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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,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2131/29 of 10th July 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, 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 Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/55 of 09th August 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, 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 Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/68 of 10th August 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, 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 Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/12 of 14th October 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, 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 Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2151/60 of 01st December 2019, which was presented on 21.01.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

15/2020

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—

- (i) separately, the number of persons arrested on offences related to the drug, heroin, in 2016 and 2017;
- (ii) of the districts from which the highest number of persons were arrested;
- (iii) of the arrest rate per one hundred thousand persons on offences related to heroin in the said two years; and
- (iv) separately, the number of persons who engaged in large scale smuggling in and distribution of heroin out of the persons mentioned in (i) above?

(3)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of heroin estimated as smuggled into this country per annum;
 - (ii) of the routes through which heroine arrives in this country;
 - (iii) whether the government has taken measures to block the said routes;
 - (iv) if so, what those measures are; and
 - (v) of the countries from which the biggest amount of heroin is brought to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

56/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sports clubs registered under the Ministry of Sports;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid sports clubs;
 - (iii) of the sports clubs which have submitted annual accounts by now and the sports clubs which have not submitted so;
 - (iv) of the sports clubs which have held annual elections of office bearers and the sports clubs which have not done so; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to hold annual elections of office bearers in the sports clubs in which no elections have been held?
- (b) If not, why?

83/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number and the names of sportsmen and sportswomen who participated in the recently concluded South Asian Junior Athletics Championship representing Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of medals won by Sri Lankans in this Championship and the names of the sportsmen and sportswomen who won those medals;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry has decided to offer a financial gift to the aforesaid sportsmen and sportswomen;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the sportsmen, sportswomen and their coaches who have been awarded such financial gifts by now; and
 - (v) the actions will be taken by the Ministry to award the aforementioned financial gifts to those who have not been awarded such gifts yet?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

94/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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) the extent of land that has been acquired by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the Bingiriya Export processing zone;
- (ii) the institutions to which those lands belonged;
- (iii) the dates on which those lands were acquired;
- (iv) the amounts paid for those lands and the methodology adopted to assess their value; and
- (v) the institutions that maintain the coconut cultivation on those lands at present and obtain their harvest?

(b) If not, why?

114/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— 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 he is aware that Mr. L. P. U. Karunarathna bearing official number 31470 joined the Police service as an apprentice Police Constable on 04.11.1990 and his appointment was cancelled on 04.03.1991 with immediate effect while receiving basic training at the Kalutara Police Training School;
- (ii) of the reasons for cancelling that appointment;
- (iii) whether he is aware that he was reinstated under official number 12271 with effect from 11.04.1997 upon considering his appeal;
- (iv) of the reasons for not receiving the promotions he should have received during the 06 years of cancellation of appointment;
- (v) as to why arrangements are not made to pay the arrears of salary relevant to that period; and
- (vi) of his date of birth?

(b) If not why?

121/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) a large number of individuals who applied for the Elders' Allowance which is provided to the citizens above 70 years have not received the said allowance up to now; and
 - (ii) when inquiries are made in this regard at the Divisional Secretariats, it is stated that arrangements would be made to provide the allowance to the remaining individuals as per the number of vacancies created among those who are already provided with the Elders' Allowance?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of individuals who have been provided with the Elders' Allowance after the appointment of the incumbent subject Minister;
 - (ii) whether arrangements would be made to provide the Elders' Allowance to those who have applied but not hitherto received the allowance; and
 - (iii) if so, with effect from which date will it be done?
- (c) If not, why?

127/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of industrial estates;
 - (ii) the number of plots of land;
 - (iii) the number of factories operating in the industrial estates; and
 - (iv) the number of employees in the industrial estates;
 that belong to Ceylon Industrial Development Board, separately?
- (b) Will he state in regard to the programmes conducted by Ceylon Industrial Development Board in the Central Province in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of self employment promotion programmes;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid programmes were held;
 - (iii) the equipment provided;
 - (iv) the basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
 - (v) the number of technological training programmes conducted?

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(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he accepts the fact that even though the opportunity of engaging in electronic businesses through the internet is open even to the persons living in rural areas at present, the knowledge required for it has not been sufficiently provided; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to provide this knowledge in a systematic manner?

(d) If not, why?

