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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No. 1),— Whereas in terms of Article 108 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal shall be determined by Parliament and provision has been granted by Article 108 (2) that the salary payable to, and the pension entitlement of said Judges shall not be reduced after their appointment;

And whereas when a Judge of the Supreme Court or a Judge of the Court of Appeal has granted retirement by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1190/18 dated 28.06.2001 as amended the Section 25 of the Minutes on Pensions, he is entitled to a pension of 90% of the salary received at the time of retirement;

And whereas Judges of the Superior Court may, on their preference, receive a gratuity up to 24 times of the monthly pension they are entitled to, and the entire pension has been paid monthly without deducting this gratuity, for a long period of time. Since the method of recovery of the said gratuity to the Government upon preference to obtain same gratuity has also been defined, based on the Cabinet Decision taken on 19th July 2019 related to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 24th June 2019 submitted by the President, recovery of gratuity paid as an advance to a Judge of the Superior Court through 10 years or 120 monthly installments does not violate Article 108 (2) of the Constitution;

And whereas the Attorney General has pointed out that the Constitution has empowered Parliament to deal with all matters relating to the reduction of pension or consequents therein of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

And whereas it has also been concerned that the judicial sector has received a very high salary increase recently;

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to recover pension gratuity of Judges of the Superior Courts in 120 months in accordance with the existing law.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution (No. 2),— Whereas in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. W. P. C. Wickremaratne has been appointed as the Auditor-General with effect from 26.04.2019 by the President, with the approval of the Constitutional Council;

And whereas salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament in terms of Article 153 (2) and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas as per the Cabinet Decision taken on 19th July 2019 based on Cabinet Memorandum dated 24th June 2019 submitted by the President on the recommendation of the National Salaries and Cadres Commission, approval has been granted to place Auditor-General Mr. W. P. C. Wickremaratne on the salary step 7 of the salary scale SL-4 of Public Administration Circular 03/2016 & pay the salary with effect from 26.04.2019 and to pay him other allowances entitled to the post in terms of the Public Administration Circulars and to pay annual increments as per the same salary scale;

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines the payment of the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Auditor-General Mr. W. P. C. Wickramaratne to be charged to the Consolidated Fund, in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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Excise (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 52(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Registration of Adjudicators and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/63 of 08th March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Sections 53(2) and 54(1)(a) of the aforesaid Act relating to Appeal Procedure and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/47 of 28th March 2019, which were presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Construction Industry Development Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs under Section 58 of the Construction Industry Development Act, No. 33 of 2014 read with Section 55(2) of the aforesaid Act relating to Information Secretariat and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/48 of 28th March 2019, which was presented on 06.08.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 29(2)(d) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Scheme for Registration of Exporters and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/60 of 11th April 2019, which were presented on 09.08.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Ltd (2015/2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Kalubovitiyana Tea Factory Ltd together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2016 and presented on 08.08.2018 under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 11.07.2019)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Plantation Management (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Plantation Management together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 08.08.2018 under Section 23 of the National Institute of Plantation Management Act No. 45 of 1979, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 24.05.2019)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 09.05.2018 under Section 14-1 A, Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 24.05.2019)

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The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.09.2018 under Section 14-1 A, Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 24.05.2019)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 20.06.2019 under Section 16 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No. 40 of 1979 and Section II of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development and presented its report to Parliament on 23.07.2019)

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The Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 23.01.2018 under Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

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The Minister of Ports & Shipping and Southern Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.07.2018 under Section 14 (3) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 20.06.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 11.07.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd (2016/2017),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2017 and presented on 21.06.2018 under the Public Enterprises Circular No. PED 12, Chapter 6.5.3 dated 02nd June 2003, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 25.01.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 24.08.2018 under Section 2 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act No. 11 of 1972, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 25.01.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board (2013),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 18.09.2018 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 16.03.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 18.09.2018 under Section 27 of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Act, No. 20 of 1999, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 16.03.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 09.10.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 16.03.2019)

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The Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Marketing Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 22.05.2019 under Section 14 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Lands and presented its report to Parliament on 11.07.2019)

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The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Medical Institute (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the National Transport Medical Institute together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 20.07.2018 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

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The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 25.11.2017 under Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

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The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (2016),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 09.10.2018 under Section 14 (2) (c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

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The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board (2014),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Lanka Transport Board together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 09.01.2019 under Section 14 (2) (c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication and presented its report to Parliament on 07.06.2019)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, September 06, 2019

