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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(3) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/63 of 06th December 2019, which were presented on 08.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Value Added Tax Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/52 of 29th November 2019, which was presented on 08.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,— Order under the Value Added Tax Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 2A of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002 amended by the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, No. 6 of 2005, relating to Value Added Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/60 of 06th December 2019, which was presented on 08.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

(2)

Wednesday, February 05, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the “Sri Lanka Business Development Cooperative Society Limited” was registered; and
 - (ii) the posts of the board of officials of the said society and names of persons holding such posts?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the registration activities of this society are not legal;
 - (ii) no attention has been paid to any of the factors that should be considered in registering a cooperative society; and
 - (iii) there is not even formal registration files in the Department in this regard?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether an investigation will be conducted in this regard; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

49/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of students who got through the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination with high scores in the Uva Province in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of those students;
 - (iii) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme to provide scholarships to those students; and
 - (iv) if so, will he present to this House the particulars such as the names of the students to whom scholarships were provided and the financial value of those scholarships?
- (b) If not, why?

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77/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology,—(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 each 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?
- (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?

10/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in respect of the year 2013 to the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of agitations, protests and strikes that took place in the country;
 - (ii) the number of occasions whereon water cannon and tear gas were used and shots were fired at; and
 - (iii) the number of persons died or injured in the aforementioned incidents?
- (b) If not, why?

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51/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(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 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?

78/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of television channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, the institutions that run those TV stations; and
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those TV stations and the dates on which each TV stations have been started?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are TV stations in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those TV stations;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that regulates the TV stations;
 - (iv) whether he admits that regulation of those TV stations are not done in a proper manner; and
 - (v) whether a proper procedure to regulate TV channels will be prepared to prevent certain TV channels telecasting revengeful and satirical programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (vi) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

103/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of deaths;
 - (ii) the number of people who were disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid to the victims by the government;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid for a deceased person by the government;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses have been given for all the people who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the closest date on which a permanent house was given to a displaced family;

in the Meeriyabedda landslide that occurred in Badulla district in 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

109/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that the President engaged in and the objectives of such tours in relation to the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019;
 - (ii) of the number of individuals participated in each foreign tour and their designations; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour, separately in terms of each year?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, February 06, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of persons arrested for offences relating to the abuse of psychiatric drugs (drugs administered to psychiatric patients) in the years 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) the districts wherefrom the highest number of persons were arrested; and
 - (iii) the tendency of persons being arrested for offences relating to the abuse of psychiatric drugs in the two aforesaid years from each one hundred thousand of the population?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to prevent the above drugs being used as narcotics; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures so taken?
- (c) If not, why?

52/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many of the tea smallholders are in the Uva Province;
 - (ii) how many is that according to each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of those who have received the tea subsidy from the year 2015 up to now, separately in respect of each year;
 - (iv) if there are any who have not received the said subsidy, how many are they; and
 - (v) what steps he will take to give this subsidy to them soon?
- (b) If not, why?

79/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the cinemas that are currently in operation in the island;
 - (ii) the places they are located, separately; and
 - (iii) the name/s of the owner/s of each cinema, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a classification of cinemas located all around the country;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) who regulate/s these cinemas;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there are cinemas that are run with poor functioning under low facilities;
 - (v) if so, whether he will formulate a proper methodology in order to regulate the operation of cinemas in an orderly manner; and
 - (vi) if so, in what way?
- (c) If not, why?

12/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of persons arrested on offences related to cannabis in 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) the districts from which the highest number of persons were arrested; and
 - (iii) the arrest rate per one hundred thousand persons on offences related to cannabis in 2016 and 2017?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the estimated area of land deemed as illegally cultivated with cannabis;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of cannabis imported to this country illegally per annum in kilos;
 - (iii) whether the government has taken measures to minimize the cultivation and importation of cannabis; and
 - (iv) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

53/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that an audit query had been raised in the year 2015 in respect of foreign study tours made by the people's representatives and staff grade officers of the Uva Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what courses have been followed by people's representatives;
 - (ii) what the names of the people's representatives and officers concerned are;
 - (iii) what amount of money had been spent for this purpose; and
 - (iv) what methodology was followed in selecting officers for it?
- (c) If not, why?

80/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a telephone tapping system has been brought to or installed in the country by the government or by an institution to listen to or record telephone conversations taking place over telephone networks operated in Sri Lanka?
 - (ii) if so, the value of said system;
 - (iii) the number of telephones covered by that system; and
 - (iv) the object of bringing down such a system?
- (b) If not, why?

