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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

17/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are cases that have not been taken up for hearing yet and there are pending cases from the cases that have been filed in the District Courts of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the case numbers along with the dates on which such cases were filed?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the case number and dates on which the case filed/ recorded, in regard to the old cases pending for a period of—
 - (i) 1-5 years;
 - (ii) 5 -10 years;
 - (iii) 10-15 years;
 - (iv) 15-20 years;
 - (v) 20-25 years; and
 - (vi) Over 25 years?
- (d) If not, why?

130/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Municipal Councils functioning at present in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those Municipal Councils; and
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid Municipal Councils, of the names of those that have given the task of removing garbage to the private sector?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the names of the private companies that have undertaken the removal of garbage in Municipal Councils; and
 - (ii) of the amounts of money that have been paid to the aforesaid companies from the year 2015 up to date?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to get the garbage collected by the workers of the aforesaid Local Authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

150/ 2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the relevant Finance companies have been made aware of the 6 months grace period that was promised to be offered to the customers who had obtained finance facilities, to pay their instalments during the Covid-19 period;
 - (ii) if so, whether it can be affirmed that the customers who obtained finance facilities received that relief;
 - (iii) if the customers did not receive that relief, the reason for that; and
 - (iv) the future steps the government will taken regarding the customers who have been subjected to injustice owing to that reason?
- (b) If not, why?

433/2020

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

- (a) Whether he admits that forests contribute immensely for the protection of eco-system of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current forest density of Sri Lanka as a percentage;
 - (ii) of the forest density Sri Lanka should have; and
 - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to fulfill the required forest density if it is unavailable?
- (c) If not, why?

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480/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of irrigation reserves located in the Kurunegala district; and
 - (ii) of the extent of land belonging to the aforesaid reserves?
 - (b) Is he aware that the lands belonging to those reserves have been acquired by unauthorized cultivators?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to remove those unauthorized cultivators?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 21, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

131/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of narcotics that have been handed over to the Department of the Government Analyst in each year from 2015 to date?
- (b) Is he aware that a certain portion of the aforesaid amounts of narcotics have been received by drug traffickers?
- (c) If so, if any person has been arrested in connection with such incidents, will he also inform this House of the names and designations of such persons?
- (d) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent the occurrence of incidents of this nature in future?
- (e) If not, why?

151/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the roof of the three story building of Sri Sanghabodhi Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 14 is in a dilapidated State and a part of the roof has collapsed; and
 - (ii) that the security of the students has been threatened owing to the said situation?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

434/2020

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

- (a) Whether she admits that the dengue disease has shown an increase on various occasions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of lives lost in year 2019 due to dengue disease;
 - (ii) whether a programme will be carried out at national and divisional level to eradicate dengue disease;
 - (iii) whether she admits that a group of labourers had been recruited for the divisional dengue eradication programme; and
 - (iv) if so, whether there is a plan to obtain their service continuously?
- (c) If not, why?

448/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Madrasa schools in operation at present in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the addresses of locations where these schools are situated?
- (b) Is he aware that there is an intense social dialogue in society about these Madrasa schools subsequent to the Easter Sunday attacks in the year 2019?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps to be taken by Ministry to regulate those Madrasa schools; and
 - (ii) the stand of the incumbent government with regard to these schools?
- (d) If not, why?

481/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an illegal sand mining smuggle has been underway in the old Eluwankulama area in Wanathawilluwa in Puttalam district for quite some time without sand mining permits?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken by the Ministry to curb this illegal sand mining smuggle, so far; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 22, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

152/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the sewerage system of Bluemandhal Vidyalaya situated in the Srimavo Bandaranayake Mawatha, Colombo 14 with approximately 400 students, has not been repaired and consequently the gully covers have been replaced with wooden covers; and
 - (ii) the students of the said school do not have access to proper toilet facilities?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Education, in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

192/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,—To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the programme of constructing 1000 bridges in the Northern and Eastern provinces is a programme initiated by your Ministry; and
 - (ii) the plan does not suit the needs of the people in those areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House in relation to that programme—
 - (i) of the number of bridges constructed in each of the district in the Northern province; and
 - (ii) the names of the contractors related to those constructions?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the plan of the programme of constructing the bridges was made to suit the relevant areas; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it was implemented according to a plan made in a foreign soil?

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- (d) Will he state in relation to that programme in Killinochchi district—
- (i) the number of bridges that are proposed to be constructed;
 - (ii) the number of bridges for which money has been allocated;
 - (iii) the number of bridges of which construction work has been completed out of the bridges for which money has been allocated;
 - (iv) the number of bridges of which construction work has not been completed out of the bridges for which money has been allocated; and
 - (v) the number of bridges that are yet to be constructed?
- (e) If not, why?

307/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of officers that belongs to Sri Lanka Principals' Service in Tamil medium schools in Kandy district; and
 - (ii) their names along with the names of the schools in which they serve at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in regard to Kandy district—
- (i) the number of officers, who have obtained a grade in Principals' Service, but have not received an appointment of Principal relevant to the grade; and
 - (ii) the number of officers that have received appointments as Principals in Tamil medium schools without qualifications in the Principals' Service?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the details of the teachers that have received the appointments mentioned in (b) (ii) above, along with the names of the schools in which they are serving at present?
- (d) If not, why?

