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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 Office for Reparations Act,— Whereas payment of salaries of five members, including the Chairperson of the Office for Reparations, appointed on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council in terms of the provisions of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018, shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 17 of the said Act;

And whereas this Office, established by the Government, is mandated to deal with Transitional Justice initiatives aimed at reconciliation, formulate policies and recommend to the Cabinet of Ministers with regard to the grant of individual and collective reparations to aggrieved persons affected by conflict, receive recommendations with regard to reparations to be made to aggrieved persons from the Office on Missing Persons, implement such policies on reparations as may be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, provide restitution, rehabilitation, administration and other assistance and welfare services to aggrieved persons not causing any discrimination;

And whereas it has been decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on 04th June 2019 in terms of the Cabinet Memorandum dated 16th May 2019 submitted by the Prime Minister as the Minister in charge of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs to pay salaries and allowances to the Chairperson and other members of the Office for Reparations with effect from 01st April, 2019, as follows;

- (a) payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 135,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and granting of an official vehicle with a quota of 225 liters of fuel per month to the Chairperson of this Office; and

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- (b) payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 90,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- to the other members up to a limit of 350 km or a monthly transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for a distance over and above 350 km depending on the distance from the residence to the Office.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that the aforementioned salaries and allowances to the Chairperson and other members of the Office for Reparations be paid with effect from 01st April, 2019 which shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund in terms of Section 17 of the Office for Reparations Act, No. 34 of 2018.

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Finance Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1), — That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2122/4 of 07th May 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2124/2 of 21st May 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2124/4 of 21st May 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2130/20 of 03rd July 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2131/30 of 10th July 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2132/13 of 18th July 2019, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 03.09.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2127/13 of 11th June 2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Rules under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Rules made by the Minister of Finance under Section 32 read with Sections 8 and 30 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Sticker and Sticker Management System and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/30 of 20th June 2019, which were presented on 04.09.2019, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2019).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, October 11, 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 Amarasekera,— 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 22, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

43/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a stretch of paddy fields called Udakanda at Waleboda in Balangoda Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the number of acres of this stretch of paddy fields;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that this stretch of paddy fields has been fallow for a period of ten years by now due to the non-availability of water; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to cultivate this stretch of paddy fields?
- (b) If not, why?

94/'18

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

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

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

473/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the copies with reference to the decisions taken in the legal actions and the other disciplinary actions against the Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nalaka De Silva who has been alleged on the conspiracy of the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksha, former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, will be submitted;
 - (ii) whether the accuracy and the impartiality of the services he rendered in the capacity of Deputy Inspector General of the Terrorist Investigation Division, are satisfactory; and
 - (iii) whether a fair investigation is anticipated by simply sending aforesaid officer on compulsory leave, as the charge is of a conspiracy against the head of state and former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence who crushed the terrorism prevailed?
- (b) If not, why?

503/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— 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 officers from the tri-forces and police who participated in UN Peacekeeping missions from 2010 to 2017;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Defence has currently issued an order stipulating that officers who are selected for peacekeeping mission duties should obtain a recommendation from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the basis on which the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was vested with the responsibility, although there are other government bodies which are better suited to looking into the aforementioned officers and reporting to the UN?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately of the number of files sent to the Commission to obtain clearance reports for officers of the tri-forces and police and the number of files for which clearance reports have been issued by the Commission from 2010 to date;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the number of officers going for peacekeeping missions has declined rapidly by now;
 - (iii) the reasons for that situation; and
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that, out of the 400 files sent to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in March 2018, clearance reports have been issued for only 07 files up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

544/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Thulhiriya Textile Mills, which had belonged to the Textiles Corporation of Sri Lanka was first sold to the institute named Bombay Tex;
 - (ii) later it was sold to the Korean company named Kabul Lanka;
 - (iii) Kabul Lanka paid Gratuities and compensation to its workers when it was transferred to Vas Golden;
 - (iv) in each of the above instances, the factory was sold with its employees and their interests;
 - (v) no money was paid to workers who had been residing in the quarters; and
 - (vi) the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka is trying to evict the residents of these quarters at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to pay Gratuities and compensation to workers who have not received such benefits at retirement from service or at the lay-off;
 - (ii) whether he will taken steps to prevent the move to remove the residents at official quarters, who have been living in them for around 40 years and give them their entitlement to houses; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

604/'18

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

- (a) Will he state whether the public assistance is granted to sick or disabled persons or families without any income?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that 23 persons of 143B, Nugadanda Grama Niladhari Division in the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division are granted the public assistance and of them 05 receive Rs. 300/- and others receive Rs. 250/- per month;

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- (ii) whether he admits that this amount is not sufficient to meet expenses even for a single day for these families; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he agrees to grant an allowance of Rs. 1000/- for these helpless families instead nominal allowance paid to these families?
- (c) If not, why?