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 11/'18

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

P. 12/'18

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

P. 13/'19

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

P. 14/'19

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

P. 15/'19

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

P. 16/'19

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

P. 17/'19

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

P. 18/'19

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

P. 19/'19

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

P. 20/'19

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

P. 21/'19

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

P. 22/'19

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

P. 23/'19

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

P. 24/'19

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

P. 25/'19

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

P. 26/'19

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

P. 27/'19

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

P. 28/'19

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

P. 29/'19

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

P. 30/'19

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

P. 31/'19

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

P. 32/'19

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

P. 33/'19

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

P. 34/'19

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

P. 35/'19

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

P. 36/'19

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

P. 37/'19

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

P. 38/'19

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

P. 39/'19

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

P. 40/'19

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

P. 41/'19

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

P. 42/'19

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

P. 43/'19

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

P. 44/'19

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

P. 45/'19

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

P. 46/'19

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

P. 47/'19

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

P. 49/'19

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

P. 50/'19

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

P. 51/'19

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

P. 52/'19

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

P. 53/'19

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

P. 54/'19

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

P. 55/'19

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

P. 56/'19

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

P. 57/'19

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

P. 58/'19

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

P. 59/'19

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

P. 63/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Cinema Academy,— Despite that Sri Lanka's cinema industry is completing 70 years at present and Sri Lanka has succeeded in producing film directors, actors and actresses and artists who are so capable as to win awards at international film festivals, still Sri Lanka does not have a cinema academy to formally pass this down to the future generations as a subject, and, therefore, this Parliament resolves that a cinema academy be established promptly with the view to producing a professional cinema industry.

P. 64/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Modern Art Gallery,— Even though Sri Lanka has artists who are engaged in modern arts, Sri Lanka lacks a modern art gallery to facilitate those artists to display their creations, and as such an art gallery will help to promote art activities including painting and sculpture and will also help to develop tourism industry, this parliament resolves that a modern art gallery be established centred around Colombo.

P. 65/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Proper Disposal of Electronic Waste,— As electronic waste or e-waste is posing a serious threat to our country and around 92,000 MT of e-waste is generated annually, and as it is expected that this amount will increase up to 120,000 by 2020, this Parliament resolves that action be taken to educate people on electronic waste, disposal of electronic waste and environmental and health risks posed by electronic waste, and to prepare a proper and continuous methodology for disposal of electronic waste.

P. 66/'19

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— Taking over “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which has caused controversy, by the government and naming it as “University of Batticaloa”,— That this Parliament resolves that “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which is also known as a Sharia University be taken over by the government along with all its buildings and converted into a State University and named “University of Batticaloa” taking into consideration the heavy criticism of the society in regard to “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” established by the Hira Foundation, and the private higher educational institution which is proposed to be constructed by the aforesaid institution, regarding which a request has been made to the Ministry of Higher Education by now with the objective of getting its approval for its registration causing much agitation in the country, along with the matters that have arisen regarding certain methodologies including the methodology adopted for providing lands and financial aid for this.

P. 67/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Imposing the capital punishment on terrorists and those who are connected to terrorist organizations and confiscating all of their property,— That this Parliament resolves that capital punishment be imposed on the terrorists who are connected to local and international terrorism and also on those who directly or indirectly aid, assist and abet those terrorist organizations when such activities of theirs are proved in a court of law and all of their property be confiscated.

P. 68/19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Taking all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools under the purview of the Ministry of Education,— That this Parliament resolves that all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools in the island, which are functioning under the Ministry of Muslim Religious Affairs at present, be brought under the purview of the Ministry of Education with immediate effect and Sinhalese history should be taught as a subject in the aforesaid schools and the said schools be monitored by the Ministry of Education.

P. 69/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Converting all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools with no classification according to religions or ethnicities,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to gradually convert all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools, to avoid granting permission to establish schools as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim or Catholic schools in future and admit students to schools according to a certain percentage allocated for ethnic groups.

P. 70/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions be banned and a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

P. 71/'19

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Acquiring the “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” to the Government and Transforming it to a State Defence University,— That this Parliament resolves that “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” be acquired to the Ministry of Defence and transformed to a State Defence University with a view to enhancing the confidence of the majority of the people on their security in the context of the grave situation that has arisen over national security in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attack, avoiding such incidents in the future and protecting Sri Lanka as a whole including the North and the East areas especially from those who hold extremist views.

