of the people of Mahiyanganaya electorate where a large number of kidney patients reside?
- (c) If not, why?

877/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of maize cultivated lands in 2018/2019 Maha season in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the extent of maize cultivated lands which were affected by Fall Armyworm epidemic;
 - (iii) of the approximate loss that the farmers suffered due to aforesaid crop damages;
 - (iv) whether relief will be provided to the farmers who rendered helpless due to the damages inflicted on maize cultivations by reason of Fall Armyworm epidemic; and
 - (v) if so, of aforesaid relief?
- (b) If not, why?

933/19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Mr. A.H.M. Fairook, Assistant Teacher who was sent on retirement with effect from 31.03.1989 through the letter bearing No. බප/කො/කලාප/ලප/7 dated 30.06.2006 after serving at Darussalam Maha Vidyalaya in Colombo;
 - (ii) the reasons for the delay in providing the pension to Mr. Fairook who was sent on retirement with effect from the said date, even though payment of pension with effect from 15.01.1997 has been approved; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to refer the relevant files to the Department of Pensions through the Department of Education and provide the pension without delay to Mr. Fairook who is in his old age after serving as a teacher for 25 years?
- (b) If not, why?

937/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an audit inquiry was carried out as per a complaint received by the Internal Audit Unit of the Provincial Education Office in relation to wrongful use of the money of the students of the Gamini Maha Vidyalaya, Ingiriya and other malpractices which have been going on for years;
 - (ii) as per the audit inquiry, all authorities from the Zonal Director of Horana to the Provincial Education Minister of the Western Province were informed to take steps against those who are responsible for these wrongful action but no solution has been provided to this problem up to now;
 - (iii) a transfer was given to the principal who requested that he be given a transfer to another school if the perpetrators are not going to be removed from school; and

- (iv) the parents and students have become helpless as a result of action which caused the principal who took a great effort to develop the school to be transferred while making light of the aforementioned financial malpractice allegations which caused the alleged perpetrators to become even more powerful within the school?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether it would not be a bad precedent to protect persons who are using the money of the students of the school in a wrongful manner for personal advantage as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

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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) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the police station situated at Galewela town in Matale district belonging to the Central Province is housed in a building obtained on rent basis by the Police Department about 40 years ago;
 - (ii) the said building is located on a land owned by a mosque named Masjidul Palah at Nabadagahawatta, Galewela;
 - (iii) the land with this building is the only property belonging to the said mosque;
 - (iv) though requests have been made from time to time by the Moulavis of the mosque from the Police Department seeking to reclaim the said property, such requests have not been acceded to; and
 - (v) a one and a half acre land at Pathkolagolla Road in the Galewela town has been allocated as an alternative for the construction of the police station;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why no action has been taken, despite a land being so allocated, to construct the police station on the said; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to return the land and the building in which the police station is situated?
- (b) If not, why?

1005/19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large quantity of ruins with an archaeological value can be found scattered all over the private land called No. 03, Kovil Kanda of the Hibudawa village belonging to the Thambanakanda – No. 1605 GN Division coming under the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) the Commissioner General of Archaeology has sent a reply in this regard to the then Consultative Committee of Parliament through the Secretary to the Ministry on 11.06.2016; and

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- (iii) in the site inspection carried out by authorities from the Department of Archaeology on 27.05.2014, it has been confirmed that archaeological ruins of a Stupa, ruins of two buildings, foundation pillar stones, ancient terracotta tiles and fragments of clayware are scattered over an area of about 5 acres?
- (b) Will he inform this House the reasons for not taking any action, although almost five years have lapsed since it was informed that action will be taken to demarcate the aforementioned area using boundary pillars for the protection of the site and to register the site for the issuance of a gazette notification declaring the site as a protected monument within year 2014 itself?
- (c) If not, why?

1012/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of doctors required at present to provide a optimum health service to the public;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors serving in the public service by 01.01.2019;
 - (iii) of the proposed number of doctors to be recruited to the public service in the coming years to achieve the expected target; and
 - (iv) of the plans how the government hopes to produce those number of medical graduates?
- (b) If not, why?

1030/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner of 100 million rupees that was allocated for training courses relating to the tourism industry, as per proposal number 243 of the 2016 budget was utilized;
 - (ii) as per the above proposal were 12,000 youth with 3000 youth per quarter trained; and
 - (iii) the institutions or organizations which implemented this training programme and the total amount of money paid to those institutions on organizations during the year?
 - (b) If not, why?
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