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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of—

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

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

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

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

(c) Will he further inform this House—

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

(d) If not, why?

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100/2020

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

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

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?

214/2020

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

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

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

252/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (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) the number of Divisions that belonged to the aforesaid Estate at the time the state owned estates were reformed in 1992;
  - (ii) 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?

453/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the wild life officers have demarcated the boundaries of the forest reserves and boundary posts have been fixed in the lands for which freehold land ownership deeds are held by the cultivators who have engaged in Chena cultivations since the year 1973 in the Bambaraela village, of Diwulwewa Grama Niladhari division bearing division number 215, in the Kahatagasdigiliya divisional secretariat division of Anuradhapura district?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken with pertinence to the said matter?
- (c) If not, why?

608/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) whether a supervision is done with regard to the Government Homes for elders;
  - (ii) whether a standard is available with regard to aforesaid Homes for elders; and
  - (iii) whether steps will be taken to renovate the Homes for elders which are not up to aforesaid standard?
- (b) Will she also inform this House separately, of the number of Homes for elders, which are run by the Government, Private Sector and Government and Private Sector jointly, operated in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

780/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that houses were provided to homeless people under the housing project that was operative in Vavuniya district under the then Ministry of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs?
  - (b) Will he inform this House of—
    - (i) the number of beneficiaries that were identified in the year 2019 to be provided with houses from among the 42 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Vavuniya;
    - (ii) the number of houses provided to each of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Division up to now, separately; and
    - (iii) the names of the aforesaid beneficiaries of houses?
  - (c) Will he inform this House of—
    - (i) the basis on which houses are allocated to each Grama Niladhari Division;
    - (ii) the factors that were used as a basis when allocating houses to the original inhabitants of Kallikulum Grama Niladhari Division and to those that were settled there later ;
    - (iii) the steps that will be taken to solve the problem that has arisen when allocating the aforesaid houses; and
    - (iv) the date on which houses will be provided to the persons who have not received houses yet ?
  - (d) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, December 01, 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?

149/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there are 02 teacher vacancies each for the subjects of History, Civic Education, Drama and Theatre as well as a vacancy each for the subjects of Tamil, Art, Information Technology, Media, Physics, Agricultural Science, Bio System Technology, Accounting, Communication and Media, Buddhist Civilization and a vacancy each for the posts of student counselling and Teacher Librarian in the academic staff of Sri Rajasinghe Vidyalaya at Kudabuthgamuwa which is the only mixed National school in Kolonnawa Educational Division;
  - (ii) there are 02 vacancies each in the posts of Sanitary Labourer, Garden Labourer and General Labourer as well as three vacancies each in the post of Laboratory Assistant and a vacancy in the post of Management Assistant coming under the Non-Academic staff?
- (b) Will he inform this House the plans the Ministry have to fill the aforesaid vacancies and the specific dates the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

190/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (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; and
  - (ii) for not registering the Cricket Association of Kilinochchi district up to now, in spite of the applications made for registration on several occasions?
- (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?

204/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

- (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?

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?
- (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?

428/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of Sri Lanka's daily power consumption approximately;
  - (ii) of the energy sources that generate power to fulfill the demand; and
  - (iii) the power generated from each source to the national grid as a percentage?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the power that will be generated by the year 2021 with the intervention of the government will be adequate till year 2025; and
  - (ii) if not, the measures that will be taken are?
- (c) 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?

548/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the construction work of the new court complex that is being constructed at Beligaha Junction in Galle is progressing slowly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether necessary steps have been taken to expedite the construction work of the aforesaid court complex;
  - (ii) whether adequate financial provisions are available for that at present;
  - (iii) if not, of the sources from which necessary financial provisions will be obtained; and
  - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to expedite its construction work once the aforesaid financial provisions have been received;
- (c) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, December 02, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

17/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (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?

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- (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?

105/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of raids to recover artificial toddy;
  - (ii) the number of liters of artificial toddy seized; and
  - (iii) the value of the fines acquired to the Government;on raids conducted by the Sri Lanka Police, the Special Task Force and the Excise Department from 01.01.2017 to 01.01.2019, in relation to each institution, separately?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) some toddy producers have more storage facilities than required;
  - (ii) artificial toddy are produced and stored by them;
  - (iii) even though the Special Task Force conducts raids and seizes such artificial toddy, in enforcing the law some Excise officials release the offenders by not producing them before the Court and subjecting them for an arbitration fee by portraying them as technical defects;
  - (iv) the production of artificial toddy is not a technical defect but some Excise officials deliberately act to defend these producers; and
  - (v) this results in the Government being deprived of a large tax income?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to introduce amendments to the relevant laws to stop the production of artificial toddy; and
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

217/2020

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

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

254/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (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 extent 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;
  - (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?

