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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 Finance Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2147/72 of 31st October 2019, which were presented on 18.02.2020, 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,— Regulations under the Finance Act (No. 2),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 51 read with Section 19 of the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018 regarding Luxury Tax on Motor Vehicles and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2153/29 of 14th December 2019, which were presented on 18.02.2020, 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,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 4, 13 and 17 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/77 of 27th September 2019, which was presented on 18.02.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 05/2019)

(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,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/11 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 18.02.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 07/2019)

(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,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 3),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 32 read with Sections 12, 14 and 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/12 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 18.02.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 08/2019)

(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,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 4),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development under Section 22 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2152/13 of 03rd December 2019, which was presented on 18.02.2020, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 09/2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Social Security and Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 72 read with Section 19(e) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/54 of 26th January 2018 and amending those Regulations by the Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/15 of 26th December 2019, which were presented on 19.02.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Tuesday, March 17, 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 Co-operatives Celebration that was held in Batticaloa 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?
- (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 commence?
- (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?

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87/2020

Hon. Hesha 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?

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(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 Prabhath 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?

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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;

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- (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;

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- (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?
- (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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Wednesday, March 18, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

26/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) a service minute should be prepared in respect of Grama Niladharis;
 - (ii) fairness should be exercised after re-considering the allowances of the Grama Niladharis; and
 - (iii) attention should be paid on the service of Grama Niladharis and on the problems that prevail in their career?

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- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to enhance the effectiveness of the Grama Niladhari service; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

49/2020

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

- (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?

79/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

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,—(2)

- (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,—(2)

- (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?

146/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the previous government conducted an examination for the recruitment of Samurdhi Development Officers (Grade iii) in order to fill 3771 vacancies and Rs. 500.00 was charged as examination fees form each candidate;
 - (ii) over 75,000 candidates sat for the aforesaid examination;
 - (iii) in 2017, the appointments were given to 1904 candidates who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) a pledge was given that the appointments will be given to the rest of the candidates in 2018?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether other 1867 vacancies will be filled from the candidates who passed aforesaid examination; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

156/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources,—(1)

- (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?

27/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) recruitment to the permanent service has not been effected in respect of 71 persons of the Second Batch of Trainee Engineering Assistants who were trained under the International Training Institute of Irrigation and Water Management in Kothmale;
 - (ii) one year has elapsed by now since the training concerned had been completed; and
 - (iii) paying them a proper salary does not take place although they serve attached to Regional Offices?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether these persons will be absorbed to the permanent service; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

53/2020

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

- (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?

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,—(2)

- (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?

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,—(2)

- (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?

163/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

- (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?

171/2020

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) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the cases filed against Arjun Mahendran in various courts, against whom Central Bank Bond Scam charges have been leveled;
 - (ii) whether he will specifically mention the numbers of the aforesaid cases and the charges mentioned in the said cases;
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken by now to arrest Mr. Arjun Mahendran;
 - (iv) the progress of the action taken along with the Singaporean government to arrest him as he is said to be a Singaporean who is currently living in Singapore;
 - (v) whether teams of security officers have been to Singapore or any other country to arrest him against whom warrants have been issued by the courts; and
 - (vi) if so, the names of the aforesaid countries and the dates of tours?
- (b) If not, why?

179/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in the Kundasale Divisional Secretary's division in the Kandy district that had belonged to the Ministry of Lands and the Divisional Secretary from 2010 up to date, in relation to each Grama Niladhari division, separately;
 - (ii) the extent of land that was given to the people during that period and their locations;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the people whom lands were given and the basis on which lands were given;
 - (iv) whether he admits the fact that the people, who live in the hazardous zone in this area which is vulnerable to various harms owing to landslides and quarrying, have not received lands yet; and
 - (v) whether arrangements will be made to provide suitable lands to those people who live in the hazardous zone from that area itself?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, March 19, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

28/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the allocations were made from the budget to provide Tabs to the G.C.E (Advanced Level) students;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for it;
 - (iii) whether tenders have been called for this purpose;
 - (iv) if so, the institutions that submitted tenders;
 - (v) out of them, the name of the institution that was selected; and
 - (vi) the specifications submitted at the time of calling of tenders?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether purchases have been made to provide Tabs to the above mentioned students; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which Tabs are expected to be given to all teachers who teach in the G.C.E.(Advanced Level) classes and the students studying in the Advanced Level classes in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

50/2020

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

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

113/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources,—(2)

- (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?

164/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of elephants and tuskers in the Udawalawa Elephant Orphanage at present;
 - (ii) if these elephants and tuskers are to be transferred to some other place or released to the jungle, how it will happen; and
 - (iii) whether a report on the manner the baby elephant in this orphanage had been released from 2005 to 2015 would be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

172/2020

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) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will state the amount of the expenditure that was incurred on paying the salaries and allowances of the officers and other ranks of each of the departments coming under the Ministry of Defence out of the defence expenditure of each of those departments, and the value of that amount as a percentage of the total expenditure;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries including the United States with which Sri Lanka has entered into defence pacts after 1948;

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- (iii) whether he will state the name of the country with which and the date on which each of the aforesaid pacts were signed and the title, the objectives and the date of termination of those pacts;
 - (iv) of the names of the defence pacts that are in effect at present out of those that have been signed; and
 - (v) whether copies of all those defence pacts will be presented to Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

180/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent for the construction of Suriyawewa Cricket Stadium;
 - (ii) the funding sources of it;
 - (iii) the number of cricket matches held in the stadium so far and the types of matches held;
 - (iv) the amount of income generated through the stadium and the maintenance cost incurred for it so far; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop this stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

29/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Muthurajawela sanctuary is the largest marshy land in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) this marshy land is getting destroyed owing to various development activities; and
 - (iii) 406 acres of this land have been given to a company known as Melwatta Property Developers for a Housing project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the price at which a perch of this land has been given for the above housing project;
 - (ii) whether he admits that this transaction is illegal; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken against it?
- (c) If not, why?