436/2020

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

- (a) Whether he admits that there are large number of families who do not own a land and who do not have a deeds for the land they reside?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether those families have been identified separately;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to provide deeds to families who do not possess a deeds to families who do not possess a deed for the land they reside; and

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- (iii) whether measures will be taken to provide lands to families who do not own a land; and
- (iv) if so, whether lands have been identified for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

449 / 2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which Batticaloa Campus Private Limited, which was subject to intense social discourse, was established;
 - (ii) the names of persons and institutions which spent money thereon;
 - (iii) the names of persons who served in its Governing Council;
 - (iv) the number of courses that was to be conducted by the said institution; and
 - (v) the names of those courses?
- (b) Is he aware that there was a course on Sharia law amongst the courses to be conducted by this institution?
- (c) Will he also inform this House, the stand of the incumbent government regarding the above institution?
- (d) If not, why?

482/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has been faced up with a dire financial crisis; and
 - (ii) as a result, even payment of salaries has become a difficulty?
 - (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the total number of employees serving in the employ of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment at present;
 - (ii) whether a decision has been taken to give them a three-month holiday on half pay; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in order to strengthen the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment financially?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 23, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

18/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 2200 new buses were imported for Sri Lanka Transport Board in 2014; and
 - (ii) aforesaid buses were given on lease basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether aforesaid lease payment were stopped since 2015; and
 - (ii) if so, of reasons for non-payment?
- (c) If not, why?

107/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a methodology to regulate the quality of toddy, which is used to produce vinegar; and
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid methodology?
- (b) Will she admit that—
 - (i) artificial toddy is used to produce vinegar; and
 - (ii) the use of artificial toddy with chemical toxins is a threat to the health of people?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether she mentions the steps that will be taken to prevent the use of artificial toddy to produce vinegar; and
 - (ii) the short term and long term diseases that can be contracted due to the use of vinegar produced using artificial toddy?
- (d) If not, why?

153/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is one teacher vacancy each for the subjects of Catholicism and Eastern Music and in the primary division of Ave Maria College, Colombo 15; and
 - (ii) the small stadium in this school gets flooded with rainwater due to the lack of a proper methodology for rain water drainage, hampering the sports activities of the students?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to solve these issues?
- (c) If not, why?

193/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of lands that belong to the families that are permanent residents in Killinochchi district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families with freehold deeds on the number of members in those families;
 - (ii) the number of families with land permits and the number of members in those families; and
 - (iii) the extent of paddy lands and dry lands with permits?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) freehold deeds have not been provided to people who have lived in Killinochchi district for over 60 years; and
 - (ii) those people who have been affected by the war have found it difficult to obtain mortgage and loan facilities from banks and financial institutions owing to the non-provision of deeds?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing the people of Killinochchi district with freehold deeds; and
 - (ii) the number of families with lands without freehold deeds or permits and the number of members in those families at present?
- (e) If not, why?

348/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that an environment impact assessment should be conducted when a road is constructed across a sensitive eco system notwithstanding the legal position, as it is the view of the majority of people including environmentalists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether such a study has been conducted when a road is constructed to the village known as Lankagama across the Sinharaja Forest which is a sensitive eco-system as well as a world heritage; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it is expected to conduct such a study?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reason, if the above view is not accepted?
- (d) If not, why?

437/2020

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

- (a) Whether he admits that—
 - (i) principals and teachers are rendering a valuable service to the education system of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) there are anomalies in the salaries of principals and teachers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent annually to pay salaries of principals and teachers approximately; and
 - (ii) whether a programme has been prepared by the Ministry of Education to remove salary anomalies of principals and teacher?
- (c) If not, why?

450/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of refugees from Pakistan and Afghanistan who had arrived at the country through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
 - (ii) the locations where those refugees are detained at present; and
 - (iii) the facilities provided to those refugees?
- (b) Is he aware that a huge burden is heaped on the socio-economic fabric of the country as a result of accepting refugees from other countries to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in regard to this problem?
- (d) If not, why?

483/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a research has been conducted by the National Agriculture Information and Communication Centre regarding the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in the farming lands of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) Sri Lanka is one of the countries at the forefront among countries that use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer for cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

491/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether illegal prawn farming is taking place in Anawilundawa bird sanctuary (Ramsar Wetland)?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that abandonment of prawn traps used for prawn farming and using them after restoration happen in that area; and
 - (ii) the steps taken to stop the aforesaid illegal prawn farming?
- (c) If not, why?

499/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of lands without licences in the villages belonging to the Mahaweli Zones within Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the reason for not granting licences for the lands concerned; and
 - (iii) the methodology that will be followed in granting licences for the lands without licenses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the actions that will be adopted by the Ministry to solve the problem that has arisen due to not granting licences for lands belonging to the Mahaweli Zone within Polonnaruwa district?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the number of—
 - (i) Samurdhi Development Officers;
 - (ii) Samurdhi Managers; and
 - (iii) other officers;serving at the Department of Samurdhi Development at present?
 - (b) Is he aware that a large number of vacancies exist for the post of Samurdhi Development Officer?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the number of such vacancies;
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
 - (iii) the date by which they will be filled?
 - (d) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it has been stated in the “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour” manifesto that issues pertaining to Samurdhi Development Officers and Samurdhi movement would be solved;
 - (ii) Divineguma Department was established and the pension rights of Samurdhi Officers were ensured by the government that existed prior to 2015; and
 - (iii) the majority of Smaurdhi Development Officers have not been granted pension rights up to now despite the said situation?
 - (e) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not granting rights in the said manner;
 - (ii) whether an arrangement has been made to grant those officers the pension rights; and
 - (iii) the date on which those officers will be ensured pension rights?
 - (f) If not, why?
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