P.72/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Inclusion of the Panduvasnuwara Kingdom into the Tourism Plan and Developing it,— That this Parliament resolves that the Panduvasnuwara Kingdom, which is considered as an ancient seat of Kings of Sri Lanka, be included into the Tourism Plan and developed.

P. 73/19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— Inclusion of the health right of citizens into the Constitution,— That this Parliament resolves that the right of every citizen to obtain qualitative rehabilitation services and prevention and counseling services in a fair manner to prevent communicable and non communicable diseases and also the right to obtain free treatment at the expense of the government for any accident encountered by him and for any disease contracted by him should be accepted and the said rights should also be included into the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

P. 74/19

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— Formulating a common system of laws for Sri Lankan citizens in regard to marriages,—That this Parliament resolves that a common system of laws should be formulated for Sri Lankan citizens in regard to marriages to the effect that the marriage law should not be differentiated as upcountry marriage law and Muslim marriage law and one citizen can contract only one marriage after completing 18 years of age due to the fact that laws that divide the different races that live in Sri Lanka do exist and hence especially the marriage law should be a common law for every citizen in order to rectify the aforesaid situation.

Tuesday, October 08, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

31/18

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

91/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

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

147/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

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

209/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of passengers who travelled by train;
 - (ii) the income earned from transporting passengers;
 - (iii) the number of railway tickets printed; and
 - (iv) the amount spent to print the railway tickets; in the year 2017?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of turns that should be scheduled for the trains to transport passengers; and
- (ii) the number of turns the trains take usually per day?

(c) If not, why?

269/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

343/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

433/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

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

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

455/'19

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

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

467/'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) of the local government authorities situated in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) of the names of them;
 - (iii) of the number of children's parks managed by each local government authority;
 - (iv) of the names of them;
 - (v) of the annual allocations provided by the Ministry for the development of each children's park from year 2010, separately; and
 - (vi) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to further develop these children's parks and future measures that will be taken?
- (b) If not, why?

504/'19

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

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

518/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

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

619/'18

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

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

655/'18

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

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

676/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kekirawa play ground was developed by the NELSIP project at an estimate of Rs. 368 lakhs with the provisions received from Asian Development Bank;
 - (ii) the aforementioned project was abandoned as a result of irregularities that occurred during the project;
 - (iii) although the Kekirawa Divisional Coordination Committee ordered through the Commissioner of Local Authorities of Anuradhapura and the NELSIP Project Director that a report should be submitted regarding the quality control, standards and the monies spent, no action has been taken to submit such a report; and
 - (iv) corruption and fraud related to this project amounts to about Rs. 35 lakhs?
- (b) Is he also aware that—
 - (i) the said play ground was used to hold a musical show even before this play ground was commissioned to the public and investigations were concluded as required by Commissioner of Local Government, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Secretary to the Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) such conduct is in fact attempts to cover up the fraud and corruption?
- (c) Will he state whether he will issue an order to expedite the investigation and to delay the use of the play ground until it is properly commissioned to the public?
- (d) If not, why?

688/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to national schools existing in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Gampaha districts for the period from the year 2010 up to 2017—
 - (i) the cut out marks of the Grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to grade six class based on the results of the scholarship results;

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- (iii) the number of parallel classes in grade five and grade six;
 - (iv) the number of students who were admitted to Grade six class from the primary section not based on the results of the scholarship examination; and
 - (v) the percentage of the students who were admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results out of the total number of students in grade six?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 09, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

22/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Dhamma schools registered within Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided to Dhamma school teachers by the government; and
 - (iii) of the programmes planned for these volunteer Dhamma school teachers in order to uplift the Dhamma education?
- (b) If not, why?

92/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed from year 2015 to up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of the such sites;
 - (iii) of the reasons to destroy those sites;
 - (iv) whether the persons who destroyed relevant archeological sites have been identified;
 - (v) of the punishments given to them;

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

346/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether it is aware that the Galnewa bus stand situated in the Mahaweli 'H' Zone of Anuradhapura district is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) of the date it will be renovated and ready for public use?
- (b) If not, why?

