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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2020

Hon. Hesha 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;

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(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,—(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 Amarasena,— 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?

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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?

126/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the reconstruction work of the Nanjundankulam tank, which is one among the major tanks belonging to the Pudukuduirippu Divisional Secretariat Division of Mullaitivu district, was not carried out as a result of the heavy and continuous rains, in spite of the financial allocation of Rs. 40 million made by the former government after granting approval to the above reconstruction;
 - (ii) a large number of paddy fields and lands get water from this tank and the rural people are dependent on this tank for their livelihoods; and
 - (iii) although the required approval has been granted to the State Timber Corporation to remove the unnecessary trees that grow along the dam of the Nanjundankulam tank, it has not materialized owing to the dilapidated state of the road used for transportation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the date on which financial allocations will be made for the reconstruction of the Nanjundankulam tank; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the work related to the reconstruction of the above tank will be commenced after having repaired the access road?
- (c) If not, why?

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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 safety of the students has been threatened owing to the said situation?
- (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?

221/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of electronic items imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those electronic items were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those electronic items?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing electronic items into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, November 19, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

7/2020

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

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- (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?

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?

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?

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- (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?
- (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?

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?

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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?

222/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of medicine imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those medicine was imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which those medicine was imported?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing medicine into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

307/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (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 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 also state 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?
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Friday, November 20, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

19/2020

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 admit that—
 - (i) Sri Lanka Air Force had sent a Radar Receiver and an Antenna Scanner to China for repair in 2014 April; and
 - (ii) aforesaid items have been misplaced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the company that undertook this transporting of the aforesaid items;
 - (ii) of the members of the Director Board of aforesaid company;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid company still provides services to any state institution in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the loss incurred by the misplacement of aforesaid items?
- (c) If not, why

65/ 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of national schools in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the qualifications required to hold the post of principal in a national school;
 - (ii) of the numbers and names of the schools with such qualified principals; and
 - (iii) of the number and names of schools in which such principals serve without such qualifications ?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to appoint duly qualified principals for each national school?
- (d) If not, why?

109/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House separately—
 - (i) of the number of railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets) that were imported during the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2019; and
 - (ii) what amounts of money were spent for this purpose?
- (b) Is he aware that some of the railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets) so imported are unsuitable for running in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If so, will he state separately—
 - (i) of the names and designations of the members of the tender committees and technical evaluation committees appointed pertaining to the process of importing the aforesaid railway carriages, locomotives and multiple-unit trains (power sets); and
 - (ii) what action was taken against them?
- (d) Will he also inform the House —
 - (i) on which date the fabrication of railway carriages will be commenced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) how much money the Government will be able to save from it?
- (e) 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,—(2)

- (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?

223/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of cement imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those cement was imported; and
 - (iii) the names of the companies which imported those cement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing cement into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

435/2020

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 admit that a large number of road accidents take place every day?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the average number of persons who die in road accidents per day;
 - (ii) separately of the number of persons who died in road accidents in years 2018 and 2019; and
 - (iii) of the arrangement that is in place with Sri Lanka Police at present to minimize the number of road accidents?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Parliament Select Committee on Minimizing of Road Accidents had been appointed; and
 - (ii) whether the decisions and recommendations of that Select Committee have been taken into consideration?
- (d) 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?

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- (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?

456/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the ancient Yodha Ela (Giant Canal) which carries water from the Kalawewa reservoir to the Thisawewa reservoir, located in the district of Anuradhapura has gone into wilderness?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any programme is available to clean and restore this canal;
 - (ii) if so, what the said programme is; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said programme would be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 21, 2020

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Penal Code (Amendment) Bill,— 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 Regulation of Insurance Industry Act,— Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 112 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2118/1 of 08th April 2019, which were presented on 13.11.2020, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Wednesday, November 25, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

18/2020

Hon. Heshu 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 the reasons for non-payment?
- (c) If not, why?

107/2020

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

- (a) Will he 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 he 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 he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he 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?

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?
- (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?

218/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, in respect of each year from 2015 to 2019 —
 - (i) the amount of cow pea imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) the countries from which cow pea was imported; and
 - (iv) the names of the companies that imported cow pea?