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?

517/2020

Hon. Sanakkiya Rajapuththiran Rasamanikkam,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the livelihoods of local fishermen who are engaged in offshore fishing in the Northern and Eastern provinces are severely impacted owing to not using the permission granted to use Cache Nets in fishing industry subject to certain restrictions, in the proper manner; and
  - (ii) it has become mandatory to implement solutions using latest technology as controlling this has become a difficult task?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures to be taken to solve the above problem?
- (c) If not, why?

525/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Sports Schools situated in Auradhapura District are;
  - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools; and
  - (iii) of the number of students currently studying in those schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to further develop the aforesaid schools?
- (c) If not, why?

610/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that the Kuliapitiya Base Hospital has been converted into a Teaching Hospital?
  - (b) Will she inform this House —
    - (i) whether action will be taken to use the aforesaid hospital for the clinical training of the students of the Medical Faculty of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka; and
    - (ii) whether she is aware that a three-member committee has been appointed to study this matter?
  - (c) Will she also inform this House —
    - (i) whether a professorial unit has been established in connection with the Medical Faculty of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and the Kuliapitiya Teaching Hospital; and
    - (ii) whether action will be taken to establish the aforesaid professorial unit at the Kuliapitiya Teaching Hospital?
  - (d) If not, why?
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**Thursday, December 03, 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?

160/ 2020

Hon. S.M Marikkar,— Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the provisions allocated to convert Meethotamulla garbage dumping site into a urban park;
  - (ii) to what extent the work has been completed utilizing that provisions; and
  - (iii) of the work to be completed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the date of which the work of the project expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

191/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Sritharan,—To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that though 10 years have elapsed by now since the construction work was commenced in the year 2010 to develop public stadium situated at the centre of Killinochchi town to develop it into an International level stadium, the aforesaid stadium has not yet been delivered to the use of the sportsperson in the district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether this stadium is an international level stadium; if not, whether it is a district level stadium;
  - (ii) the amount allocated for the construction work of the stadium;
  - (iii) the amount spent during the last 10 years out of the aforesaid amount;
  - (iv) the number of contractors that have signed contracts for the construction work of the stadium; and
  - (v) the name of the current contractor who has undertaken contract activities?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the extent to which the delay of the reconstruction work of this stadium has affected the sports activities of the sportspersons in the district; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop the sports field in the district?
- (d) If not, why?

419/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(2)

- (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?

421/2020

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 Ukuwela, Rattota, Matale, Yatawatta and Pallepola are to be provided with domestic water supply connections under the Visal Matale Water Project, which is near completion; and
  - (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 their names are;
  - (v) whether steps will be taken 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?

429/2020

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) Whether he admits that Sri Lanka Police render a yeoman service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Police Stations established in the country; and
  - (ii) whether a national level programme has been prepared to modernize the aforesaid police stations?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that Alawwa Police Station should be modernized; and
  - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for the purpose?
- (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?

781/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the types of vehicles received and purchased from different countries and institutions to the then Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs for rehabilitation and resettlement activities during the period from 2005 up to 2015 along with registered numbers of the aforesaid vehicles and the names of the government and non-governmental institutions for whose use they had been handed over, separately;
  - (ii) the present condition of those vehicles;

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- (iii) the institutions that use those vehicles at present; and
  - (iv) the Ministry and the relevant section of that Ministry that used the tractor bearing the registered number WP RB -2639 ,which is kept at Thaleimannar Police station presently?
  - (b) Will he inform this House, separately—
    - (i) The types of vehicles that were used in the Manik Farm Transition Camp during the period from 2009 up to 2012 along with their registered numbers; and
    - (ii) the name of the institution that use the aforesaid vehicles at present along with the place in which the vehicles are used?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, December 04, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

21/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, as per each year of the number of Police Officers who got assassinated while combating crimes, since 2015;
  - (ii) of the reasons for the assassinations of aforesaid Police officers;
  - (iii) of the measures that the Police Department has taken to protect the spouse and children of aforesaid Police officers;
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken in the future to improve the existing measure in regard to the life protection of police officers and their safety of spouse and children; and
  - (v) if so, of the duration of time and methodology?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the value of the allowances paid to the spouse and children of the police officer when got assassinated while combating crimes since 2015; and
  - (ii) whether widows & orphans allowances have duly been paid?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of officers who got promoted;
  - (ii) of the number of officers who did not get promoted;
  - (iii) of the reasons for not granting promotions for the officers who did not get promoted, subsequent to the assassinations?
- (d) If not, why?

