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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

417/2020

Hon. Sujith Perera,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are plans to construct a tank called ‘Wee Oya’ in Yatiyanthota Divisional Secretariat area of Kegalle district; and
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of constructing the said tank are?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families who will be displaced due to the construction of the tank;
 - (ii) of the measure that will be taken to resettle the displaced families;
 - (iii) of the mechanism that will be followed to compensate persons, displaced due to the project, for their houses and lands; and
 - (iv) of the future measures that will be taken regarding people who will be displaced?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 06, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—
 - (i) industrial estates;
 - (ii) land units;

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- (iii) factories functioning in the industrial estates; and
 - (iv) employees employed in the industrial estates;
- belonging to the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board?

(b) Will he also inform this House separately of the—

- (i) programmes conducted with a view to promoting self-employment;
- (ii) locations where the said programmes were conducted;
- (iii) equipment provided;
- (iv) basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
- (v) the technological training programmes conducted;

by the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board for the Central Province in the year 2017?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) will he admit that the people residing in the rural areas have not been provided with the required and sufficient knowledge, in spite of the possibility available for them to access business opportunities through internet facilities at present; and
- (ii) whether action will be taken to provide the required knowledge in a methodical manner?

(d) If not, why?

58/2020

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) the number of employees in public institutions and statutory institutions that were interrogated; and
- (ii) the number of employees in public institutions and statutory institutions that were arrested;

in regard to the Easter Sunday attack that occurred in the year 2019?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the names of the public institutions/statutory institutions in which the aforesaid employees were employed;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid employees along with the positions that they held in the aforesaid institutions;
- (iii) the actions taken so far against the aforesaid employees; and
- (iv) the actions to be taken in the future?

(c) If not, why?

100/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the people who seek the service of Sri Lanka Police will be immensely benefitted through the appointment of at least one legal professional as a police prosecutor for one magistrate court division for obtaining legal advice and for solving the legal disputes of people expeditiously?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is possibility of taking necessary steps to establish the aforesaid new position; and
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid relevant actions are?
- (c) If not, why?

161/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— 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 there are a considerable number of unauthorized houses in No. 101 Watte, Pothuwilkumbura, Dahampura in Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any families among those living in the aforesaid houses to whom flats have been awarded under a government housing project;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such families;
 - (iii) whether the government has charged any money when awarding those flats to the aforesaid families;
 - (iv) if so, of the purpose for which the money was charged;
 - (v) of the methodology that was adopted in making the priority list for awarding those flats;
 - (vi) of the number of remaining families in that area to whom houses are yet to be awarded; and
 - (vii) of the date on which houses are expected to be awarded to them?
- (c) If not, why?

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212/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— 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, separately—
 - (i) the quantity of plastic imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount spent therefor;
 - (iii) the countries from which plastic was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of companies which imported plastic;

in each year from the years 2015 to 2019?

- (b) Will he also inform this House, the total amount of money spent for the import of plastic to Sri Lanka during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

304/2020

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of complaints received by the National Child Protection Authority in 2020 regarding cases of child abuse;
 - (ii) out of those complaints, of the number of those of which investigations have been completed;
 - (iii) out of the number of cases of which investigations have been completed, of the number of those for which prosecution has been initiated;
 - (iv) when a complaint has been received, of the time that is usually taken to carry out an investigation and to prosecute or dismiss the complaint; and
 - (v) of the nature of the measures that have been implemented by the Authority to expedite investigations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, in relation to the child victims of the cases related to such complaints—
 - (i) of the number of children living with their family members;
 - (ii) of the number of those that have been taken away from their families;

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- (iii) of the names of the places where those children are detained after they have been taken away from their families;
 - (iv) of the number of those who are continuously engaged in their studies (formal and/or informal) as before as a percentage; and
 - (v) of the number of children to whom psychosocial assistance has been provided by properly trained personnel?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the nature of the measures that have been implemented in order to ensure the safety of child victims connected with these complaints?
- (d) If not, why?

10/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the oil tank farm at China Bay was acquired by the government during Bandaranaike's rule paying a sum of £ 250,000;
 - (ii) a part of the aforesaid tank farm has been leased out to India at present; and
 - (iii) a decision has been made to lease out the remaining oil tanks as well to India?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) as to whether there is no effective alternative other than leasing out the remaining oil tanks to India;
 - (ii) since a public opinion has been formed in the country against leasing out of those oil tanks to India, of the steps that will be taken in that regard paying heed to public opinion; and
 - (iii) of the names of the countries that have made requests to get the oil tanks leased out to them and of the basis on which such requests have been made?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he will present to this House copies of the cabinet papers and the project reports, if any, that have been presented regarding the aforesaid oil tanks on various occasions by the consecutive governments since independence to date including the present government?
- (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 07, 2020
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/2020

Hon. Hesha 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) whether steps have been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office in each Grama Niladhari Division in the island;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount of money allocated for that;
 - (iii) of the estimated amount of money to construct one “Seva Piyasa” office; and
 - (iv) of the date on which this programme is scheduled to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

60/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka Cricket had planned to construct a Cricket University;
 - (ii) whether money has been spent to purchase a land in Kandy for aforesaid purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of money spent in that regard?
- (b) Is he aware that the Report on Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) issued by Parliament has exposed a huge financial fraud in purchasing aforesaid land?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

102/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mutharajawala sanctuary is the largest marshy land in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) this sanctuary is getting destroyed due to various development activities; and
 - (iii) 406 acres of this sanctuary has been provided to a company named Malwatta Property Developers for a housing project?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the price at which one perch of land has been given to the aforesaid project?