831/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the CT scanner of the Jaffna Teaching Hospital which had been used for over 8 years has gone defunct;
 - (ii) the patients should be taken to Vavuniya Hospital and the other Hospitals amidst hardships due to aforesaid reason; and
 - (iii) the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine had promised to provide a new CT scanner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether speedy action has been taken to provide a new CT scanner to the Jaffna Hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the date that it will be provided; and
 - (iii) whether any action has been taken to repair the CT scanner that has gone defunct by now?
- (c) If not, why?

858/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 2200 new buses have been imported for the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the year 2014; and
 - (ii) these buses have been given on the lease basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether payment of lease rent has been suspended from the year 2015; and
 - (ii) if so, the reason for same?
- (c) If not, why?

918/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of spent on the construction of the Hambantota port;
 - (ii) the sources from which such money was procured;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each month, the number of ships arrived at the port since its opening to date, their names and the number of containers unloaded;
 - (iv) separately, the income and the maintenance expenditure of the port during the said period; and
 - (v) the vision of the 'good governance' government for the development of the Hambantota port as a developed harbour in the region?
- (b) If not, why?

1009/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the radar receiver and the scanner antenna sent to China by the Air Force in April 2014 for repairs have been misplaced;
 - (ii) of the company that undertook the transportation of said items;
 - (iii) of the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the said company;
 - (iv) whether the said company continues to provide services to any of the public institutions of Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) of the loss incurred from misplacement of said items?
- (b) If not, why?

1027/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a write off of 50% of the debt capital amounting up to Rs.100,000/- owed to commercial banks by farmers has been granted as stated by the Minister of Finance through the 100 day revolution declaration;
 - (ii) of the expenditure that had to be borne by the government as a result of the write off loans granted for the farmers' loans;

(20)

- (iii) whether a list of names of the farmers for whom the loan write off was granted together with the amount written off next to each name, will be submitted; and
 - (iv) of the amount reimbursed by the government to the commercial banks up to now in lieu of the write off loans granted to the farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

1049/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason for the Sabaragamuwa Province health officers or the officers of the Public Service Commission for not following the circular No. 22/2002 that has been issued for the absorption of the Public Health Field Officers to the middle level technical service;
 - (ii) the reason for the Provincial Public Service Commission for not taking action in accordance with the order given by the Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (iii) the reason for the Secretary to the Provincial Public Service Commission to ignore the order given by the Governor on three occasions;
 - (iv) the total amount of money to be paid to the Public Health Field Officers; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to pay the aforesaid amount of money in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1071/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that it was mentioned in an advertisement that appeared in Daily News on or around 27.03.2019 that—
- (i) Lankaputhra Development Bank was acquired by the Regional Development Bank with effect from 31.12.2018;
 - (ii) all the banking activities of the aforesaid bank were carried out through the Regional Development Bank with effect from 01.04.2019; and
 - (iii) the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has given its approval for the aforesaid acquisition under Section 76 (j) (i) of the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988?

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- (b) Will he state whether the Central bank of Sri Lanka has given its approval for the publication of the aforesaid advertisement?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the approval of—
 - (i) the Board of Directors of the Lanka Puththra Development Bank;
 - (ii) the Annual General Meeting of the Lanka Puththra Development Bank;
 - (iii) the Registrar of Companies;
 - (iv) the Minister of Finance; and
 - (v) Parliament of Sri Lanka;has been granted for the aforesaid acquisition?
- (d) Will he state separately the names of the shareholders of the Regional Development Bank along with the number of shares held by them?
- (e) If not, why?

1134/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local clay roofing tile manufacturers have been deprived of the opportunity of providing roofing tiles in the construction of houses carried out by the government; and
 - (ii) the 100% health friendly local roofing tile production has collapsed as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to use local clay roofing tiles for the housing projects to be carried out by the government in future?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 23, 2019
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

52/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of daycare centers established in the Badulla District under the 'Puraneguma' project which is functioning under the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
 - (ii) of the names of those daycare centers;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on those daycare centers; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to improve the quality of the daycare centers in Badulla District?
- (b) If not, why?