106/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

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

224/2020

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 machinery imported into Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the countries from which those machinery were imported; and
  - (iii) the companies which imported those machinery?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing machinery into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

255/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that he Bopitiya Estate is an estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board situated within the Deltota Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy District?

- (b) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) how many divisions belonged to this Estate at the time of reformation of the state-owned estates in the year 1992;
  - (ii) what the names of such divisions were;
  - (iii) what the total extent of fully-cultivated land of the Estate is;
  - (iv) whether there have been abandoned divisions of the Estate; and
  - (v) if so, of the extent of such divisions?
- (c) Will he also inform the House separately—
  - (i) whether lands and buildings belonging to this Estate had been given to the external party / private sector during the period 1992–2015;
  - (ii) what those details are; and
  - (iii) of the extent of cultivated and non-cultivated lands according to the land survey taken last?
- (d) If not, why?

500/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of villages having difficulties associated with water in the villages within the Polonnaruwa District;
  - (ii) what the names of the villages concerned are; and
  - (iii) what courses of action will be adopted by the Ministry to solve the water problem of the villages concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

559/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of school buildings that have been started to construct under the ‘nearest school is the best school’ project initiated by the previous Government separately;
  - (ii) of the number of buildings given for each school in each of the aforesaid districts separately;
  - (iii) of the number of buildings that have been completed out of the aforesaid buildings;
  - (iv) of the number of buildings that have not been completed; and
  - (v) the amount of money spent for that?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the aforesaid project has been stopped at present; and
  - (ii) if so, the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

578/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the extent of land acquired by the forest conservation department from each district in the Northern Province;
  - (ii) the extent of aforesaid land area as a percentage from the total extent of land in the Northern Province?
- (b) Is he aware that private lands, agricultural tanks, agricultural lands and grass lands for livestock have been acquired in that manner and it has affected adversely on the livelihood and the co-existence of the people?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for not taking advice from the District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and Provincial Land Commissioner when such lands are acquired?
- (d) If not, why?

776/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
    - (i) the foundation stone was laid to establish a faculty of technology in a land in the Narangalla Estate belonging to the National Livestock Board in the Kuliyaipitiya Electorate during the rule of the previous government; and
    - (ii) the aforesaid land in which the foundation stone was laid to establish a faculty of technology has overgrown with wild plants at present;
  - (b) Will he inform this House —
    - (i) of the main objective of starting the aforesaid faculty of technology;
    - (ii) of the reasons for not starting the faculty of technology up to now;
    - (iii) of the amount of money that was spent on the event that was held to lay the foundation stone for that faculty of technology; and
    - (iv) whether the land that had been allocated for this purpose has now been taken over by the Ministry of Education?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Saturday, December 05, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

60/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

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

166/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

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

422 / 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the present status of the proposed Phase IV (Kurunegala–Dambulla) of the Central Expressway Project;
  - (ii) whether the amount of money to be compensated to those who lose their properties due to the above-mentioned Project has been determined by now;
  - (iii) if so, whether he will present it to the House; and
  - (iv) of the manner in which compensation is paid for the lost properties of those who possess properties belonging to temples due to the Project?

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- (b) Will he also inform the House—
  - (i) of the percentage at which payment is made for land; and
  - (ii) how payment is made for the development value;  
in paying compensation relating to the Project?
- (c) If not, why?

430/2020

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

- (a) Will he admits that the Deduru Oya project has been implemented in the North Western Province of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount spent/being spent for the project;
  - (ii) of the sources that provided funding or the project;
  - (iii) of the number of families who donated lands for the project;
  - (iv) whether an adequate compensation has been awarded to the families;
  - (v) of the amount spent to award compensation to the families; and
  - (vi) whether measures will be taken to award compensation to the families who are yet to receive them?
- (c) If not, why?

491/2020

Hon. Niroshan 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?