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- (c) Will he admit the fact that this transaction is illegal?
- (d) If so, will he also inform this House of the action that will be taken against this project?
- (e) If not, why?

163/2020

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of houses located within the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division with no water and sewerage facilities—
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the courses of action for providing each such housing unit with the above-mentioned facilities; and
 - (ii) if so, of the such courses of action?
- (c) If not, why?

214/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of salt imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount spent therefor;
 - (iii) the countries from which salt was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of companies which imported salt;in each year from the years 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the total amount of money spent for the import of salt to Sri Lanka during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, October 08, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

13/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications taken into consideration when the teachers are recruited to Pirivena educational institutions;

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- (ii) whether there are vacancies in Pirivena educational institutions;
- (iii) if so, of the number of vacancies for teachers; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken by Piriven Education Board of the Ministry to uplift the pirivena education?

(b) If not, why?

61/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names and the titles of the individuals who held positions in Sri Lanka Cricket since year 2015 to date;
- (ii) separately, of the number of official foreign tours that each individual engaged in, during aforesaid period of time;
- (iii) separately, of the cost incurred by Sri Lanka Cricket in regard to official foreign tours of each officer;
- (iv) of the benefits acquired by Sri Lankan Cricket on account of aforesaid official foreign tours; and
- (v) information is submitted with regard to the benefit if acquired any?

(b) If not, why?

103/2020

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the train operations process in Sri Lanka is outdated;
- (ii) the space of the operation room is insufficient;
- (iii) the method of issuing tickets should be changed; and
- (iv) new technological methods should be used for that?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a new operations room for the train operations process;
- (ii) if so, the cost to be incurred on it;
- (iii) whether arrangements would be made to introduce new methods of issuing tickets; and
- (iv) if so, what those methods are?

(c) If not, why?

164/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— 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 of the amounts of money which the Government has to pay back for Local and foreign debts in the years from 2020 to 2024, separately in respect of each year in repayment?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date and project in respect of each loan that has been obtained?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the course of action formulated by the Government to pay these loans?
- (d) If not, why?

215/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of gingelly imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount spent therefor;
 - (iii) the countries from which gingelly was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of companies which imported gingelly, in each year from the years 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the total amount of money spent for the import of gingelly to Sri Lanka during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, October 09, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

15/2020

Hon. Hesha 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 of persons arrested on charges of selling and using illicit drugs from 01.02.2015 up to now in respect of each year separately;
 - (ii) of the names of the government institutions and government sponsored institutions that take measures to control illicit drugs; and
 - (iii) of the amount of illicit drugs that had been taken into custody by each of the aforesaid institutions separately?
- (b) If not, why?

63/2020

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 illicit drug raids carried out since year 2015 to date; and
 - (ii) of the amount of illicit drugs seized during aforesaid raids?
- (b) Is he aware that the illicit drug so raided had reverted back to drug smugglers through Police Narcotic Bureau ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

105/2020

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 state—
 - (i) the number of raids to recover artificial toddy;
 - (ii) the number of liters of artificial toddy seized; and
 - (iii) the value of the fines acquired to the government;on raids conducted by the Sri Lanka Police, the Special Task Force and the Excise Department from 01.01.2017 to 01.01.2019, in relation to each institution, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) some toddy producers have more storage facilities than required;
 - (ii) artificial toddy are produced and stored by them;
 - (iii) even though the Special Task Force conducts raids and seizes such artificial toddy, in enforcing the law some Excise officials release the offenders by not producing them before the court and subjecting them only for an arbitration fee by portraying them as technical defects;
 - (iv) the production of thousands of liters of artificial toddy is not a technical defect but some Excise officials deliberately act to defend these producers;
 - (v) this results in the government being deprived of a large tax income?

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- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to introduce amendments to the relevant laws to stop the production of artificial toddy; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

166/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses which do not have deeds or entitlements that are situated in the Kotte Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether there is a course of action to provide deeds for such houses; and
 - (iii) if so, such course of actions?
- (b) If not, why?

217/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of green gram imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent therefor;
 - (iii) the countries from which green gram was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of companies which imported green gram;in each year from the years 2015 to 2019?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House, the total amount of money spent for the import of green gram to Sri Lanka during the above period?
 - (c) If not, why?
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