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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet, State and Deputy Ministers; and
 - (ii) the number of lady Cabinet, State and Deputy Ministers; appointed from the First Parliament of 1978 up to the Ninth Parliament, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will state the number of lady Ministers as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in each Cabinet, separately; and
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that ladies have not received a fair representation in the Cabinet corresponding to the current population of women in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

49/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of government schools situated in the Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools;
 - (iii) out of those schools, of the number of those that have the facilities at present for students to study in the Technology stream at the Advanced Level;
 - (iv) of the names of such schools; and

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- (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to further extend the facilities for the students in the Badulla district to study in the Technology stream at the Advanced Level?
- (b) If not, why?

92/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) there is a network of tunnels with historical importance in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) these tunnels are falling into decay due to lack of proper exploration and conservation; and
 - (iii) these tunnels can be used for the promotion of defence and transport affairs and tourism industry of the country by taking steps to explore and conserve them?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will take steps to start the exploration of historical tunnels;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps will be; and
 - (iii) of the amount expected to be spent for that?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will take steps to conserve the tunnels that have been discovered;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps will be; and
 - (iii) of the amount expected to be spent for that?
- (d) If not, why?

111/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the school students in low income families, who pass the grade 5 scholarship examination are given scholarships;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of school students that receive scholarships having passed the grade 5 scholarship examination in the year 2019;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated to provide scholarships to them;
 - (iii) whether scholarships have been given properly out of the aforesaid amount of money; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated for scholarships in the year 2020?

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- (c) Will he admit the allegations to the effect that scholarships have not been given to the scholarship recipients at the due time?
- (d) If not, why?

5/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of parallel classes of Grade 5 and Grade 6 of the national schools situated in the Colombo, Ratnapura, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna and Gampaha districts from the years 2010 to 2018?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the cut-off marks of the Grade 5 scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to Grade 6 on the results of the said scholarship examination; and
 - (iii) the percentage of students admitted to Grade 6 on the results of the scholarship examination as a percentage of the total number of students admitted to Grade 6;of the above schools from the year 2010 to the year 2018?
- (a) Will he further inform this House separately of the number of students admitted to Grade 6 of the above schools from the year 2010 to the year 2018 from the primary sections not on the basis of the results of the scholarship examination?
- (c) If not, why?

53/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Statutory Institutions such as Corporations, Boards and Authorities, under the purview of the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of their names;
 - (iii) of the names of the Chairmen and the Directors of aforesaid institutions;
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken in appointing aforesaid Chairmen and the Members of the board of Directors; and
 - (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to strengthen aforesaid institutions financially?
- (b) If not, why?

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96/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government intends to further develop the Ridiyagama Safari Park in Hambanthota; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount expected to spent for this purpose?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether adequate hospital facilities are available to treat the animals in the park;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to upgrade the hospital facilities; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount expected to spent for this purpose?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 23, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the countries from which Canned Fish is imported to this country; and
 - (ii) the companies in this country, which import those Canned Fish?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the instances when Canned Fish not suitable for human consumption were imported in 2019;
 - (ii) the companies that imported such Canned Fish and the quantities imported, separately;
 - (iii) whether the permission of the Consumer Affairs Authority has been granted for the relevant imports;
 - (iv) the steps taken in relation to the imported Canned Fish, that was not suitable for consumption; and
 - (v) if Canned Fish not suitable for consumption had been imported before 2019, the companies that imported them at such instances?
- (c) If not, why?

50/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of teachers that have been approved for the government schools in the Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers in relation to each subject;
 - (iii) of the total number of teachers employed at present;
 - (iv) of the number teacher vacancies existing at present for each subject in the Badulla district; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

93/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Community Police Units operative within Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the number of police officers attached to those Units;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to make the public aware of the services available to them through the Community Police Units; and
 - (iv) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the progress of Community Police Units in the previous year was satisfactory;
 - (ii) whether the services provided by the Community Police Units in 2018 and 2019 have been assessed in terms of financial value;
 - (iii) if so, how much that financial value is?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a new Bill should be introduced to regulate the functions of Community Police Units; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to present a new Bill?
- (d) If not, why?

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112/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current number of Samurdhi recipient families; and
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi recipient families that have been empowered by now?
- (b) Is he aware that there are a large number of families that have made applications with objective of obtaining Samurdhi relief?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide Samurdhi relief to the families in the aforesaid waiting list; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it will be provided?
- (d) If not, why?