518/2020

Hon. Sanakkiya Rajapuththiran Rasamanikkam,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the ice factory, which was commenced in the year 1973 and is situated adjoining the Batticaloa district office of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, has remained inactive for more than three years by now, should be renovated and put into operation again;
  - (ii) local fishermen who engage in fishing industry using fishing boats and seine and in the deep sea will be benefitted through it and opportunity will be created to enhance their livelihood as well;
  - (iii) the sea food required by the teaching hospital and various other institutions can be stored and distributed as it has warehouse facilities;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to renovate aforesaid ice factory and put it into operation?
- (c) If not why?

521/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, and Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether applications were called for filling vacancies in the post of Assistant Superintendent of Police?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether officers were called for the interview to fill the aforesaid vacancies;
  - (ii) of the method of giving marks at the aforesaid interview;
  - (iii) whether the method of giving marks was revised during the period in which applicants had been called for the interview;
  - (iv) whether it is proper to revise the method of giving marks in that manner; and
  - (v) whether the applicants were informed of the revision of the method of giving marks?

- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether the seniority list of the officers who had applied for the aforesaid post was backdated while arrangements were being made to conduct the interview;
  - (ii) if so, of the names of the officers whose seniority was backdated;
  - (iii) if so, of the basis for backdating them;
  - (iv) whether the interview was postponed thereafter without giving any notice and any reason;
  - (v) of the present situation with regard to the interviews;
  - (vi) whether the interview will be held in future; and
  - (vii) if so, of the date on which the interview will be held?
- (d) Will he also further inform this House—
- (i) whether officers in the rank of Chief Inspector of Police were appointed to cover the duties in the post of Assistant Superintendent of Police; and
  - (ii) if so, of the duties they were appointed to cover?
- (e) If not, why?

782/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether he knows that the small tanks in Musali area were renovated during the period from 2011 up to 2013;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of tanks that were renovated during the aforesaid period ;
  - (iii) the names of those tanks; and
  - (iv) the total amount of money invested for renovating the aforesaid tanks?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the number of tanks in Musali Divisional Secretariat Division ,which were renovated during the period from the year 2014 up to 2015;
  - (ii) the names of those tanks;
  - (iii) the total amount of money invested for renovating those tanks;
  - (iv) the name of the institution that carried out the renovation activities of the said tanks during the periods of time mentioned above; and
  - (v) the methodology through which the aforesaid institution was selected?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Monday, December 07, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

130/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (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?
- (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?

306/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Kasawatte Vidyalaya, a type 3 school, is situated in Katugastota Education Zone in Kandy district?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of students, studying;
  - (ii) the number of class rooms, in use; and
  - (iii) the total extent of land, in use; in that school at present?
- (c) Is he also aware that—
  - (i) a building which was used by the school was recommended inappropriate for use, by the National Building Research Organization; and
  - (ii) it has been informed to discontinue using that building?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct a new building to replace that aforesaid building?
- (e) If not, why?

432/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mahapola Scholarships are awarded to the students who are selected to government universities from low income families?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total number of scholarship recipients that were awarded Mahapola Scholarships in the year 2020; and
  - (ii) the minimum qualification required to get the aforesaid scholarship?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that there is a group of students that do not receive the Mahapola Scholarship though they are qualified to set the said scholarship; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to mete out justice on the part of the aforesaid students?
- (d) If not, why?

454/2020

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

- (a) Will he state the current state affairs related to the “Diyawara” fisheries village which was established by the present Prime Minister, during his tenure as the Minister of fisheries, in the Vijithapura Grama Niladari Division bearing division number 493, in the Ipalogama divisional secretariat division of Anuradhapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the preliminary steps have been taken with pertinence to the provision of deeds for the lands located in the said village;
  - (ii) if so, of the steps so taken; and
  - (iii) of the date on which deeds will be provided to the lands located in the aforesaid village?
- (c) If not, why?

516/2020

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mrs. P. V. Wasantha Rani, who is a resident of 1<sup>st</sup> mile post, Madamewatta, Moneragala Road, Bibile, had served in the post of labourer at the Provincial Agricultural Institute of the Government Farm at Bibile owned by Uva Provincial Ministry of Agriculture from November 2017 to December 2019;

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- (ii) she had served continuously for 180 days during the aforesaid period;
  - (iii) she is entitled for permanent service as per the Public Administration Circular No. 29/2019; and
  - (iv) however, her service has been suspended with effect from January 2020?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to reinstate Mrs. Wasantha Rani in service as she is in a desperate situation after losing her job?
- (c) If not, why?