133/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Industries and Supply Chain Management,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names;
- (ii) of the educational qualifications;
- (iii) of the professional qualifications;
- (iv) of the salaries and allowances;
- (v) of the facilities for the staff; and
- (vi) of the other facilities including vehicles;

of the advisors, coordinators and project directors recruited to the Lanka Mineral Sands Ltd., during the period of 18.09.2015 to 31.07.2017?

(b) If not, why?

16/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of small hydro power plants operating in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the amount of electricity added to the national energy grid through it as a percentage;
- (iii) whether the effect made to the environment by these power plants is studied; and
- (iv) if so, how often this study is made?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether approval was granted for small hydro power plants in the year 2017;
- (ii) if so, the aforesaid number of hydro power plants to which approval was granted;
- (iii) whether a methodology will be prepared to consider the recommendations of the district and divisional coordination committees when granting new licenses; and
- (iv) if so, the manner in which it is done?

(c) If not, why?

57/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, from year 2010 to date, of the amount of money granted for registered sports clubs by the Ministry;
 - (ii) of the details, if the individuals were sent to international sports events by the sports clubs during aforesaid period of time;
 - (iii) of the achievements of aforesaid international sports events; and
 - (iv) separately, of the names and the amounts of money paid for the foreign coaches if the services of the foreign coaches had been obtained for sports clubs during aforesaid period of time?
- (b) If not, why ?

84/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names and positions of the present Board of Trustees of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation;
 - (ii) the main functions of the said Foundation;
 - (iii) the names of artistes who received benefits from the welfare foundation operated by the Tower Hall Theatre Fund from the year 2010 to date; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to increase the assistance granted to artistes?
- (b) If not, why?

95/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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 coconut trees that were removed when infrastructure facilities of the Bingiriya Export processing zone were developed;
 - (ii) of the parties to which those coconut trees were given;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted for that;
 - (iv) of the price at which a coconut tree was given; and
 - (v) of the institution, which possesses that money?
- (b) If not, why?

115/2020

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 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?

122/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President’s Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
 - (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
 - (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
 - (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
 - (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
 - (vi) if so, what that system is; and
 - (vii) separately the names of persons who received local or foreign scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

128/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of places of Buddhist religious worship situated in Pussellawa town;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid places of religious worship; and
 - (iii) the action that had been taken by the government for the development of the aforesaid places of religious worship after the good governance government came into power?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 19, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

17/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) charges of financial frauds have been levelled and judicial proceedings are pending against some persons to whom awards were given at the 96th International Cooperatives Day celebration that was held under the auspices of his Excellency the President and the Ministers and Members of Parliament in Batticaloa on 07th July 2018;
 - (ii) the credibility of this awards ceremony has been tarnished as a result of it; and
 - (iii) the Commissioner of Cooperatives has misguided the leader of the country and the Ministers by taking action to give awards to these corrupted persons?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to conduct an inquiry against the Commissioner of Cooperatives and the ineligible persons that obtained awards;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid inquiry will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

58/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Primary, English, Science and Mathematics teachers employed in Badulla district to date;
 - (ii) of the approved number of teachers to teach aforesaid subjects;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies available for each aforesaid subject; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

85/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of cultural centres established from the year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the amount spent on each of the aforesaid cultural centres;
 - (iv) the objectives of establishing the said cultural centres; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to establish more cultural centres in the Ratnapura district in future?
- (b) If not, why?

96/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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 investments contracted in relation to the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) of the value of the said investments; and
 - (iii) the number of those investments in respect of which work has commenced at present?
- (b) If not, why?

117/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— 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 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?

124/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. K. T. B. G. Jayampathi who functional as Air Vice Marshal of Sri Lanka Air force, having obtained a permit on 08.01.2008 for the import of a car on concessionary basis had got his vehicle released from the Customs;
 - (ii) though the said officer can obtain another car on concessionary basis only after five years, having submitted an application again for the import of a car on concessionary basis on 14.01.2011 with the recommendation of the then commander of the Air force and the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, he had obtained the relevant permit on 07.06.2011 and imported a motor car; and
 - (iii) he has thus violated the provisions of circulars?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the legal action constituted against this officer; and
 - (ii) the legal action constituted against the then Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and the commander of the Air force for issuing recommendations for the import of a motor car under the concessionary basis in breach of the regulations of the relevant circulars?
- (c) If not, why?