6/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Dhamma schools that have been registered in Sri Lanka as of today;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided by the government to the teachers teaching in the aforesaid Dhamma schools;
 - (iii) whether the services of the said Dhamma school teachers are provided on voluntarily basis; and
 - (iv) if so, of the programmes that have been planned for the wellbeing of the teachers teaching in the Dhamma schools?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, September 24, 2020
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of passengers who used trains;
 - (ii) the income received from passenger transport;

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- (iii) the number of train tickets printed; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent on printing train tickets;
in relation to passenger transport in 2019?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of train turns that needs to be deployed for passenger transport in a day; and
- (ii) the number of train turns that operate in a day?

(c) If not, why?

51/ 2020

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

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the date on which the first Covid-19 patient was reported in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, of the number of Covid-19 patients reported daily, since aforesaid date up to now;
- (iii) of the number of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests performed daily, since aforesaid date; and
- (iv) of the measures that have been taken to combat Covid -19?

(b) If not, why?

94/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) bio-weapons are still used clandestinely for various political and trade strategies even though use of bio-weapons is prohibited internationally; and
- (ii) there is a possibility of under developed countries including Sri Lanka becoming targets for trying out these bio-weapons?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the government has taken measures to prevent attacks with bio-weapons; and
- (ii) if so, what those measures are?

(c) If not, why?

113/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ministry of Justice grants appointments of Justices of the Peace;
 - (ii) the aforesaid Justices of the Peace perform a great social service?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the minimum qualifications that are required in appointing the Justices of the Peace?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that there are a big number of social workers in rural areas, who have obtained G.C.E. (O/L) qualifications?
- (d) Will he also inform this House of the fact whether positions of Justices of the Peace will be given to such social workers?
- (e) If not, why?

7/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number archeological sites that has been destroyed from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of those sites;
 - (iii) of the reasons for destroying the said archeological sites;
 - (iv) whether the persons who destroyed the relevant archeological sites have been identified;
 - (v) of the punishment meted out to them;
 - (vi) of the number of archeological sites which have been destroyed, but perpetrators responsible have not been identified; and
 - (vii) of the measures expected to be taken in future against the destruction of archeological sites that preserve the past glory of a country?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, September 25, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total length;
 - (ii) of the total estimated cost;

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- (iii) of the locations where entry and exit gates will be installed; and
- (iv) of the scheduled date of the commencement and completion of construction;

of the section from Kurunegala to Galagedara of the central expressway?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of lands acquired;
 - (ii) of the total compensation paid; and
 - (iii) of the amount of compensation remains to be paid;for the above section of the said expressway?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether action will be taken to expedite the construction activities of this expressway?
- (d) If not, why?

52/ 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of Sri Lankan employees in abroad, by now;
 - (ii) of the names of the countries in which aforesaid employees are employed at; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of employees employed at each country?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry for the welfare of the Sri Lankan foreign employees, distressed due to Covid-19 pandemic; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to bring them back to the country?
- (c) If not, why?

95/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of persons serve on contract/substitute/casual basis attached to the Civil Administration Office of the Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) these employees serve in detachments and hospitals of the Navy located throughout the island; and
 - (iii) salaries are paid to them on a daily basis?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to give them permanent appointments;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are; and
 - (iii) of the date they would be given permanent appointments?
- (c) If not, why?

8/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of local and foreign tourists visit the Elephant orphanage in Pinnawala; and
 - (ii) a substantial income is generated by the aforesaid institution on behalf of the Department of National Zoological Gardens?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of foreign tourists who visited the Elephant orphanage, Pinnawala from 2015 to 2019 during each quarter; and
 - (ii) separately of the income generated through the aforesaid visits from 2015 to 2019 based on each year and each quarter?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the opportunity given to the visitors who visit the Elephant orphanage, Pinnawala to bottle feed the baby elephants, has been suspended by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the above decision;
 - (iii) of the annual loss incurred by the institution as a result of not providing the tourists with the opportunity to bottle feed the baby elephants;
 - (iv) whether a certain programme will be implemented by the government to develop the Elephant orphanage, Pinnawala which is considered one of the most valuable assets in Sri Lanka?
 - (v) if so, what the said programme is?
 - (d) If not, why ?
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