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- (b) Will he inform this House the total amount of money spent to import cow pea to Sri Lanka during the said period?
- (c) If not, why?

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?
- (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?

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?

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

420 / 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many grama niladhari divisions out of those located in Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Galewela and Dambulla are to be provided with domestic water supply connections under the “Visal Dambulla” Water Project, which is near completion;
 - (ii) what the names of such grama niladhari divisions are?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there exist a number of grama niladhari divisions within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Galewela and Dambulla that are not covered in providing domestic water supply connections under the above-mentioned Project;
 - (ii) what the names of such grama niladhari divisions are;
 - (iii) how many villages within those grama niladhari divisions are not provided with domestic water supply connections;
 - (iv) what the names of such villages are;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to under the above-mentioned Project to provide the villages referred to with domestic water supply connections;
 - (vi) if not, whether alternative schemes will be implemented for the purpose; and
 - (vii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

492/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that media have reported that a forest has been torched, cleared and destroyed in Eluwankulama area in Wanathawilluwa in the Puttalam district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that had been so destroyed;
 - (ii) whether these lands belong to the Government;
 - (iii) if not, the parties to which those lands belong;

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- (iv) whether the persons who destroyed the aforesaid forest had been identified; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken against those persons?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 26, 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?

414/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the number of children currently institutionalized in Remand Homes, Certified Schools, Receiving Homes and Detention Homes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of each of the above institutions—
 - (i) average time duration of a child's stay;
 - (ii) money allocated by the Government per child;
 - (iii) categories and basic qualifications of the staff attached;
 - (iv) staff-child ratio;
 - (v) steps taken for reintegrating the children back into the community;
 - (vi) steps taken for ensuring the wellbeing of these children; and
 - (vii) the procedures adopted for monitoring of these institutions?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in respect of the period from 2015 to 2019 of the number of children—
 - (i) entered and left each of the above institutions; and
 - (ii) left and are gainfully employed and living securely in the community?
- (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
 - (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?

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?
- (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?

507/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Samurdhi assistance was provided by the former Government on political grounds;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a large number of eligible people did not receive that assistance as a result ;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken in line with ‘Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour’ manifesto to provide Samurdhi assistance to those who did not receive it;
 - (iv) if so, the date by which it will be done;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to increase the value of the Samurdhi assistance; and
 - (vi) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Samurdhi Development Officers have not been granted any promotion even though nearly 25 years have lapsed from the founding of the Samurdhi movement;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to grant promotions to those officers; and
 - (iii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that several Cabinet papers have been submitted by the incumbent Government to solve the problems of the Samurdhi movement and Samurdhi officers;
 - (ii) what the issues submitted through those Cabinet papers are; and
 - (iii) the steps taken in that regard by now?
- (d) If not, why?

524/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools located in the Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the number of schools, out of those schools which have permanent Principals; and
 - (iii) the number of schools which have acting Principals at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps to be taken by the Ministry to appoint permanent Principals to the Government schools located in the Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

732/2020

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) nearly 305 million people around the world use PayPal Gateway as the E Commerce websites are the easiest channels to sell goods to a foreign country;
 - (ii) aforesaid option can be used to sell Sri Lankan goods to foreign countries;
 - (iii) foreign exchange income channels related to sale of goods and services to foreign countries are rendered useless as the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has not made aforesaid option available in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) Sri Lankan Companies that use the online systems to provide services, create PayPal accounts with foreign addresses;
 - (v) a huge amount of income that should reach Sri Lanka has been diverted to foreign countries as commissions due to aforesaid reason?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to remove existing barriers with regard to sale of goods and services to foreign countries by way of Online systems; and
 - (ii) If so, of aforesaid measures?
 - (c) If not why ?
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Friday, November 27, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

20/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) circular number 22/2002 was issued in connection with absorption of Public Health Field Officers to middle level technical service;
 - (ii) however Health authorities and the Public Service Commission authorities of the Sabaragamuwa Province do not adhere to aforesaid circular; and
 - (iii) the direction of the Governor of Sabaragamuwa province in this regard, has been neglected by the Public Service Commission of Sabaragamuwa Province?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the reason as to why the Public Service Commission of Sabaragamuwa Province neglected the direction of the Governor of Sabaragamuwa Province, three times?
- (c) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) of the total outstanding amount payable for Public Health Field Officers of the Sabaragamuwa Province; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay aforesaid amounts in future?
- (d) If not, why?

