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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Finance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 20 read with Sections 4(3) and 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 01 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Extraordinary Gazettes No. 2171/5 of 16th April 2020, No. 2176/19 of 22nd May 2020, No. 2182/10 of 30th June 2020 and No. 2184/21 of 16th July 2020, which were presented on 25.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance (No. 1),— 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) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/54 of 26th January 2018, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health,— Regulations under the Medical Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medical Services under Section 72 read with Section 19(e) of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2155/15 of 26th December 2019, which were presented on 23.09.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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,—(2)

(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?

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- (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?

115/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of industrial estates in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) of their names;
 - (iii) separately, the number of factories in each such industrial estate;
 - (iv) separately, the total number of employees employed in each such industrial estate; and
 - (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further strengthen industrial estates in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

120/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the institution to which, the contract of the project of developing the access route of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, has been awarded;
 - (ii) of the methodology through which that contract has been awarded to the above institution;
 - (iii) of the amount of the contract for that; and
 - (iv) of the period of time granted to complete the contract?
- (b) If not, why?

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127/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the transportation is hampered owing to the dilapidated state of the Wattuwakal Bridge which is 402 meters in length and considered as the major bridge in the Kilinochchi - Mulative A 50 main road belonging to the Road development authority, which has not hitherto undergone any repair but being used as a single track road with the possibility of passing one vehicle at a time, in spite of the fact that ten years have lapsed after the conclusion of terrorism which prevailed in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) no action has been hitherto taken with regard to this situation, although this has been reiterated by me in this House on many occasions during the last regime?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which the above Wattuwakal bridge would be reconstructed as a double track road and opened for public?
- (c) If not, why?

344/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that has been collected in the Tea Shakthi Fund from the date of its establishment to date;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided by this Fund to tea small holders;
 - (iii) of the number of those who have obtained membership of the Tea Shakthi Fund from the date of its establishment to date; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money that has been invested in this Fund by tea small holders?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether tea factories have been set up using the moneys of the Tea Shakthi Fund;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of factories that have been set up in that manner;
 - (iii) of the names of the areas where such factories have been set up;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money that has been spent on setting up such factories;
 - (v) whether any profit is earned from the money that has been invested in such factories; and
 - (vi) if so, of the amount of the profit that has been earned through such investment?
- (c) If not, why?

204/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) there are thousands of patients on the waiting list of the government hospitals for heart surgeries, for years; and
 - (ii) millions of rupees are being spent to private hospitals in Sri Lanka and abroad for the surgeries?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House—
 - (i) how many heart related diseases reported in Sri Lanka in last five years;
 - (ii) how many patients have registered for heart surgeries in government hospitals for last five years; and
 - (iii) from those registered patients, how many surgeries were carried out annually in last five years?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is satisfied with the present practice; and
 - (ii) what are the key observations and recommendations made for further improvement of this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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,—(2)

- (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?

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52/ 2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the 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?

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,—(2)

- (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?

116/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) of the names of those depots;
 - (iii) separately, the number of buses in running condition in each of the said depots;
 - (iv) separately, the number of vacancies in each of the said depots; and
 - (v) of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to improve the bus fleets and the human resource of the depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district?
- (b) If not, why?

121/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of investments, for which agreements have been entered into, of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, up to now;
 - (ii) of the value of those investments; and
 - (iii) of the number of investments, out of the number mentioned above, that has begun work at present?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 22, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?
- (c) 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?
- (d) If not, why?

51/ 2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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?

99/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the forest cover of Sri Lanka including the Wilpattu National Park is being destroyed due to human activity;
 - (ii) the North Central Province has already been reduced to semi-arid condition;
 - (iii) this situation has affected the entire climate of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) some region of Sri Lanka is affected by natural disasters such as floods, drought, landslides etc. all the time due to this ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to develop national policies for environment conservation in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) Will he also admit that it is appropriate to conduct a study on climate change in Sri Lanka through a committee of experts?
- (d) If so, will he also inform this House whether arrangements will be made to conduct that study?
- (e) If not, why?

117/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the address of each officer and salary, allowances and other privileges paid monthly to each officer served/ serving in Sri Lanka Cricket from the year 2015 up to now?

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- (b) Will he admit that they have failed to uplift the game of cricket in Sri Lanka during their period in relation to the salaries and other benefits received by them during the said period?
- (c) Will he also inform this House as to what measures will be taken by the Ministry to further develop cricket in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

122/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of coconut trees that were removed when developing the infrastructure facilities of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) the parties to whom the aforesaid coconut trees were given when they were removed;
 - (iii) the methodology followed for it;
 - (iv) the price given for one coconut tree; and
 - (v) the institution whose custody the money earned through it is kept?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, October 23, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

50/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

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

123/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of lands acquired by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka for the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) the institutions from which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid lands were acquired;
 - (iv) the value paid for the aforesaid lands;
 - (v) the methodology followed in assessing the value of the aforesaid lands; and
 - (vi) the institution which carries out the maintenance of the coconut cultivations in the aforesaid lands and obtains the yield from them?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 3, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

49/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of government schools situated in 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
 - (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to further extend the facilities for the students in Badulla district to study in the Technology stream at the Advanced Level?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 4, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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,—(2)

- (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 present 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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Thursday, November 5, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

342/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an open competitive examination was held for recruitment of Audit Examiners to Grade II of the Audit Examiners' Service – 2018 as per a notice published in the Government Gazette dated 11.05.2018;
 - (ii) the said competitive examination was held at several examination centres on 14th, 20th and 21st of October 2018;
 - (iii) the results of that competitive examination have not been released up to now; and
 - (iv) over 2 years have lapsed since the holding of the said competitive examination?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to release the results of the said examination speedily; and
 - (ii) whether appointments will be granted speedily to the candidates who qualified, subsequent to the release of the results in the said manner?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 6, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

119/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether compensation is paid for the properties that are damaged at, or acquired for, the construction of the access route of the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) if so, the number of recipients of such compensation;
 - (iii) the amount of compensation estimated for that purpose;
 - (iv) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has disbursed allocations to the Udubaddawa Divisional Secretary to make payments in this regard, by now;
 - (v) if so, the amount of money so disbursed; and
 - (vi) the date on which such allocations were disbursed?
- (b) If not, why?

303/2020

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House against a backdrop where a separate state ministry has been established for education reforms, open universities and distant learning promotion—
 - (i) whether the government intends to establish multiple open universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the groups that intend to receive higher education, of the groups of those that are targeted by the government in expanding distant learning opportunities; and
 - (iii) whether the government will take steps to provide concessions for distant learning opportunities in future as well?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Open University of Sri Lanka will continue to be operated under the University Grants Commission and its funds; and
 - (ii) if not, of the name of the authority under which the Open University will be brought?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of funds that have been allocated for the affairs of the Open University of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) out of the expenditure of the Open University, of the amount that is incurred by the government?
 - (d) If not, why?
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