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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 3

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Prescription (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Trust Receipts (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/11 of 05th March 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/46 of 07th March 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 19 read with Section 51 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/24 of 09th April 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Finance Business Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 33 read with Section 69 of the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011 regarding Priority of Claims in a winding up of a Licensed Finance Company and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2125/58 of 31st May 2019, which were presented on 17.09.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 164 of the aforesaid Act relating to Signs, Signals, Symbols and Road Markings and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/9 of 18th June 2019, which were presented on 20.09.2019, be approved.

Institute of Environmental Professionals, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, November 05, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

55/18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is an institution called “Hadabima Authority”, under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (ii) if so, of the major tasks of aforesaid institution;
- (iii) of the name and the address of the building in which aforesaid office has been housed by now;
- (iv) of the monthly and annual rent paid for aforesaid building; and
- (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to locate aforesaid institution in the same building in which the Ministry of Agriculture has been housed?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

129/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance,— (4)

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

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

(4)

441/'19

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

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

515/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(4)

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

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660/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the main objectives of establishing Consumer Affairs Authority;
 - (ii) of its tasks;
 - (iii) of the offences committed in relation to consumer affairs against which the authority is able to take actions; and
 - (iv) powers of the authority and steps that could be taken against the culprits, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the raids carried out; and
 - (ii) of the number of awareness programmes conducted and the locations they were held;by the Authority during 2017?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he accepts that most of the cafeterias where the long distance passenger busses are called at, sell low quality food at higher prices and the consumers are severely inconvenienced as the consumers have limited choice; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that would be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

754/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers in different ranks of the three armed forces, the Police and the Civil Security Department who are in remand prison or in prison at present;
 - (ii) of the nature of the charges that have been filed against all the officers against whom judicial action has been taken including those who are in remand prison and in prison and the present situation of those charges; and
 - (iii) out of those officers, of the names and addresses of those who have been sentenced to death and of the nature of the offences relevant to such sentence?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total number of civilians of various statuses against whom judicial action has been taken filing various charges including Mr. Nishantha De Alwis of “Sathya Gaveshakayo” Organization who extended their cooperation in combatting terrorism?
- (c) If not, why?

873/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the electricity connection to the house and the shop belonging to Mr. K. H. S. D. Hemasiri of No. 02, Othara Road, Waradala, Mellowagedara was disconnected on 17.01.2018;
 - (ii) whether he admits that by then, the electricity bill had not been delivered either Mr. Hemasiri or to his house; and
 - (iii) whether the CEB office of Divulapitiya admitted to this and electricity supply was re-connected without levying any additional charge?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual income earned by the CEB through charges levied for the re-connection of electricity supply subsequent to disconnecting; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that having to pay a re-connection charge of Rs. 1,430/- when the overdue bill amount is Rs. 1,250/- puts the people in a severe difficulty?
- (c) If not, why?

882/'19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

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

936/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Muslim people of the Hijrapuram village belonging to the Maritimé pattu Divisional Secretariat Division of the Mullaitivu District were denied their ancestral lands after the end of the war situation;
- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that no permanent solution has been provided up to now although the Hijrapuram Village Development Association submitted complain No. PRE/2017/N/046127 dated 18.09.2017 to the District Secretary of Mullaitivu through the “Janapathita Kiyanna” network programme; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken immediately to look into the aforementioned complain and matters referred thereto and provide a solution?

(b) If not, why?

937/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) an audit inquiry was carried out as per a complaint received by the Internal Audit Unit of the Provincial Education Office in relation to wrongful use of the money of the students of the Gamini Maha Vidyalaya, Ingiriya and other malpractices which have been going on for years;
- (ii) as per the audit inquiry, all authorities from the Zonal Education Director of Horana to the Provincial Education Minister of the Western Province were informed to take steps against those who are responsible for these wrongful action but no solution has been provided to this problem up to now;
- (iii) a transfer was given to the principal who requested that he be given a transfer to another school if the perpetrators are not going to be removed from school; and
- (iv) the parents and students have become helpless as a result of action which caused the principal who took a great effort to develop the school to be transferred while making light of the aforementioned financial malpractice allegations which caused the alleged perpetrators to become even more powerful within the school?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether it would not be a bad precedent to protect persons who are using the money of the students of the school in a wrongful manner as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

