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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

128/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Rs. 25 million had been allocated from the budget 2018 to establish a new cultural center in place of the cultural center situated at Thalwupadu area, Mannar in Mannar district as it had been damaged when it was used for purposes of Mannar District Secretariat during the war; and
 - (ii) that necessary actions had been pursued to take over the land permit to the then Ministry of Cultural Affairs after the then Secretary to that Ministry of Cultural Affairs and the officials of that Department had directly visited the area to identify the land required for the construction of this Cultural Center?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House the date of commencement of the activities of the new cultural center?
- (c) If not, why?

184/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is an island known as Eluwaithivu in the island zone of Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools in that island; and
 - (ii) the distance between Eluwaithivu and Urkavattthurai in nautical miles?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the students sat for the General Certificate of Education (O/L) examination last held at the Saravanabava College the ancient island known as Eluwaithivu;
 - (ii) the place where the students of that school sit for the above examination, at present; and
 - (iii) the obstacle for conducting the General Certificate of Education (O/L) examination at Eluwaithivu?
- (d) If not, why?

251/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the names of the companies that cultivate palm oil trees in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, the extent of land used by each of the aforesaid companies to cultivate palm oil trees?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether those companies have licenses to cultivate palm oil trees; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to remove the palm oil cultivations?
- (d) If not, why?

346/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether security has been provided by the government to the former Prime Minister, the Hon. Ranill Wickremesinghe from 16.11.2019 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, as to what approval has been obtained thereto;
 - (iii) the number of officers from the Ministerial Security Division assigned for that purpose;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles assigned by the government for that purpose; and
 - (v) whether such a security had been provided to former Prime Ministers?
- (b) If not, why?

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59/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees recruited on the basis of—
 - (i) permanent;
 - (ii) casual; and
 - (iii) substitute;to Sri Lanka Cricket from year 2015 to date, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) of the names and positions of the employees recruited; and
 - (ii) of the salaries and allowances approved for each positions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the measures that will be taken to regularize schemes of—
 - (i) recruitment; and
 - (ii) payment of salaries and allowances;of Sri Lanka Cricket?
- (d) If not, why?

101/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a large number of fallow paddy fields are found in Matara district; and
 - (ii) weak drainage and a change in the chemical composition of water in those stretches of paddy fields have caused this situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey on the extent of fallow paddy fields in Matara district has been conducted;
 - (ii) if so, of that extent in acres;
 - (iii) whether the government has planned using these paddy lands for some productive economic purpose; and
 - (iv) if so, what that purpose is?
- (c) If not, why?

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162/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of houses without water and sewerage facilities in the Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a programme is available for providing the above facilities to each housing unit?
- (c) If so, will he submit how that programme will be?
- (d) If not, why?

213/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

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

Wednesday, October 07, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

111/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

129/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the renovation of the playground in Pallimunai village in the Mannar Divisional Secretariat Division of Mannar district has not been completed even after a period exceeding five years, even though renovation was commenced by the then Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development;
 - (ii) water and electricity supplies have been disconnected due to the excessive amounts in arrears due for water and electricity used by the contractor who carried out the renovation of that playground; and
 - (iii) the work has not been commenced yet despite the pledges made by the officials of the Urban Development Authority on several occasions to do so?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to complete the renovation of Pallimunai playground speedily; and
 - (ii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

252/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Hanthana Estate situated in Kandy District is an estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of Divisions that belonged to the aforesaid Estate at the time the state owned estates were reformed in 1992;
 - (ii) of the names of those Divisions;
 - (iii) is there any Divisions that had been abandoned or closed in the aforesaid Estate by year 2015; and
 - (iv) if so, the extant of land of the aforesaid Divisions?

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- (c) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) whether lands, the factory and other buildings belonging to the aforesaid Estate had been awarded to external/private parties during the period from 1992 to 2015; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of such awarding; and
 - (iii) of the extent of land in the aforesaid Estate that has been cultivated and that has not been cultivated in relation to the land survey that was conducted last?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 08, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

186/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Mulangavil Maha Vidyalaya, in the Poonakary Divisional Secretariat Division of Kilinochchi district; and
 - (ii) there are a number of shortcomings including the poor standards of education, dearth of teachers/workers, scarcity of furniture/ buildings and resources in the above school, which is one of the two national schools in the district of Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to when this school will be provided with the required buildings and furniture?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the particulars related to each of the positions of the entire staff of the above school including the principal, deputy principal, teachers and the non- academic staff?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the reasons for not hitherto taking steps to fill the vacancies, in spite of the 17 vacancies that exist in the minor staff of the above school?
- (e) Will he admit the fact that the education activities of the students cannot be enhanced without filling the above vacancies?
- (f) If not, why?