434/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

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

608/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

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

620/'18

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

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

656/18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

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

773/19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the value of the loan facility granted for the applicants qualified to follow Post Graduate courses during the period from January 2016 to 31st August 2018;
 - (ii) of the interest rates on aforesaid loans;
 - (iii) of the maximum period of time to repay the loan; and
 - (iv) of the securities taken by the respective financial institutions when aforesaid loan was granted?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount and the interest that had been recovered by 31st August 2018 in respect of the loans granted as per a(i);
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid measures taken are satisfactory?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 10, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

28/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari division in the island;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated for that purpose;
 - (iii) the estimated amount of money for the construction of a single “Seva Piyasa” office; and
 - (iv) the date on which this programmes is planned to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

151/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis, of the number of representatives of local government bodies who participated in international training programmes on solid waste management in each year from 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid representatives and the names of the local government bodies they belong to;
 - (iii) separately of the names of countries and cities where the aforesaid training programmes were held and the duration of each of those programmes;
 - (iv) separately of the amount of money that was spent on participating in those training programmes; and
 - (v) of the names of local government institutes which implemented programmes for solid waste management after their representatives had participated in such training programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

422/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement has been signed between the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Hyrax Oil Sdn Bhd to establish and operate a lubricant mixing center;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it was signed;

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- (iii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the agreed core points of the aforesaid agreement;
- (iv) whether due approval has been obtained for the project as per the aforementioned agreement;
- (v) whether the company has already established a lubricant mixing center in Sri Lanka as per the abovementioned agreement; and
- (vi) whether permits have been obtained to import lubricants required for the proposed lubricant mixing center mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

557/'19

Hon. S. Shrinathan,— 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 Kilinochchi district main fuel storage which was in operation since 1940's, was destroyed by reason of war and it was removed;
- (ii) of the individual with whom the land in which the aforesaid fuel storage was located, is held by now;
- (iii) whether it has been transferred to the said party on a long term lease;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to re-establish the main fuel storage in aforesaid land;
- (v) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation owns other lands in Kilinochchi district; and
- (vi) if so, of the locations and the extents of aforesaid lands?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware that the filling station that is operative in the land referred in aforesaid (a) (ii), is owned by a private party;
- (ii) if so, of the name of the owner; and
- (iii) of the term of lease pertaining to aforesaid land?

(c) Will he also inform—

- (i) of the reasons for not permitting the request of Pachchilaippalli Multi Purpose Co-operative Society, to establish a filling station in the Pachchilaippalli area;
- (ii) of the reasons for letting two private filling stations to operate in aforesaid area by now; and
- (iii) of the whereabouts of aforesaid filling stations in Pachchilaippalli area and the names of the owners?

(d) If not why?

609/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(2)

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

643/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an entity by the name of Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation (IOMC) in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the objectives and duties of this entity;
 - (iii) of the member countries of this entity, if it is considered as a regional organization;
 - (iv) what that convention is;
 - (v) whether a copy of the particular convention will be submitted; and
 - (vi) of the countries that have ratified this convention, if such has been done?
- (b) If not, why?

686/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the total land area of which, minor export crops have been cultivated in Sri Lanka and the number of farmers engaged in cultivation;
 - (ii) separately, the harvest collected from minor export crops of Sri Lanka from year 2015 to 2018 according to each year; and
 - (iii) the relief granted by the government for the minor export crop cultivators?

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(b) Will he state that—

- (i) it is aware that the minor export crop cultivation in Sri Lanka has faced setbacks at present; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons are?

(c) If not, why?

779/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the name, date of appointment to the post, the monthly salary pertaining to the post and educational qualifications of the officer who served as the manager (Human Resources Administration) of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority up to 30.04.2018;
- (ii) whether he had held any other posts in the Authority before being appointed to the above post; and
- (iii) if so, the number of posts held, designations and the monthly salaries received in relation to those posts?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether that officer has held any post in any government institution, Department or corporation in addition to the post in the Authority; and
- (ii) if so, the name of that institution and the monthly allowance received?

(c) If not, why?

868/'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 funds were allocated to the Medical Faculty of the Eastern University from a source called Kuwait Fund in year 2015;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for not spending the aforesaid money in year 2015; and
- (iii) whether that amount has been allocated for that purpose by now?

(b) If not, why?

884/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the districts that have been provided with relief under the Drought Relief Phase II programme of year 2018;
- (ii) separately, the Divisional Secretariat Divisions selected in this regard and the total amount spent for each district;
- (iii) the circulars issued in this regard; and
- (iv) of them the valid circular which was effective for the last time?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of beneficiaries selected from Kurunegala district according to the valid circular and the total amount spent as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, the number of beneficiaries identified from Kurunegala district according to each Divisional Secretariat Division, at the time of cancellation as per the circular No. NDRC/2018/03;
- (iii) the affected Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kurunegala district;
- (iv) if 'Polpithigama is not included, the reason?