99/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been killed while engaged in country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) of the reasons why the Police officers concerned were killed;
 - (iii) whether he will state the value of the compensation paid to their wives and children;
 - (iv) what steps have been taken by the Department of Police to protect their wives and children; and
 - (v) whether their widows and orphans allowances have been paid duly?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been granted promotions after being killed;
 - (ii) of the number of Police officers who have not been granted promotions after being killed; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not granting them promotions?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take action to improve the methodology that is in place to protect the lives of police officers engaged in crime suppression activities and to safeguard their wives and children in future; and
 - (ii) if so, table the timeframe and the expected methodology for doing it?
- (d) If not, why?

165/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of teachers serving in the schools that come under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that salary arrears due to be paid to most of those teachers; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to pay the salary arrears to which those teachers are entitled?
- (b) If not, why?

368/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

497/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of employees that served in the Janatha Estates Development Board as at 31.12.2017 as the particular manpower estimate and the scheme of recruitment;
- (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each position;
- (iii) separately of the number of permanent, casual and temporary employees that have been recruited to this Board from January 2015 to date;
- (iv) whether it is admitted that, among these employees, there are certain individuals who have been recruited outside the scheme of recruitment; and
- (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Janatha Estates Development Board with pertinence to these recruitments and the payment of their salaries?

(b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in terms of each district, of the number of state banks, private banks, insurance companies, finance companies and micro finance companies which are operative in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) of their names; and
 - (iii) separately, of the interest rates charged by the state banks, private banks and micro finance companies in providing loans for the general public?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a lot of lives are lost due to the injustices caused by the unfair practices of the micro finance companies which are operative in the North and the Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) whether the government will intervene in monitoring the operations of aforesaid Micro Finance Companies in future in order to avoid such losses; and
 - (iii) of the intention of the micro finance companies in accelerating the operations targeting the people of the Northern and the Eastern provinces who lost their economic capabilities owing to the war?
- (c) If not why?

670/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a drinking water project was launched at the expense of millions of rupees under the aid of a Non Governmental Organization with the objective of fulfilling the drinking water requirement of the people who were resettled in Valaiyankattu village in Madhu Divisional Secretariat in Mannar;
 - (ii) the project mentioned above has been abandoned halfway without being completed; and
 - (iii) the people of the aforesaid area encounter a huge difficulty in getting their drinking water requirement fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to complete the aforesaid drinking water project and fulfill the drinking water requirement of the people in Valaiyankattu village;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which day it will be done; and
 - (iii) if not, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

698/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names of the non citizens of Sri Lanka who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017; and
- (ii) the names of the dual citizens who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017?

(b) If not, why?

763/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that media have constantly reported about awarding of monetary grants to certain persons including mainly the Members of Parliament and Ministers through the bank account of the Mendis Company alleged to be maintained at the Seylan Bank by the Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. which is involved with the Central Bank bond scam?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount that has been credited from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018 to the account that is maintained at Seylan Bank by Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. in the name of Mendis Company;
- (ii) of the number of occasions on which the aforesaid amount has been credited to that account, and separately of the amount that has been credited on each of those occasions; and
- (iii) separately of the dates on which money has been withdrawn from the aforesaid account of the Mendis Company from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018, of the amount that has been withdrawn on each of those days, and of the names to whom the amounts thus withdrawn have been paid?

(c) If not, why?

844/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of financial companies registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) names and boards of directors thereof;
 - (iii) the number of financial companies faced with financial crises since the 'good governance' government assumed office;
 - (iv) separately, the number of depositors who had maintained deposits in each such financial institution; and
 - (v) the measures hitherto taken and to be taken to ensure justice to the depositors of said financial companies?
- (b) If not, why?

870/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) injustice has been caused to Mr. L. P. Karunaratne and 17 others in the payment of pension by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation; and
 - (ii) the then Ministry of Finance and Mass media has not implemented the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Committee on Public Petitions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the officers of the then Ministry of Finance and Mass media have promised to pay the pension at the investigation conducted by the Public Petitions Committee;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the recommendations given by the Presidential Secretariat on the instructions of the President; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements would be made to pay pension to these persons?
- (c) If not why?