938/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that eight special loan schemes were introduced in March 2017 with the objective of generating 50,000 new employment opportunities;
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries who obtained loans under each of the aforesaid loan scheme in each district, separately;
 - (iii) the amount of concessionary interest provided under the aforesaid eight loan schemes;
 - (iv) the manner in which aforesaid concessionary interest has been posted in public finance accounts; and
 - (v) the number of employment opportunities generated by the new projects commenced under the aforesaid eight loan schemes?
- (b) If not, why?

1010/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any payments due by the Air Force from the public institutions for providing aviation services;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the name of each public institution, amount due and the due period; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the Sri Lanka Air Force to recover the said due amounts?
- (b) If not, why?

1046/'19

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Samurdhi Development Officers serving in Mannar district have been serving continuously in the same Grama Niladhari Divisions for over 5 years without getting transfers;
 - (ii) people face various inconveniences as a result of this; and
 - (iii) there is a setback in the development activities of the people in those villages?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to transfer the Samurdhi Development Officers who have been serving continuously in the same Grama Niladhari Divisions in Mannar district for over 5 years; and
 - (ii) when it would be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1152/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a land of 100 acres known as Palamin Odai in the Pier area in Thalaimannar was given for resettlement activities by the Land Reforms Commission in 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the number of families that was expected to be settled in this land;
 - (iii) the names and other details of the families and public institutions to which lands were given;
 - (iv) the number of families that remain there till this day, out of the families that were originally settled in that land;
 - (v) the number of families that were settled during the interim period and their details;
 - (vi) the number of families to which land permits have been given out of the families that have been settled so far; and
 - (vii) the date on which land permits would be given to those members who have not yet received land permits?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 06, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

60/'18

Hon. Heshu 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 the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess lands becoming helpless?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
- (c) If not, why?

158/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

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

421/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of reported crimes in Sri Lanka on each year from year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) whether he would furnish details of those crimes under separate categories of crime; and
 - (iii) of the number of lives lost as a result of those crimes?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the steps taken by the government to curb crimes from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of arrests made from 2015 to date;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who have been subjected to punishment from 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) out of the crimes committed from 2015 to date, of the number of crimes regarding which legal action could not be taken yet?
- (c) If not, why?

644/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that certain space in the BMICH has been allocated for an Institution by the name of Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation (IOMC);
 - (ii) of the number of rooms that have been allocated thus;
 - (iii) of the authority by which the expenses for the above purpose are borne;
 - (iv) of the annual expenditure borne for the above purpose, if it is provided by the government;
 - (v) of the period for which the government has been maintaining this institution; and
 - (vi) of the benefits accrued in lieu of expenses made for the same by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

1032/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the key tax reforms effected in order to set up a shopping paradise in Sri Lanka as per proposal No. 246 of the budget 2016;
 - (ii) of the nature of the impact of the said tax reforms on the prices and turnover of garments, shoes, electronic and electric appliances; and
 - (iii) whether he will present a table depicting the number of tourists that arrived in Sri Lanka since 1994 and the foreign exchange earned from them in each year?
- (b) If not, why?

1072/'19

Hon. Nimal Lanza,— 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 a Presidential Commission of Inquiry has been appointed to investigate into the Serious Acts of Fraud, Corruption and Abuse of Power, State Resources and Privileges alleged to have occurred during the period from 10.01.2010 up to 10.01.2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the members appointed to that Committee;
 - (ii) the terms of office of the aforesaid members, separately; and
 - (iii) the number/ numbers and the date/ dates of the Gazette Notification/ Notifications through which the aforesaid appointments were made?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the term of the aforesaid Commission;
 - (ii) the Number/Numbers and the date/dates of the Gazette Notification/ Notifications through which the aforesaid Commission was appointed;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid term has been extended;
 - (iv) if so, the dates from which and up to which the aforesaid term has been extended; and
 - (v) the number/numbers and the date/ dates of the Gazette Notification/ Notifications through which the aforesaid extension was made?
- (d) If not, why?