716/2020

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the judgments of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal are made available only in the English Language?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House, whether steps will be taken deliver the judgments of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal available in the Sinhala language too in terms of Article 24(1) of the Constitution of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

726/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) the total amount of money spent by the government for the construction anew of the Laggala Divisional Hospital located in the Pallegama Divisional Secretary Division in Laggala in the Matale District;
  - (ii) the number of patients who can receive residential treatment in that hospital;
  - (iii) the number of doctors approved for the hospital;
  - (iv) the number of doctors serving in the hospital as of now;
  - (v) the nursing staff approved for the hospital;
  - (vi) the nursing staff serving in the hospital as of now; and
  - (vii) the types of clinics being conducted in the hospital at present;
- (b) If not, why?

759/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
    - (i) of the extent of officially demarcated forest land in Northern Province at present;
    - (ii) of the extent of forest land demarcated by year 1982; and
    - (iii) if there is a difference between the aforesaid extents of lands, the reasons for the difference are?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House—
    - (i) of the method followed to gazette a selected area as a forest reserve; and
    - (ii) of the number of gazettes issued from year 2009 to date with regard to forest protection with relevance for Northern Province?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, December 08, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

22/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of financial institutions registered under Central Bank of Sri Lanka by 31.08.2020;
  - (ii) of the names of aforesaid financial institutions and the names of the members of the director boards?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of financial institutions led to financial crisis since the previous Good governance government came in to power p until 31.08.2020;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of depositors who maintained deposits in each financial institution;
  - (iii) of the measures that have been taken and will be taken to do the justice to the depositors of aforesaid financial institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

108/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the Thriposha supplement given for the children in Sri Lanka is not sufficient and it is not distributed properly;
  - (ii) owing to the aforesaid reason malnutrition among children is at a significant level; and
  - (iii) low income families face various difficulties due to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the annual Thriposha production capacity in kilograms;
  - (ii) whether the amount of Thriposha needed for annual consumption has been calculated; and
  - (iii) if so, what that amount is?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide Thriposha to meet the demand of the country; and
  - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) 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?

455/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the residents of Grama Niladari Divisions bearing numbers 225, 226 and 227 respective of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura district have been faced with a situation where they are induced to migrate to other places, leaving their lands behind, owing to the threat created by the elephants;

- (ii) a solution has not hitherto been given to this situation by the authorities, in spite of the requests made by the residents of the said divisions regarding the need for constructing an electric fence for elephants?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps to be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

546/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that people living in the electorates of Baddegama, Ambalanthota, Benthara-Elpitiya, Karandeniya and Balapitiya are facing a severe shortage of drinking water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether allocations will be made from the upcoming budget for the second phase of Baddegama Water supply scheme as a solution for the aforesaid matter;
  - (ii) if so, the amount is; and
  - (iii) the date of which, a solution will be provided for the shortage of drinking water experienced by aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

591/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Pothuvil sub education zone is the only sub education zone in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reasons for not assigning administrative responsibilities to the two officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service who serve in that zonal office;
  - (ii) whether disregarding officers in this manner can be accepted though the powers have been delegated to the said sub education zone formally; and
  - (iii) since teachers of the Pothuvil Division have to visit the Akkaraipattu zonal office even for a minor issue due to this situation, the measures to be taken to address this problem?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to establish a separate education zone for the Pothuvil area by integrating all schools in Pothuvil; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be established?

- (d) Is he aware that the Muslim schools have been separately integrated with the Akkaraipattu zone, Tamil Schools with Thirukkivil zone and Sinhala schools with the Ampara zone, though the objective of the government is to unite different ethnic groups?
- (e) If not, why?

711/2020

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Pre-schools functioning in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) of the number of Pre-schools that have been closed to date; and
  - (iii) of the measures the government expect to take to develop facilities of pre-schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a proper method in place to pay salaries or allowance to Pre-school teachers;
  - (ii) whether a programme is in place to absorb Pre-school teachers to Sri Lanka Teacher Service or to any other combined service at equal level;
  - (iii) whether a certain regulatory method is in place with regard to determining the recruitment and qualifications of Pre-school teachers; and
  - (iv) whether there is a mechanism in place to regulate fees charged from children studying in Pre-schools?
- (c) Will he further inform this House the new proposals expected to be implemented to streamline Pre-school education?
- (d) If not, why?