902/'19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether committees consisting of three field officers have been established in each GN Division of the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division as per Clause 04 of circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 issued with pertinence to the provision of Drought Relief;
 - (ii) if so, whether the number of meetings, relevant dates, times, locations, attendance and the agendas and the discussion notes will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether the committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the committee chaired by the Divisional Secretary and consisting of the relevant officers has met with pertinence to this matter;
 - (ii) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted about the aforesaid meetings;
 - (iii) whether the committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that the people of Polpithigama had been discriminated with pertinence to the phase II of Drought Relief 2018;
 - (ii) of the measures taken to rectify the matter;
 - (iii) whether the particular assistance will be extended to these people; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the perpetrators?
- (d) If not, why?

980/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kalawewa railway station along the Colombo-Batticaloa railway line is used by a large number of commuters;
 - (ii) the 300-meter road for commuters to access the main road from the railway station is in a badly dilapidated condition; and
 - (iii) the train commuters could meet with accidents in entering the main road riskily from the railway platform across the railway line without using the said road due its dilapidated condition?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken expeditiously to develop this short distance road of about 300 meters?
- (c) If not, why?

1135/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Cooperative Development and Vocational Training and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken by the government to develop the roofing tile industry which is the direct or indirect livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people and is also a 100% local industry;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that this industry has experienced a rapid decline;
 - (iii) the fate that would befall the roofing tile manufacturers who are local industrialists and the employees working in tile manufactories due to the collapse of this industry;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the government institutions purchase asbestos sheets granting duty concessions to multinational companies that produce asbestos sheets; and
 - (v) the state patronage extended to local clay roofing tile manufacturers as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

1138/'19

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the income earned by Sri Lanka from the fisheries industry during the last 5 years, separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the income earned by Sri Lanka from the export of fish products during the last 5 years, separately in respect of each year?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the products of the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka are not adequate for the consumption of the country;
 - (ii) whether fish products are imported to the country;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money spent for same;
 - (iv) whether the fisheries industry of the country is not subject to a decline through the import of fish products; and
 - (v) when there is potential for the large scale development of the fisheries industry of the country which is surrounded by the sea, why it has not been done?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 24, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

57/'18

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is an age-old place named Hathé Kanuwa Kadaveediya (which literally means “Seventh Post, Bazaar Street”) in existence in Liyangahawela within the Bandarawela Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has not maintained this place properly during the past few years?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that the Ministry will take to get the Pradeshiya Sabha to develop this place?
- (c) If not, why?

100/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been disabled while engaged in the country’s crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) of the number of such officers who have reached total disability;
 - (iii) of the value of the compensation paid to them;
 - (iv) of the number of such officers to whom compensation has not been paid;
 - (v) of the reasons for not paying them compensation;
 - (vi) whether monthly salaries are duly paid to the officers who have reached total disability;
 - (vii) whether there are any officers who are not paid monthly salaries after reaching total disability; and
 - (viii) if so, of the reasons for not paying monthly salaries to them?
- (b) If not, why?

166/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of advisors that can be appointed to a Minister as per the cabinet decision dated 09th April 2015 and no.අඔප/15/0180/6/3/008;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Governor of Uva Province has appointed 07 advisors to the Chief Minister of Uva Province in spite of the aforesaid decision;
 - (iii) the legal provisions on which 07 advisors were appointed disregarding the cabinet decision taken on appointing advisors; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to rectify this as per the audit query submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

423/'19

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

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

780/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the officers who received appointments as Assistant Manager (Projects) of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority on 11.09.1989;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that an officer who assumed duties on that post had, in addition to the salary for the relevant post for the month of September 1989 had received the salary from another government institution for the same month;

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- (iii) whether he is aware that the post of Assistant General Manager (Services) which had been given to him on political grounds was cancelled by a Court ruling on 19.06.2007 and he was placed on the post that he held earlier (Assistant Project Manager - Grade vi);
 - (iv) accordingly, how much money had he received as salaries and allowances not entitled for the post from 19.06.2007 up to the end of 2015; and
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to recover those monies?
- (b) If not, why?

817/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the schools that have been selected for improvement in the 5 education zones of the Trincomalee district under the “Nearest School is the Best School” programme;
 - (ii) the proposed improvements in each such school;
 - (iii) the minimum amount of money granted to improve each such school;
 - (iv) the development activities carried out hitherto in said schools and the amount of money spent; and
 - (v) as the shortage of teachers’ quarters is one of the reasons for teachers not coming to remote districts like Trincomalee, the measures to be taken to address such problems?
- (b) If not, why?