1086/'19

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the construction of the district stadium in Mullaitivu has not been commenced up to now even though a land in Mulliwayikkal had been allocated for the construction of a stadium for that district; and
 - (ii) if so, when the construction would be commenced?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the construction of the district stadium for Mannar district had been commenced some time back and the work has been stopped for about one year after completing 50% of the work because the Department of Archaeology notified that the land had to be investigated; and

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- (ii) the rehabilitation work of the Mannar district stadium has not been commenced up to now even though 2 months have lapsed since the granting of approval by the Department of Archaeology for commencing such work?
- (c) Will he inform this House when the construction of the district stadium for Mannar district would be recommenced?
- (d) If not, why?

1116/19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of rabies patients reported from the Kurunegala district from the year 2015 to date, separately in respect of each Medical Officer of Health Division;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that anti rabies activities are not carried out properly in the North Western Province for a period of approximately one year;
 - (iii) the reasons for transferring anti rabies activities from the Department of Animal Product to the Department of Health;
 - (iv) nevertheless, even the Department of Health is not properly carrying out anti rabies activities at present; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to successfully conduct anti rabies activities in the North Western Province?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 07, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

61/18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio stations;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio stations and the dates on which such radio stations have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio stations in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio stations?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio stations;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio stations are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio stations broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

168/'18

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Mr. Sujeewa Jayasingha had been appointed as the educational advisor to the Chief Minister of Uva Province;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which he was appointed to that post and the monthly allowance paid to him;
 - (iii) his educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iv) the qualifications he possesses in the field of education to give advice in the field of education; and
 - (v) whether the details of the audit quarry with regard to this appointment will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

273/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

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

650/'18

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware that the carpeting process of certain road segments of around 1.8 kilometers located near the Kantale-Bhathiyagama Stadium which got delayed owing to heavy rains, in spite of the fact that all the arrangements required for the carpeting process had been made, got suspended parallel to the change of governments in 2015;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to carpet the particular road segments which have been prepared for carpeting by laying ABC stones as well, with a view to benefiting from the aforesaid expenditure which has already been made with regard to this purpose; and
- (iii) of the reason for discriminating the Bhathiyagama area where the highest population of the Kantale Divisional Secretariat Division reside?

(b) If not, why?

781/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the officer who functioned as the Assistant Manager (Human Resources and Administration) of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority from 05.08.2014 sat the Efficiency Bar examination which he had to sit for in relation to the post;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the person who holds that post has to immediately resign from that post if he has not sat or failed that examination; and
- (iii) accordingly, whether steps have been taken against the Board of Directors of the authority for keeping that person on that post even after 05.08.2017?

(b) If not, why?

874/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for stopping the development work between Pepiliyana and Pamankada along Horana Road;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid work should be completed before giving publicity for the Light Rail Project;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has already been spent on Consultants and state apparatus and publicity on the Light Rail project;
 - (iv) of the amount of the dollar funds given by Japan out of the money spent as stated in (iii) above; and
 - (v) whether the foreign Consultants engaged, for the aforesaid project have been recommended by recognized international institutions;
- (b) If not, why?

940/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that arrangements have been made to provide financial benefits and various privileges to a few employees of the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, National Savings Bank and Regional Development Bank which are the main state banks in the country, recommending that they had undergone political victimization;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that political revenge was not taken place in banks under the previous government;
 - (iii) if not, why; and
 - (iv) whether he will take immediate steps to stop the aforesaid course of action which provides special privileges to a few political allies in an unprecedented manner in the history of banks amidst the protest of all professionals including the Bank Employees Union?
- (b) If not, why?