104/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the explosion of the armory of the Army in Salawa, Kosgama in the year 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the explosion;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the explosion;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

110/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the foreign tours that the Prime Minister engaged in from the period of 09.01.2015 to 31.12.2019;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such tours;
 - (iii) of the number of individuals participated in each foreign tour and their designations; and
 - (iv) separately, of the amount of money spent for each foreign tour?
- (b) If not, why?

105/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of jobs that has been provided as at 31.12.2018 under the one million job programme of the government; and
 - (ii) the district wise division of the aforesaid number, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

111/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport Service Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of passengers who travelled by train;
 - (ii) the income earned from transporting passengers;
 - (iii) the number of railway tickets printed; and
 - (iv) the amount spent to print the railway tickets;in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of turns that should be scheduled for the trains to transport passengers; and
 - (ii) the number of turns the trains take usually per day?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, February 07, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

13/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of government and non-government institutions that provide residential treatment and rehabilitation services within Sri Lanka for drug addicts, separately;
 - (ii) the names of those institutions;
 - (iii) the amount spent by the government in 2017 for the said government and non-government institutions, separately; and
 - (iv) the number of persons referred to the rehabilitation institutions in 2016 and 2017?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a method for follow up on people who leave the rehabilitation institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, what that method is?
- (c) If not, why?

54/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Officers serving in Uva Province at present;
 - (ii) the names of officers; positions and work places separately;
 - (iii) the approved number of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Officers for Uva Province;
 - (iv) the number of vacancies in the province at present; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

81/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of complaints regarding rapes, sexual abuse and child abuse received by Sri Lanka Police from the year 2012 up to now, separately in respect of each district; and
 - (ii) of the number of complaints out of those complaints, in respect of which investigations have been completed?
- (b) If not, why?

14/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether the annual requirement of cannabis for ayurvedic drugs production within Sri Lanka has been estimated; and
 - (ii) if so, what that amount is?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether cannabis required for ayurvedic drugs is cultivated;
 - (ii) if so, the acreage currently under cannabis cultivation; and
 - (iii) of the institution that supervises those cultivations?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) whether cannabis seized in raids is used for ayurvedic drugs; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount used for ayurvedic drug production out of the cannabis seized in raids in 2017?
- (d) If not, why?

55/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) total kilometers of roads belonging to the Uva Provincial Road Development Authority, according to each district separately;
 - (ii) the distance separately, according to the classification of roads by the Provincial Road Development Authority;
 - (iii) the roads that were carpeted from year 2013 to 2017 in Badulla district which belongs to the Uva Provincial Council, as of kilometers and years separately;
 - (iv) sources that provide funds to develop and maintain roads belonging to the Uva Provincial Council; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent to develop provincial roads of Badulla district from year 2013 to 2016 under the source mentioned in (iv) above, in each year and according to each source separately?
- (b) If not, why?

82/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cabinet, state and deputy ministerial positions in the cabinets created during each Parliament starting from the First Parliament in 1978 to Eighth Parliament, separately;

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- (ii) of the number of female ministers in each cabinet;
- (iii) of the number of female ministers as a percentage of the total number of ministerial portfolios in each cabinet; and
- (iv) whether the women have received a fair representation in the cabinet that is proportionate to the present women population in the country?

(b) If not, why?

106/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, in descending order, the number of foreign tours made by each Member of Parliament, including those accompanying the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Ministers, from 01.09.2015 to 31.12.2018?

(b) If not, why?

112/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development, Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015 to date;
 - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?

(b) If not, why?

107/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people died;
 - (ii) of the number of people got disabled;
 - (iii) of the full amount of compensation paid for the victims by the government;

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- (iv) of the compensation paid on behalf of a deceased person; and
- (v) of the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
in connection with the slide of Meethotamulla garbage dump in the year of 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether all displaced people have been provided with permanent houses; and
 - (ii) of the most recent date on which a displaced family was provided with a permanent house?
- (c) If not, why?

113/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the government decided to ban the use of asbestos;
 - (ii) of the reasons for taking such a decision;
 - (iii) of the reports by committees of experts on which the government's decision for that ban was based;
 - (iv) of the date on which the government decided to lift the said ban;
 - (v) of the reasons for taking such a decision; and
 - (vi) of the experts who recommended that the use of asbestos again was suitable?
 - (b) If not, why?
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