827/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) thousands of acres of paddy lands have been devastated due to the Arakkottiya (pest) hazard in Ampara district;
 - (ii) the farming community has been severely affected by the aforesaid hazard as the harvesting season is in the offing; and
 - (iii) Arakkottiya hazard is spreading in other areas as well?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any action has been taken to control the Arakkottiya disease;
- (ii) whether there is any possibility of providing some amount of money as compensation to the farmers in Ampara district, who have been affected by the Arakkottiya disease; and
- (iii) whether money has been provided as compensation to the farmers for the damages that have already been caused to their cultivation due to the fall Armyworm disease?

(c) If not, why?

846/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2015 to date, the revenue earned and the amount spent by Independent Television Network;
- (ii) the number of employees recruited during the said period, their names, addresses, educational qualifications and designations;
- (iii) the measures taken during the said period to establish an independent media culture in Independent Television Network; and
- (iv) whether he will state the action taken in respect of those against whom allegations have been levelled;

(b) If not, why?

871/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) many companies including Damro tap into latex in their rubber plantations by applying a gas mask on the trunk of the rubber tree or by applying chemicals on new rubber trees;
- (ii) once the latex producing period of these rubbers trees expires prematurely, the owners of these rubber plantations intend to fell these trees and produce pulp which could be used in other industries;
- (iii) the owners of these plantations plan to grow oil palm in the lands after clearing the rubber trees; and
- (iv) such action would pose a threat to the employment opportunities of the workers and also cause grave destruction to the environment?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he will intervene immediately to control this situation?

(c) If not, why?

948/'19

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

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

981/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Thambuttegama town has become a centre from which a large number of people, barely second to Anuradhapura, the main city of the North Central Province, move to different directions of the country daily;
 - (ii) a large number of families live around this town;
 - (iii) it is a town with a large economic centre which is not second to the Dambulla economic centre; and
 - (iv) the public bus stand in the Tabuttegama town is severely dilapidated that people cannot use it?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why he has not yet paid his attention to—
 - (i) the non-availability of suitable toilet and latrine system for thousands of passengers who move about this bus stand daily;
 - (ii) non-availability of a shelter with proper safety for passengers; and
 - (iii) passengers getting inconvenienced owing to water remaining in the bus stand during the rainy season?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures to be taken to meet the above mention shortcomings; and
 - (ii) the date on which the bus stand would be developed so that people can derive a proper service from it?
- (d) If not, why?

1031/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will present a detailed report on the manner in which the 3000 million rupees, that was allocated to construct a convention hall with a seating capacity of 7000 near the Colombo near Townhall as per proposal number 245 of the budget 2016, was utilized;
 - (ii) of the private sector investors who become partners of this project; and
 - (iii) whether he will present a list of names of local and foreign investors who responded to this budget proposal and a table depicting their investment value?
- (b) If not, why?

1079/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the persons who were killed and injured in Easter Sunday attack;
 - (ii) the compensation and donations given to the victims separately;
 - (iii) the long term relief expected to be provided to the dependents of the persons who were killed in this attack;
 - (iv) whether the injured persons who require long term treatments have been identified separately;
 - (v) medical and other support given to those identified people;
 - (vi) whether a special aid programme has been introduced for the persons who were subject to permanent disability; and
 - (vii) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

1136/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in the Katana Education Division included in the “Nearest School is the Best School” programme;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that there are schools in the Katana Education Division selected under the “ Nearest School is the Best School” of which only the foundation stone has been laid but construction work have not been commenced; and
 - (iii) whether he will state the specific timeframe during which the construction work of the schools of which only the foundation stone has been laid will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

1139/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— 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 state—
 - (i) whether it has been confirmed as of now that there are petroleum or natural gases within the landmass or the sea area belonging to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what such regions are; and
 - (iii) the companies which carry out exploration activities?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of such exploration activities;
 - (ii) whether certain foreign companies which carried out exploration activities on petroleum deposits have left the country, having suspended exploration activities midway; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for same?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 25, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

59/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages that has been removed from operation from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the number of carriages so removed, the number of carriages that has been repaired and added to the service;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that repaired those carriages;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that; and
 - (v) whether he can submit the programme of the Ministry that has been prepared to add the rest of the carriages, that have been removed from operation, to the service again?
- (b) If not, why?