1021 /'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tenants of this country encounter inconveniences in admitting their children to schools due to the reasons such as being unable to verify the ownership of the dwelling places and being unable to submit water bills and electricity bills; and
 - (ii) it is difficult to get the identity cards as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to what measures are taken to resolve very important issues of this nature?
- (c) If not, why?

1061/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the road from Kekirawa to Ganewalpola with an extent of approximately 7 km., is the short-cut to access the Ganewalpola town in the A-11 Anuradhapura-Batticaloa road when coming from the town of Kekirawa on the A9 Kandy-Anuradhapura road;
 - (ii) the aforementioned section of the road has not been developed for over 50 years;
 - (iii) although development work on the aforementioned road was commenced in under the former government, by now, the work has been suspended;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken expeditiously to develop this road?
- (c) If not, why?

1117/'19

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a divisional hospital called Hettipoala in the Panduwasnuwara electorate;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the approved medical staff for the said hospital;
 - (iii) the number of employees serving at present and the number of vacancies in the hospital;
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to provide the required human and physical resources and further develop this hospital which is an asset to the area?
- (b) If not, why?

1137/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the export Processing Zones established in Sri Lanka make a significant contribution to the economy of the country;
- (ii) whether work has been started by now to construct new Export Processing Zones centered on the Hambantota, Mirijjawila and Bingiriya areas;
- (iii) if so, the date;
- (iv) the date on which the work is expected to be completed of the construction projects of the said Export Processing Zones; and
- (v) the manner in which they are expected to make a contribution to the economy of the country upon the completion of the construction of these new Export Processing Zones?

(b) If not, why?

1153/'19

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) Whether he is aware that the state land in Rasendrakulam located close to Suduvendapulavu village belonging to Vengalavettikulam Divisional Secretary's Division in Vavuniya district has been used by the people in that area for Chena cultivations and Livestock activities since 1970's;
- (ii) If so, the number of persons who were identified as persons eligible for the receipt of land permits through Land Kachcheris in terms of the Circular No. 2013/01 of the Commissioner General of Land;
- (iii) their names and other details;
- (iv) the number of persons out of them who have received Land permits by now;
- (v) the obstacles for giving Land permits to all identified persons;
- (vi) if so, whether arrangements would be made to remove those obstacles and give Land permits to all of them; and
- (vii) the date on which such land permits would be given?

(b) If not, why?

1156/'19

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately, according to each year—
 - (i) the number of houses constructed by the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs and the institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry;
 - (ii) the number of houses constructed under the 'Gam Udawa' programme; and
 - (iii) the amount spent for publicity campaigns to educate the public on housing construction projects;from January 2015 to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether houses have been provided to the public on installment payment basis;
 - (ii) if so, the total amount due;
 - (iii) of the total floor area of the houses constructed under the 'Gam Udawa' programme;
 - (iv) whether the floor area of the houses change from one project to another;
 - (v) whether basic sanitary facilities are provided for the houses constructed under the 'Gam Udawa' programme; and
 - (vi) whether there is a mechanism followed to select beneficiaries when providing houses?
- (c) If not, why?

1168/'19

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) calculation of overtime allowances of Custom Officers of the Department of Customs has been specifically mentioned in the subsection 6.1 of the Chapter VIII of the Establishment Code; and
 - (ii) in addition, the hourly rate for deploying Custom Officers for overtime work has been declared in the Gazette Notification No. 1570/17 dated 26.10.2007?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that provisions of the aforesaid gazette notification are not followed when paying overtime allowances to Custom Officers;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a serious injustice has been caused to the aforesaid officers due to the very low overtime allowance paid to them; and
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to pay the overtime allowances legally entitled by the Custom Officers after calculating them in terms of the Establishment Code and to pay with the arrears of the overtime allowances that have not been paid properly to date?
- (c) If not, why?