(c) If not, why?

972/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

1025/'19

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

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

1037/'19

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of human rights cases filed before the Supreme Court but no determination has been given yet;
 - (ii) of the dates on which they were filed before the Supreme Court; and
 - (iii) of the names of the complainants and the corresponding case numbers of all of the abovementioned cases?
- (b) If not, why?

1045/'19

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the date on which the Office for National Unity and Reconciliation was established;
 - (ii) the Act under which aforesaid office was established;
 - (iii) the objective of the aforesaid office; and
 - (iv) the staff of the aforesaid office?

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- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the scope of the aforesaid office;
 - (ii) the local and foreign funding sources;
 - (iii) the persons who have provided funds, separately;
 - (iv) the summary of the expenditures;
 - (v) the programs conducted so far and the persons who have conducted the aforesaid programs;
 - (vi) the Non Governmental Organizations which provided funds for this;
 - (vii) the functions carried out by it for the development of reconciliation?
- (c) If not, why ?

1047/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the foundation stone for the Accident and Emergency Treatment Unit of Gampola Base Hospital was laid on 18.03.2018;
 - (ii) it was decided on the request of the hospital administration to lay the foundation of the proposed building as suitable for a five storey-building since the space within the hospital premises is very limited; and
 - (iii) ignoring the request of the hospital administration, the Ministry had decided to lay the foundation of the aforesaid building as suitable for a two storey-building?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for the slow progress of the aforesaid construction activities despite that contracts have been entered into for carrying out the construction activities properly?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

33/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications that are taken into consideration when the teachers are recruited to the Pirivena educational institutes;
 - (ii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in the Pirivena educational institutes at present;

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- (iii) if so, the number of teachers required to fill the shortage;
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to improve the Pirivena education by the Pirivena education unit in the Ministry of Education?
- (b) If not, why?

153/'18

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

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

366/'18

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

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

558/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the CWE, Commercial Center established in the center of the Kilinochchi town has been constructed without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) of the institution that owns the land in which the CWE building has been constructed; and
 - (iii) whether this land has been given to a certain individual on a long term lease?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, regarding the building in which the CWE Commercial Center is located;
 - (i) whether the approval of the Kareichchi Pradeshiya Sabha has been obtained in constructing the building;
 - (ii) of the name of the current owner of aforesaid building;
 - (iii) if it has been constructed with state funds, of the particulars on calling bids; and
 - (iv) of the costs incurred in constructing the building?
- (c) If not why?

610/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of drug raids carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of persons taken into custody for offenses related to drugs;
 - (iii) of the value of drugs seized;
 in Kandy District during the past two years separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, a list comprising of drugs which have been identified as illegal substances and the names of the countries from which they come to Sri Lanka?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Gampola and surrounding areas belonging to Kandy District have been a drug distribution hub for a while now and that the aforesaid distribution network continues function powerfully, targeting schoolchildren and the youth; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to capture these drug traffickers expeditiously and eliminate the drug menace from this area?

(d) If not, why?

666/'18

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) people in Mullaitivu district face various hardships due to lack of adequate transport facilities in the area;
- (ii) school children and the people face severe hardships due to lack of adequate transport facilities in Kottekattiyakulam, Thenniyakulam, Nattankandal, Mutuaiyankattu, the most difficult areas in Mullaitivu district; and
- (iii) there are only 20 buses that are being running out of the 24 buses in the Mullaitivu SLTB depot but the requirement of the depot is 32 buses?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to provide the Mullaitivu SLTB depot with more buses to provide a proper transport service to the people in the area;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done; and
- (iii) if not, the reason for that?

(c) If not, why?

806/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately in respect of each year from 01.02.2018 to date, the number of persons arrested for selling and using illegal drugs;
- (ii) the name of state or state sponsored institutions pursuing action for combating illegal drugs; and
- (iii) separately, the amounts of illegal drugs seized by each of the said institution?

(b) If not, why?