129/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— 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 drug raids carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of persons taken into custody for offenses related to drugs; and
 - (iii) of the value of drugs seized;in Kandy District during the past two years separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, a list comprising of drugs which have been identified as illegal substances and the names of the countries from which they enter to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Gampola and surrounding areas belonging to Kandy District have been a drug distribution hub for a while now and that the aforesaid distribution network continues function powerfully, targeting school children and the youth; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to capture these drug traffickers expeditiously and eliminate the drug menace from this area?
- (d) If not, why?

135/2020

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 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?

18/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a vehicle has been provided to Mr. S.L. Nazeer, Co-operative Development Commissioner, for official duties;
 - (ii) if so, the make and the registered number of the aforesaid vehicle;
 - (iii) if not, whether an allowance is paid to him for a vehicle; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of such allowance?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the above-named officer uses vehicles of other officers for his personal purposes; and
 - (ii) this often happens during weekends?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation will be carried out into the aforesaid misuse of vehicles; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such investigation will be commenced?
- (d) If not, why?

60/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Buddhist temples and Dhamma schools which were affected by the floods occurred in May, 2017;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of aforesaid temples and Dhamma schools; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to reconstruct aforesaid temples?
- (b) If not, why?

86/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extents of lands owned by government institutions within the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division, separately;
 - (ii) of the methodology followed in granting government lands within that Divisional Secretariat Division during period from the year 2005 to the year 2015;
 - (iii) of the names of beneficiaries who obtained lands during the period concerned; and
 - (iv) what methodology is followed when granting lands?
- (b) If not, why?

97/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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 institution which implements the access road development project of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) of the methodology in which the contract has been awarded in respect of the project;
 - (iii) of the allocated funds for the aforesaid contract; and
 - (iv) the time given for the performance of the said contract?
- (b) If not, why?

118/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— 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 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?

130/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools for which cricket equipment sets were granted by Sri Lanka Cricket during the good governance government;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) separately of the value of the cricket equipment sets provided for each aforesaid school;
 - (iv) of the criterion adopted in selecting aforesaid schools; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the ministry grant cricket equipment sets to the difficult schools of the country in time to come?
- (b) If not, why?

136/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of persons other than citizens of Sri Lanka who have received diplomatic staffs as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) of the names of persons possessing dual citizenship who have received diplomatic appointments as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, February 20, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

20/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the person or the institute that was awarded the contract to supply food for the International Day of Cooperatives Celebration that was held in Baticaloa on 07 July 2018;
 - (ii) the amount that had been allocated for providing food for the aforesaid function;
 - (iii) whether tenders had been invited for supplying food for that function;
 - (iv) if so, the number of tenders that had been received for that; and
 - (v) the names of the persons/institutes that had submitted those tenders?

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(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the person named Riyaz, who supplied food for the aforesaid function, is a director of the Department of Co-operative Development; and
- (ii) he has been appointed to the said post of director without following the due procedures?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an investigation will be carried out into the aforesaid incident; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which such investigation will be commenced?

(d) If not, why?

61/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 disasters and the number of persons dead and gone missing, as well as the property damage caused due to the natural disasters occurred during the Good Governance government; and
- (ii) the relief granted by the Ministry of Disaster Management to the people affected on each occasion?

(b) If not, why?

87/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to reduce the opportunity that was available to follow external degree courses at state universities;
- (ii) of the number of enrolments approved for external degree courses from the year 2010 to the year 2017 separately;
- (iii) what degree courses are followed by students as referred to in (ii) above; and
- (iv) what courses of action have been adopted to further increase the numbers of external graduates produced?

(b) If not, why?

98/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— 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) whether compensation will be paid for the property that gets damaged due to and for the lands that are acquired for the construction of the access road to the Export Processing Zone in Bingiriya;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of recipients of compensation;
 - (iii) of the value of the compensation that has been assessed for the same;
 - (iv) whether some payment has already been made to the Divisional Secretary, Udubaddawa, by the Board of Investment for the payment of the aforesaid compensation;
 - (v) if so, the amount that has been paid; and
 - (vi) of the date on which such payment was made?
- (b) If not, why?