55/2020

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

- (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?

165/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—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 commenced by the National Housing Development Authority from 2005 to 2015;
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries from them;
 - (iii) the number of reawakened villages initiated by the previous government;
 - (iv) the number of beneficiaries from them; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken to address the future housing need of the country?
- (b) If not, why?

173/2020

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) Will he inform this House separately with regard to each year from 2010 to 2019—
 - (i) of the number of officers and soldiers who have been punished by courts martial on various charges in terms of the provisions of the Army Act of Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) of the number of officers and soldiers who have been punished by courts martial on various charges in terms of the provisions of the Air Force Act of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the number of officers and soldiers who have been punished by courts martial on various charges in terms of the provisions of the Navy Act of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately with regard to each year from 2010 to 2019—
- (i) the amount of the provisions that were allocated from the annual budget for defence activities of Sri Lanka, and out of that amount, the amount that was utilized; and
 - (ii) out of the provisions stated in (i) above, of the amount of the provisions that were allocated for each of the department coming under the Ministry of Defence?
- (c) If not, why?

181/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of the Mattala Airport;
 - (ii) the source from which such moneys were procured;
 - (iii) separately, the income generated and expenditure incurred on maintenance from the day of opening of the airport to date;
 - (iv) the number of flights arrived since the opening of this airport to date and the names of airlines;
 - (v) separately, the number of passengers who travelled via the Mattala airport during the said period annually;
 - (vi) the vision of the government for developing the Mattala airport?
- (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

39/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately the number of market raids carried out by the Consumer Affairs Authority in years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) separately the amounts of the fines that have been charged in each of the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) whether the Consumer Affairs Authority has a follow-up process regarding the trade establishments and individuals who are proved to be convicts through raids; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner in which such follow-up is done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to expand the opportunities available to consumers to make complaints against deceitful business activities; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

159/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that malnutrition is high among estate workers and their families in Badulla district;
 - (ii) whether he admits that provision of a ‘nutrition pack’ to the aforementioned people through plantation companies parallel to the ‘nutrition pack’ issued by the previous government with the objective of improving nutrition levels of the people; and
 - (iii) if so, of the action that will be taken by the Ministry to implement such a programme through the plantation companies?
- (b) If not, why?

166/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many Cricket Clubs and District Cricket Associations are eligible to vote at Sri Lanka Cricket elections;
 - (ii) of the names and the addresses of those Cricket Clubs and associations and of the number of votes to which each of them is entitled separately;
 - (iii) what financial and other assistance was given to each of these clubs and associations after the previous regime came to power, separately; and
 - (iv) what course of action the Ministry has put in place in order to monitor whether the task of providing the clubs and associations with financial and other assistance is carried out by Sri Lanka Cricket in a proper manner?
- (b) If not, why?

174/2020

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) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of intelligence officers who are detained in remand custody or in prison on various charges presently;
 - (ii) the dates on which they were jailed or taken into remand custody;
 - (iii) the charges against them along with the case numbers, separately;
 - (iv) whether these intelligence officers have been punished in accordance with the relevant Forces Acts and the Police Ordinance; and
 - (v) if so, the dates and periods of time of such punishments?
- (b) If not, why?

182/2020

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

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

40/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the leading countries to which graphite products are exported by Kahatagaha Graphite Lanka Ltd.;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to enter into agreements with new buyers in addition to those mentioned above; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of such countries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the volume of graphite production in years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (ii) whether there are plans in place increase the graphite production annually;
 - (iii) if so, of the amount by which it has been planned to be increased;
 - (iv) whether the volume of graphite deposit in this mine has been explored; and
 - (v) if so, of the volume of graphite that can further be mined from this deposit in metric tons?
- (c) If not, why?

160/2020

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 advisors that can be appointed to a Minister as per the cabinet decision No.අආප/15/0180/6/3/008 dated 09th April 2015;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the former Governor of Uva Province has appointed 07 advisors to the Chief Minister of Uva Province in spite of the aforesaid decision;
 - (iii) the legal provisions on which 07 advisors to the former Chief Minister of Uva Province were appointed disregarding the clear cabinet decision taken with regard to appointment of advisors;
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to rectify this as per the audit query raised in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

167/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions and their names;
 - (ii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and their names; and
 - (iii) the number of families;
affected by a severe scarcity of water due to the Uma Oya Development Project?
- (b) Will he also inform the House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fulfill the water needs of the people affected by a severe scarcity of water due to the Uma Oya Project?
- (c) If not, why?

175/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately the names and addresses of the state owned and the privately owned, non-state institutes that have been authorized to award degrees in Sri Lanka at present, and the names of the faculties and the departments of those institutes, and the number of departments and the number of students studying at those departments;
- (ii) the names of the members of the committees that made the decision to grant the authority to the aforesaid institutes to award degrees and the dates on which such decisions were made;
- (iii) in addition to the above, of the names of the institutes that have been granted the authority to award degrees, but the standard of which has not been examined by the University Grants Commission or by the Ministry of Higher Education; and
- (iv) of the legal basis in Sri Lanka under which the institutions referred to in (iii) above have been granted the authority to award degrees without the approval of the University Grants Commission or of the Ministry of Higher Education?

(b) If not, why?

183/2020

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport Service Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the objectives of establishing the Railway Museum;
- (ii) of the amount spent on that;
- (iii) of the sources from which those finds were obtained;
- (iv) whether action has been taken to assign that museum to a private company after establishing it using public fund; and
- (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to improve the other museums located at Badulla and Kadugannawa?

(b) If not, why?