1177/19

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Children's Homes administered by the government;
 - (ii) the total number of children in those Homes;
 - (iii) that number separately for each Children's Home?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of —
- (i) the number of Children's Homes administered by the private sector, social service organizations and non-government organizations;
 - (ii) the number of children residing in each of those Homes and the address and the name of the administering organization?
- (c) Will she state—
- (i) the number of children legally adopted by foreigners within the last twenty years;
 - (ii) separately, the countries where each of those children live at present and the addresses of their guardians?
- (d) Will she state—
- (i) whether court orders have been received against any Children's Home located within the country;
 - (ii) if so, what those institutions are;
 - (iii) if those orders had been in connection with child abuse, the steps taken against the relevant accused persons?
- (e) If not, why?
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Friday, November 08, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

23/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Ambewila junction to Udawela via Ranwala in the Weligepola Divisional Secretariat Division in Ratnapura district has fallen into disrepair as a result of not being repaired for many years?
- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) of the institution to which the said road belongs to;
 - (ii) whether it has been planned to repair this road to be suitable for transport;
 - (iii) if so, the proposed dates for the commencement and completion of the repair;
 - (iv) the amount estimated for the development of this road; and
 - (v) whether money has been allocated as of now?
- (c) If not, why?

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

276/'18

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

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

661/'18

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

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

765/'19

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Upparu and Ralkuli bridges, on either side of the Genge bridge through which the Mahaweli river meets the sea, are located over two tributaries of the Mahaweli river?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of sand mining licences granted to mine sand from the sand dune located in a way that prevents sea water from mixing with the water of the Mahaweli river at the Genge bay on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary, even though Upparu tributary joins the Mahaweli river over Madanthettiwala of the Mahaweli river and Rakkuli tributary joins the Mahaweli river at Manalaru;
- (ii) the names and addresses of licencees and the approved number of cubes of sand, separately;
- (iii) whether he will submit the copies of the two survey reports issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in June 2016 and May 2018; and
- (iv) of the obstacles to grant sand mining licences according to the recommendations of those reports?

(c) If not, why?

798/'19

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the vehicles provided for the use of the Vice Chairman and the Working Director of the National Housing Development Authority;
- (ii) of the registration numbers and the types of vehicles were;
- (iii) whether there are vehicles obtained on rent or lease among them;
- (iv) if so, the types of vehicles and their registration numbers;
- (v) of the monthly amount paid for each vehicle from 01.01.2016 to date as per above (iv); and
- (vi) of the monthly amount paid for the fuel of the said vehicles to date?

(b) If not, why?

810/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the Engineering, Accountancy and other professional courses conducted by the higher educational institutions other than the universities coming under the Ministry of Higher Education;
- (ii) the fees charged by those institutions for each course;

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

903/'19

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

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

932/'19

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that an SLTB bus used to run daily at 4.15 from Pangollamada to Maharagama via Akurana and Kandy on route No. 595 in Kandy district;
- (ii) whether a policy decision has been taken to stop that bus service which was operated for the convenience of the public including the patients coming to the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama;
- (iii) the date on which the said bus service was operative last; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to operate the said bus service on a daily basis?

(b) If not, why?

939/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— 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 separately and in relation to each year from 2015 to 2018—

- (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka in Metric Tonnes;
- (ii) the amount of foreign exchange spent to import rice;
- (iii) the manner in which the Special Commodity Levy, that was charged to import rice, was amended; and
- (iv) the volumes of rice imported by the public institutions and the profit made or the loss incurred by the sale of rice?

(b) If not, why?

968/'19

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the volunteer Police Constables were absorbed to teachers service 3- II as per the Cabinet paper No/9/1374/360/047;
- (ii) these individuals were deployed in the difficult areas like Welioya where there was a severe shortage of teachers;
- (iii) the schools that were scheduled to be closed down were revived owing to aforesaid reason; and
- (iv) however, there is a move to attach them again to the Volunteer Police Service regardless of their objections?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to confirm them in the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service as per their request; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date?
- (c) If not, why?

977/'19

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

1003/'19

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

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

1023/'19

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) who had given the approval to commit a financial irregularity countermanding Notice No. 818 from the Fund from which rewards are given to Excise Officers under Section 58 (a) of the Excise Ordinance;

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

1034/ '19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

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