815/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the projects that were proposed to be implemented in Trincomalee District under the i-ROAD project funded by the Asian Development Bank;
 - (ii) of them, the proposals approved for implementation;
 - (iii) separately, the terms and criteria of the economic analysis survey, traffic survey and GPS survey whereon the said approval is based;
 - (iv) whether the Sinhapura Road with a length of approximately 8 kilometers which is the main rural road to access the Sripura town in the Padavi Sripura Divisional Secretary Division will be carpeted and developed under this project;
 - (v) as there are many roads in the Trincomalee district belonging to the provincial and line ministries on which passenger transport services are operated but have not been at least concreted, the measures to be taken to develop such roads?
- (b) If not, why?

857/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of drivers, conductors and mechanical level (PL category) officers and the number of executive grade officers of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) whether the officers of PL category receive salaries as per Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a method of granting promotions to the officers of PL category in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016;
 - (ii) whether promotions are granted at present to SLTB officers;
 - (iii) if so, the grades to which such promotions are granted;
 - (iv) whether promotions are granted in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016;
 - (v) if not, the method of granting promotions; and
 - (vi) the number of executive officers that will be appointed additionally to each depot by granting such promotions?
- (c) If not, why?

869/'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 number of students that will be enrolled to universities out of the 30,000 students who have applied for higher education in year 2018;
 - (ii) of the reasons for reducing the number of students enrolled for Higher National Diploma in Accountancy course to 114, from the year 2018 although the number was 180 in year 2017; and
 - (iii) whether the number of students that are enrolled for every HND course has been reduced?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for abolishing the right to form student unions at present which existed earlier;
 - (ii) whether the right to form student unions has been abolished in Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) at present; and
 - (iii) whether any measure taken to address student grievances with the abolishment of student unions will be considered as an anti-disciplinary act and punishment will be given?
- (a) If not, why?

901/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of beneficiaries selected from the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division under the phase 1 of the Programme to compensate the victims of the drought in 2018;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that not a single beneficiary was selected from the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division for the phase II of the programme; and
 - (iv) if so, why?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted that the revoked circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 has been adopted by the Divisional Secretary in this regard;
- (ii) of the reasons for not adopting the valid circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 ii ;
- (iii) whether the letter by the Divisional Secretary to the Secretary to the Ministry on 22.10.2018 informing the unavailability of the beneficiaries has been sent in accordance with the instructions stipulated in Clause No. 04 of the revoked circular ;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that the clause 4 of the revoked circular has been violated?

(c) If not, why?

1036/'19

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

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) if there are cases not examined or cases pending out of the cases referred to the District Courts of Sri Lanka, separately of the case numbers and the dates on which they were filed at the courts; and
- (ii) separately with the case numbers and the dates on which they were first filed, of the cases which are older than 25 years, cases dating back to 20-25 years, 15-20 years, 10-15 years, 5-10 years and 1-5 years out of the aforementioned unresolved cases?

(b) If not, why?

1039/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Horana town, which daily receives a large number of people including school children, gets flooded even on normal rainy days;
- (ii) houses, property and furniture belonging to the residents of Sri Dhammarathana Mawatha area and several other parts of the Horana town were damaged on several occasions as those areas get flooded even on normal rainy days; and
- (iii) even the patients who come to Horana Base Hospital suffer severe inconveniences as the area surrounding the Hospital, too, gets flooded even on normal rainy days?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take prompt action to develop the drainage system in the Horana town in order to control the aforesaid situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1048/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people in Galatha, Mawathura, Kekulanda, Weliganga and Kalugahinna areas belonging to Udapalatha Pradeshiya Sabha in Gampola have been suffering a severe drinking water shortage for a long time; and
 - (ii) action was taken in 2016 to submit a Cabinet Paper and to obtain the financial provisions required for implementing the water supply project that had been proposed for these areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide drinking water facilities to the people in the aforesaid areas who have been suffering hardships due to the shortage of water; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

1053/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of lands in which maize has been cultivated in Maha season in the district of Ampara in 2018/2019;
 - (ii) out of that, of the extent of lands that has been destroyed by the 'Sena' caterpillars (Army worm) separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) of the total compensation paid to the farmers in the district of Ampara pertaining to the maize cultivations destroyed by the 'Sena' caterpillars;
 - (iv) of the aforesaid compensation as per each Divisional Secretariat Division separately;
 - (v) whether he is aware that a large number of farmers who have not been compensated for the destruction caused by the 'Sena' caterpillars are available in a number of districts including the district of Ampara;
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid farmers who have been discriminated, will be compensated; and
 - (vii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
 - (b) If not, why?
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