101/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of cases that remain unresolved before the Courts as at 31.12.2017;
 - (ii) the numbers separately, classifying it according to the types of Courts;
 - (iii) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 5 years;
 - (iv) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 10 years;
 - (v) whether she will take steps to have the long unresolved cases decided quickly; and
 - (vi) if so, what steps she will take for it?
- (b) If not, why?

167/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cricket matches that have been played in the Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium from 01.01.2017 to 31.05.2017;
 - (ii) the amount of money earned from those matches; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Sports will take steps to construct a star class hotel in the vicinity of this cricket stadium to provide accommodation to the cricketers?
- (b) If not, why?

370/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) If not, why?

425/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which Kadurugoda historical archaeological site in Jaffna district was gazetted;
- (ii) whether a complete report on the archaeological surveys or explorations carried out regarding that archaeological site will be submitted;
- (iii) whether the site of the stupa there has been encroached upon by squatters;
- (iv) whether a complete report on the damages caused to the said archaeological site as a result of such encroachment will be submitted; and
- (v) of the legal action taken to protect such archaeological heritage?

(b) If not, why?

501/'19

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

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

563/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(3)

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

813/'19

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

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

828/'19

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tax on the potato, which is imported, has been reduced by 20% presently;
 - (ii) the production cost of a kilo of potato in Jaffna remains at Rs. 55/- and a kilo of imported potato is sold in the market at Rs. 50/-; and
 - (iii) the local potato growers have faced much difficulty due to the reduction of the taxes on imported potato as the harvesting season of the potato cultivation in Jaffna commences from 15 February?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to lift the reduction of taxes on the potato, which is imported, and increase those taxes until the sale of the local produce is over, for the benefit of the local potato growers;
 - (ii) whether this type of action will be taken exactly one month prior to the harvesting season of local crops (potato –onion); and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to implement a permanent mechanism in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

872/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) out of the 39 families residing in 34 houses located in the land called Gangarawatta of Pahala Galathura, Kadugammulla, Keri-ella, some have been resident there since 1955 while some have been resident there approximately since 1978 and that they lead a difficult life engaging in agriculture; and
- (ii) cases were filed against four families out of the abovementioned families at the Ratnapura Magistrate Court under re-possession by the government and that the decision of the court has been given to remove them from the land?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that removal of these families from the aforementioned land would cause them to be displaced with their children; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to acquire the aforementioned land which has an extent of about 64 acres for the purpose of expansion of villages and to distribute the same with proper standards among the aforementioned families?

(c) If not, why?

917/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of the Mattala Airport;
- (ii) the source from which such moneys were procured;
- (iii) separately, the income generated and expenditure incurred on maintenance from the day of opening of the airport to date;
- (iv) the number of flights arrived since the opening of this airport to date and the names of airlines;
- (v) separately, the number of passengers who travelled via the Mattala airport during the said period annually; and
- (vi) the vision of the 'good governance' government for developing the Mattala airport?

(b) If not, why?

935/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Fathima Mumthas currently residing at No. 229/3A, Kumarin Mawatha, Gothatuwa, Angoda, Kolonnawa, has two brothers with disabilities aged 21 and 18 years; and
 - (ii) those two orphaned children who were born mentally disabled have not been provided the monthly financial/ medical assistance provided by the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate action will be taken to provide the monthly financial/ medical assistance for the said two children with disabilities who are members of a helpless family with no permanent source of income?
- (c) If not, why?

982/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for many short comings to happen when making funds available for the development of the A/ Wijithapura Maha Vidyalaya in the Kekirawa education zone in the Anuradhapura district under the 'Closest school Best school' programme; and
 - (ii) whether a methodology has been devised to make the financial allocations that have been set aside, available to that school without a shortage or delay?
- (b) If not, why?

1020/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the present government conducted an examination for the recruitment of Samurdhi Development Officers (Grade iii) in order to fill 3771 vacancies and Rs. 500.00 was charged as examination fees from each candidate;
 - (ii) over 75,000 candidates sat for aforesaid examination;
 - (iii) in 2017, the appointments were given to 1904 candidates who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) a pledge was made that the appointments will be given to the rest of the candidates in 2018?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether other 1867 vacancies will be filled from the individuals who passed aforesaid examination; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

1026/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(2)

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