110/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) there are a large number of medicinal plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) patents have not been obtained for the chemical substances and genetic elements contained in certain such plants; and
 - (iii) as a result, a tremendous economic loss is caused to this country?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted regarding medicinal plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the number of medicinal plants endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the number of such plants for which patents are owned by Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the names of such plants; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to obtain patents for medicinal plants which do not have patents?

- (c) Will she state the foreign exchange income that the Government derives annually from the medicines or other products manufactured using plants for which patents are owned?
- (d) Will she inform the House what courses of action have been adopted to —
 - (i) uplift the medicinal or other products manufactured using plants for which patents are owned; and
 - (ii) increase foreign exchange income for the products?
- (e) 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?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to solve these issues?
- (c) If not, why?

225/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of Copper imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those Copper was imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those Copper?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Copper into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (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;

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- (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?

452/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the businessmen who are engaged in business activities for a long time in the Kekirawa town of Anuradhapura district and the people residing there, have faced with immense difficulties, as they have not received land deeds?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the measures hitherto taken with regard to offering deeds for the aforementioned lands;
 - (ii) of the current progress of the aforesaid measures; and
 - (iii) of the date on which deeds will be provided for the said lands?
- (c) If not, why?

607/2020

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who receive the Senior Citizens' allowance;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who had applied for the allowance and in the waiting list;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to increase the Senior Citizens' allowance from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 2500/- according to the National Policy framework "Vistas of Prosperity";
 - (iv) if so, the date of which the increased allowance will be provided;
 - (v) whether a programme is in place to provide loans at concessionary rates form Senior Citizens who engage in foreign pilgrimage; and
 - (vi) if so, the institutions that co-ordinate the process?
- (b) If not, why?

634/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the water tank in Mandur area in the Baticaloa District has been suspended as payments have not been made to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the difficulties faced by people living in the four main divisions to which water is supplied from the aforesaid water tank;
 - (ii) of the number of villages that are suffering hardships due to the lack of water supply and where pipelines have to be laid in order to provide the water supply;
 - (iii) of the names of those villages; and
 - (iv) of the number of families living in those villages who suffer hardships due to the lack of water supply?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 28, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

66/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of train compartments added to the railway transportation system from 2015 up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of train compartments that have been produced locally and the number of train compartments imported; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to produce train compartments in Sri Lanka?
- (d) 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?

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- (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?

350/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— 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 vacancies that are existing at present in the post of Assistant Superintendent of Police;
 - (ii) whether there are vacancies in the posts ranging from the post of Police Constable to the post of Chief Inspector of Police, and from the post of Assistant Superintendent of Police to the post of Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police;
 - (iii) the methodology that was adopted in making timely promotions to those posts recently;
 - (iv) whether the approved cadre in the aforesaid posts was taken into consideration when making promotions to those posts;
 - (v) when making timely promotions recently to cover the duties in the posts of Senior Superintendent of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police, the methodology that was adopted in giving promotions in excess of the approved cadre in those posts to officers who have completed a period of service of two and a half years;

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- (vi) the reasons for not following the same procedure in (v) above when giving timely promotions to officers from the post of Chief Inspector of Police to the post of Assistant Superintendent of Police;
- (b) If not, why?

426/2020

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?

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?

479/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of bridges in Hambanthota district of which construction work has been commenced from 2015 to 2020;
 - (ii) the number of bridges of which construction has been completed, out of those mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the number of bridges of which work has not been completed by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date by which the work of the bridges still under construction would be completed?
- (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. Rauff Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic requirements to be met in order to declare a certain areas as a forest Reserve through a Gazette Notification as per the Forest Conservation Ordinance; and
 - (ii) of the number of forests hitherto declared as Forest Reserves under the Forest Conservation Ordinance?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House separately, on district and divisional secretariat division basis, all the details about the dates on which each of the aforesaid forests been declared as a forest reserve, about the land extent of each such forest and about the relevant maps?
 - (c) If not, why?
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