727/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— 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 the appointment of Mr. Mohan Peiris, who was appointed by the President of the time as the Chief Justice on the date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, was cancelled and nullified?
  - (b) Will he inform this House of the person who cancelled and nullified Mr. Mohan Peiris's appointment as the Chief Justice?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, December 09, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

61/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names and the titles of the individuals who held positions/ holding positions in Sri Lanka Cricket since year 2015 to date;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of official foreign tours that each individual engaged in, during aforesaid period of time;
  - (iii) separately, of the cost incurred by Sri Lanka Cricket in regard to official foreign tours of each officer;
  - (iv) of the benefits acquired by Sri Lankan Cricket on account of aforesaid official foreign tours; and
  - (v) information is submitted with regard to the benefit if acquired any?
- (b) If not, why?

478/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of fisheries harbours commenced in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020;
  - (ii) the number of fisheries harbours that has been completed out of that; and
  - (iii) the number of fisheries harbours expected to be newly constructed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the current situation of Mawella anchorage, Rekawa anchorage, Hambanthota fisheries harbour and Gandara fisheries harbour situated in Hambanthota district?
- (c) If not, why?

520/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that more local fishermen will be benefited, if they are facilitated to harbor boats, constructing Bay Mouth Gates in Punnaikuda, Kotteikallaru areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps to be taken to construct Bay Mount Gates in aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

529/2020

Hon. Rohana 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 inform the House—
  - (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Anuradhapura District;
  - (ii) what their names are;
  - (iii) of the number of divisions out of those in which permanent grama niladharis serve; and
  - (iv) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that do not have permanent grama niladharis?
- (b) Will he also inform the House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies of those Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

542/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Central Colleges founded by Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara; and
  - (ii) of the method followed to enroll students for Grade 6 classes of Central Colleges?
- (b) Is he aware that a Central College founded by Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara is situated in Kuliyaipitiya electorate?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of students enrolled for Grade 6 classes of the College mentioned in (b) from year 2015 to 2018;
  - (ii) separately, the marks gained by each aforesaid student at the Grade 5 scholarship examination are; and
  - (iii) the number of students who have been enrolled to aforesaid school even after gaining marks below the cut-off marks of the scholarship examination?
- (d) If not, why?

557/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a large number of foreign tourists visit Sri Lanka to engage in the sport of spear fishing; and
  - (ii) laws are in place that make it impossible for this sport, which is an Olympic Sport to be practiced in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements would be made to amend the above mentioned laws to enable the foreign tourists who visit Sri Lanka to Engage in that sport, again?
- (c) If not, why?

653/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that deforestation has been caused in a number of forest Reserves including the Ellala Forest Reserve in Hambantota, Ratmale Forest Reserve in Horowpathana and Adiyahinna Forest Reserve in Mahadivulwewa?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, the reasons for not taking steps against the persons who caused such deforestation;
  - (ii) the extent of land that has been destroyed in those forest reserves in hectares; and
  - (iii) the reasons for spreading deforestation as a wave in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

728/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) of the date on which the construction work of the Heenganga drinking water scheme in the Wilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matale District was commenced;
    - (ii) the name of the contractual contractor of that scheme;
    - (iii) the amount of money allocated for that scheme;
    - (iv) the date on which the construction work of that scheme is scheduled to be completed as per the agreement; and
    - (v) whether the work of this scheme has been completed on the due date?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

262/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) Buddhism is a practical subject;
  - (ii) it is taught as a subject targeting exams at Dhamma Schools and schools at present;
  - (iii) humane qualities including discipline and self-control that can be inculcated through Buddhist philosophy are not introduced to the society through the said methods nevertheless?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to teach the practical application of Buddhist philosophy;
  - (ii) if so, the manner in which such steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

424/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a higher amount of compensation will not have to be paid owing to constructing the Kurunegala–Habarana railway line through lands with a higher economic value in Beligamuwa-Galewela-Dambulla section subsequent to the third Surveying which was carried out to decide the specific route;
  - (ii) whether the damages would not be less and whether a lesser amount of compensation will not have to be paid if it is decided to construct the above railway line as per the first **surveying**, instead of deciding to construct this railway line based on the third Surveying constructing the above railway line?
- (b) If not, why?

522/2020

Hon. Amarakeethi Athukorale,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House of the number of milk farmers, milk cows, cattle and buffalos in the Polonnaruwa District separately?