253/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Bowhill Estate situated in Kandy District is an estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of Divisions that belonged to the aforesaid Estate at the time the state owned estates were reformed in 1992;
 - (ii) of the names of those Divisions;
 - (iii) is there any Divisions that had been abandoned or closed in the aforesaid Estate by year 2015; and
 - (iv) if so, the extant of land of the aforesaid Divisions?
- (c) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) whether lands, the factory and other buildings belonging to the aforesaid Estate had been awarded to external/private parties during the period from 1992 to 2015; and
 - (ii) if so, of the details of such awarding; and
 - (iii) of the extent of land in the aforesaid Estate that has been cultivated and that has not been cultivated in relation to the land survey that was conducted last?
- (d) If not, why?

418/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether deeds of lease or any other legal titles have been granted to people who have been residing at the reservation of the Kelani Valley railway line from Awissawella to Opanayake approximately for the past five decades; and
 - (ii) their number?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether there is a possibility of granting deeds of lease to other residents and owners of business premises who have thus not received deeds of lease or any other legal entitlement?
- (c) If not, will he further inform this House whether it is expected to devise a mechanism to ensure justice to those residents owners of business premises, to address problems encountered—
 - (i) in admitting their children to schools;
 - (ii) in obtaining business loans for their business; and
 - (iii) in claiming compensation in natural disasters?
- (d) If not why?

423/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he explain to this House the present situation with regard to the construction of the Kurunegala-Habarana railway line?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) three surveys have been carried out for the determination of the line of this project;
 - (ii) it has been decided to construct this railway line as per the third survey; and
 - (iii) the railway station proposed to be constructed close to Athuparayaya village, Dambulla as per third survey is located afar from the town than the land on which the proposed railway station was scheduled to be constructed in the first survey?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the land on which the proposed railway station is scheduled to be constructed close to Athuparayaya village as per the third survey is a land with very high economic value; and
 - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken to pay compensation in line with the current market value?
- (d) If not, why?

14/2020

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) Is he aware that Ratnapura and suburbs of Ratnapura district have become a hub for illicit drugs and the distribution network that targets students and youth is still in operation scot-free?
- (b) Separately, will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of raids carried out to seize illicit drugs;
 - (ii) of the number of persons arrested on crimes related to drugs; and
 - (iii) of the value of illicit drugs seized;
 within Ratnapura district within last two years?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a list of identified illicit drugs and the countries they are smuggled from will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to eradicate drugs menace from the area by taking immediate legal action against the aforesaid illegal drug racketeers?
- (d) If not, why?

62/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the annual profits/loss of Ceylon Electricity Board from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) if a loss had incurred during the said period, reasons for the loss are; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to make the Ceylon Electricity Board financially stable?
- (b) If not, why?

104/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of University Colleges that exists in Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (ii) the number of students studying in those institutes?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) sufficient lecture hall facilities are not available for the students in the University Colleges;
 - (ii) a shortage of lecturers prevails; and
 - (iii) hostel facilities are not available?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been developed to solve these problems; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount expected to be allocated for this purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

165/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the establishment of a cultural centre in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division, with a view to bequeathing the youth and the children receiving school education in the Kolonnawa area, which is inhabited by multi-cultured and multi-religious people, to the society as a generation replete with religious and cultured values, is an essential and appropriate move;
 - (ii) the approval of the then Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs had been received to construct that cultural centre;

- (iii) the allocations required for that purpose had been set apart; and
- (iv) but, the project had not been moved forward?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the future steps to be taken in relation to the construction of that cultural centre?
- (c) If not, why?

206/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kattukkarei tank is the major irrigation reservoir that provides water required for the agricultural activities of Mannar district;
 - (ii) there are 162 feeder tanks under the Kattukkarei reservoir;
 - (iii) water is provided to the said feeder tanks through 10 major canals;
 - (iv) the water provided to the tanks gets wasted due to not renovating the relevant 10 irrigation canals for a substantial period of time;
 - (v) the crops get destroyed due to the inability of getting the water of the tank to the paddy lands;
 - (vi) a sum of Rupees 95,288,568.42 had been allocated on 06.06.2019 by the then government for the repair of 5 irrigation canals subsequent to the action taken by me to draw the attention of Parliament towards the repair of the above canals;
 - (vii) the renovation activities have been suspended as a result of the change of government which happened just before the commencement of the renovation?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which the renovation of these canals would be commenced, enabling conducting agricultural activities properly?
- (c) If not, why?