125/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— 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) Is he aware that—
 - (i) motorcycles were provided to police officers at a concessionary price of Rs 150,000/- a few years ago;
 - (ii) no conditions were imposed in providing those motorcycles;
 - (iii) nonetheless, almost all retired police officers who obtained motorcycles have been pressured to pay a sum between Rs150,000/- 200,000/-;
 - (iv) they have been informed by their places of work that the payment of pensions would not commence until the settlement of the said amount; and
 - (v) a large number of police officers are in a state of despair over a long period of time due to the non-receipt of their pensions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be drawn up without delay to pay pensions to these officers; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

131/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the main objectives of establishing Consumer Affairs Authority;
 - (ii) of its tasks;
 - (iii) of the offences committed in relation to consumer affairs against which the authority is able to take actions; and
 - (iv) powers of the authority and steps that could be taken against the culprits, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of 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?

134/2020

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies in the post of Director and Assistant Director in the Department of National Archives as at 30 September 2018;
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforementioned posts fallen vacant; and
 - (iii) of the reasons why steps have not been taken up to now, to fill the aforementioned vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

137/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Roads and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, in respect of each stage of the two expressways, i.e. the Colombo outer circular expressway and the central expressway;
 - (i) the date of commencement and the scheduled date of completion;
 - (ii) the length;
 - (iii) the companies which conducted feasibility studies and the years they were conducted;
 - (iv) original estimated expenditure and the year in which the estimation was done;
 - (v) the amount of loans obtained, interest and repayment period;
 - (vi) the institutions from which the loans were obtained;
 - (vii) the companies which carried out or are carrying out construction contracts;
 - (viii) the amount spent or expected to be spent on the construction; and
 - (ix) the amount spent or expected to be spent per kilometer?
- (b) If not, why?

21/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether illegally imported vehicle spare parts have been taken into custody by the Sri Lanka Customs in the year 2017;
 - (ii) if so, the value of vehicle spare parts thus taken into custody;
 - (iii) the countries from which the said vehicle spare parts had been imported;
 - (iv) whether any legal measures have been taken with pertinence to the aforesaid illegal imports; and
 - (v) if so, the legal measures that have been taken?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken by the government to expand the manufacturing of vehicle spare parts as an industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures that have been taken?
- (c) If not, why?

62/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 officials who travelled abroad to study about weather after the good governance government came into power;
 - (ii) the countries they travelled and the courses they attended, separately;
 - (iii) of the amount spent on the visits; and
 - (iv) of the benefits the country received from those visits?
- (b) If not, why?

88/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Cricket Board when the Cricket World Cup was won in 1996 was;
 - (ii) separately, of the consecutive Chairpersons elected to the board to date and their tenures;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of Test, One Day and Twenty 20 matches the Sri Lankan team played during those periods; and
 - (iv) of the wins, losses and results of those matches?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Sri Lanka cricket has faced an immense setback at present due to the failures in the administration, although it is a nation that won the Cricket World Cup; and
 - (ii) of the future measures that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the game of cricket to achieve victories again?
- (c) If not, why?

99/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Economic 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 amount that will be spent on obtaining water supply to the Export Processing Zone in Bingiriya;
 - (ii) of the date on which the contract was awarded for that purpose;
 - (iii) of the duration of the project to provide water supply; and
 - (iv) whether the construction work of that project has been commenced at present?
- (b) If not, why?

126/2020

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations,—(1)

- (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 the said Bombay Tex was sold to the Korean company named Kabul Lanka Company;
 - (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 at company 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 take steps to prevent the move to remove the residents at factory 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?

132/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Roads and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total length of the part of the Central Expressway that is constructed from Kurunegala to Galagedara;
 - (ii) of the total estimated cost for the construction of that part;
 - (iii) of the names of the locations where access and exit points will be constructed; and
 - (iv) of the dates of commencement and completion of the construction work?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid part of the expressway—
 - (i) of the total extent of lands that have been acquired as at present;
 - (ii) of the total value of the compensation that have been paid so far; and
 - (iii) of the total value of the compensation that is yet to be paid?

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- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction work of this expressway?
- (d) If not, why?

138/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of reawakened villages constructed by the Ministry of Housing and Construction from 08th January 2015 up to now separately in respect of each district;
 - (ii) the number of villages constructed in each reawakened villages; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money provided by the government as grants or loans for the construction of houses;
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on infrastructure facilities of the said villages;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on the opening ceremonies of the said villages;
 - (iii) out of which, the propaganda expenditure; and
 - (iv) the number of houses planned to be constructed in the coming years?
 - (c) If not, why?
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