- (b) Will he also inform the House—
- (i) of the densest areas in terms of the number of milk farmers within the Polonnaruwa District;
  - (ii) whether the Government has provided them with milk cows and the number;
  - (iii) of the date on which milk cows were last provided in that District and how many of them survive to this day;
  - (iv) whether the Government have made available grasslands for feeding milk cows, if so, what extent; and
  - (v) whether grasslands have been identified to be made available to milk farmers in future?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) of the percentage of the contribution by milk farmers of the Polonnaruwa District to Sri Lanka's overall daily milk production;
  - (ii) what amount of milk is extracted every day from the milk cows in the District; and
  - (iii) what amount of that milk is purchased daily by the National Livestock Development Board/ Milco Private Limited and the price paid per litre for the milk?
- (d) If not, why?

567/2020

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House whether she is aware that huge amounts of medicine, tablets, injections and creams that change the human skin colour / make the skin colour lighter (whiten) are being sold in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
- (i) the regulatory body that regulates the imported medicine among the medicines sold as mentioned earlier;
  - (ii) the law relevant to such regulation?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
- (i) whether she admits that many who prescribe those medicines lack medical knowledge;
  - (ii) whether occurrence of various short term allergies as a result of using such medicine has been reported;
  - (iii) whether attention has been paid to the medical opinion to the effect that dangerous diseases could be caused in the long run as a result of using such medicine;
  - (iv) If so, of the matters disclosed in paying such attention?

- (d) Will she further inform this House—
  - (i) whether she admits that the use of such medicine should be prevented if it causes adverse effects;
  - (ii) if so, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

579/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the extent of land acquired by the wildlife conservation department from each district in the Northern Province; and
  - (ii) the extent of aforesaid land area as a percentage from the total extent of land in the Northern Province?
- (b) Is he aware that private lands, agricultural tanks, agricultural lands and grass lands for livestock have been acquired in that manner and it has an adverse impact on the livelihood and the co-existence of the people?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reason for not taking advice from the District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and Provincial Land Commissioner when such lands are acquired?
- (d) If not, why?

602/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
  - (i) media reported that a number of serious acts of fraud and corruption that had been taken place in the Ministry of Health were investigated by the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate into fraud and corruption in the public sector institutes during the previous “Good Governance” government; and
  - (ii) the aforesaid investigations included awarding of tenders to purchase anti-cancer drugs, awarding of the tender to purchase the antibiotic named ‘flucloxacillin’, and misuse of public funds in acquiring Nevil Fernando Hospital in Malabe to government?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) whether the information that have been discovered through those investigations and the recommendations of the aforesaid Presidential Commission have been looked for?

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- (ii) if so, of the recommendations that have been made as per the reports of the aforesaid Presidential Commission?
  - (iii) of the names of persons against whom recommendations have been made to take legal action; and
  - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in future regarding those recommendations?
- (c) If not, why?

760/2020

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the then Minister of Highways submitted the Cabinet Memorandum No. 2004/10 dated 29.10.2004 titled Construction of a New Road from Badulla to Kandy, Which is Shorter than the Existing Road by 20 – 30 km, as an Alternative to the Existing Badulla – Kandy Road?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether approval has been granted through the aforesaid Cabinet Memorandum to construct the aforesaid road in two phases;
  - (ii) of the extent of the aforesaid road of which the construction work has been completed by now; and
  - (iii) Is he aware that the construction work of the aforesaid road has been halted at present?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the action that will be taken regarding noncompletion of the construction work of the aforesaid road, which had been identified as a major development project under the then development drive named ‘Sanwardana Sangramaya’; and
  - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to provide road facilities to people by completing construction work of this road at least under a special project?
- (d) If not, why?

880/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a cabinet decision has been taken to implement a programme called “Gamperaliya”;
  - (ii) of the objectives of the aforesaid programme;
  - (iii) of the period it was implemented;
  - (iv) of the amount allocated for the programme;
  - (v) of the total number of projects implemented under the programme;

- (vi) of the amount spent for each project; and
  - (vii) of the total expenses borne for the subject minister and his staff with regard to the “Gamperaliya” programme during the period it was implemented ?
  - (b) Will he also inform this House, whether the relevant Divisional Secretaries can guarantee that each project implemented under the “Gamperaliya” programme had delivered the expected outcome?
  - (c) If not, why ?
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