216/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, in respect of each year from 2015 to 2019—
 - (i) the amount of black gram imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) the countries from which black gram was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of the companies that imported black gram;
 - (b) Will he inform this House the total amount of money spent to import black gram to Sri Lanka during the said period?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 09, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

187/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Kilinochchi Central College, in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division of Kilinochchi district;
 - (ii) there are a number of shortcomings including the poor standards of education, dearth of teachers/workers, scarcity of furniture/buildings and resources in the above school, which is one of the two national schools in the district of Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to when this school will be provided with the required buildings and furniture?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the particulars related to each of the positions of the entire staff of the above school including the principal, deputy principal, teachers and the non- academic staff?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the reasons for not hitherto taking steps to fill the vacancies that exist in the non academic staff of the above school?
- (e) Will he admit the fact that the education activities of the students cannot be enhanced without filling the above vacancies?
- (f) If not, why?

254/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Great Valley Estate situated in Delthota Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district is an estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of Divisions that belonged to the aforesaid Estate at the time the state owned estates were reformed in 1992;
 - (ii) of the names of those Divisions;
 - (iii) is there any Divisions that had been abandoned or closed in the aforesaid Estate by year 2015; and
 - (iv) if so, the extant of land of the aforesaid abandoned Divisions?
- (c) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) whether lands, the factory and other buildings belonging to the aforesaid Estate had been awarded to external/private parties during the period from 1992 to 2015; and

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- (ii) if so of the details of such awarding: and
- (iii) of the extent of land in the aforesaid Estate that has been cultivated and that has not been cultivated in relation to the land survey that was conducted last?
- (d) If not, why?

419/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who live in estates in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) whether lands have been granted to them for the construction of houses;
 - (iii) if so, the number of families to whom lands have been granted;
 - (iv) the extent of land given to the said families; and
 - (v) the names of the plantation companies to which the families belong and such lands have been given?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken by the government to grant lands to landless estate families; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

190/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Cricket Associations in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are 25 Cricket Associations for the 25 administrative districts in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the approval required for the establishment of the Cricket Association for Kilinochchi district has not hitherto been granted?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reasons—
 - (i) for not granting the approval required to establish the Cricket Association for Kilinochchi district up to now;
 - (ii) for not registering the Cricket Association of Kilinochchi district up to now, in spite of the applications made for registration on several occasions?

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- (d) Will he further inform this House of the assistance extended by the Ministry of Sports for the Cricket Association of Kilinochchi district after 2010?
- (e) If not, why?

16/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) drivers, conductors and officers at technical level (PL Category) of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are receiving salaries as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016; and
 - (ii) there is a method to award promotions to officers of aforesaid 'PL' category as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of drivers, conductors and officers at technical level (PL category) as well as executive level officers serving in the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) whether these promotions are to be given to the officers attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (iii) if so, the grades to which those promotions are to be given;
 - (iv) whether those promotions are awarded as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016;
 - (v) if not, the method followed; and
 - (vi) of the number of Executive level officers that will be newly appointed to each depot from the promotions awarded as per the Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016 in addition to existing Executive officers?
- (c) If not, why?

64/2020

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 raids carried out by the Police Narcotics Bureau to seize illicit drugs from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the names of Police Officers who received Presidential Awards for carrying out those raids;

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- (iii) of the prize money offered to each Police Officer, separately;
 - (iv) of the number of Police Officers who are accused of smuggling drugs, seized in the raids, to the drug racketeers;
 - (v) their names are; and
 - (vi) of the progress of the inquiries held against the said Police Officers?
- (b) If not, why?

106/2020

Hon. Buddika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the districts in Sri Lanka where toddy industry is found; and
 - (ii) the number of people who engage in the said industry for their livelihood?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of individuals/institutions that were licensed toddy producers in Sri Lanka as at 31.12.2019;
 - (ii) whether each of those factories have been provided an approved capacity; and
 - (iii) if so, what the capacities are in relation to each institute?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken by the government for the welfare of those who engage in the toddy industry; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount spent in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

167/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the numbers of houses without the entitlement of land deeds in the Rathmalana Divisonal Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to provide deeds to those houses; and
 - (iii) if so, the manner through which that process takes place?
- (b) If not, why?

207/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that though 3 years have passed since the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) in Mannar district which is under the Ministry of Education, started the Higher National Diploma courses, this institution is still functioning in a temporary building;
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) as a result, only Information Technology, English and Tourism courses have been started;
 - (ii) laboratory facilities for courses are not available; and
 - (iii) it is not possible to commence courses like Accounting, Management?
- (c) Is he also aware that more than one year has passed since a land of 5 acres in Uilankulam that belonged to the Mannar Divisional Secretariat Division was donated by Mannar District Secretariat to the then Ministry of Higher Education to construct a permanent building for the SLIATE institution?
- (d) Will he state the date on which the construction of a permanent building of the SLIATE in Mannar will be started, as several discussions took place to construct a permanent building with the contribution from the World Bank?
- (e) If not, why?

218/2020

Hon. Mohommad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

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