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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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?

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,—(3)

- (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

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- (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,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board located in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) 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) 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?

131/2020

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

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

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164/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (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?

219/2020

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

- (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 chemicals/goods related to health sector, imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the countries from which those chemicals/goods were imported; and
 - (iii) the companies which imported those chemicals/goods?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing chemicals/goods into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

415/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of cases pending before courts filed under the Children and Young Persons Ordinance;
 - (ii) number of cases in relation to juvenile offenders and care and protection of children;
 - (iii) average length of time taken to complete the cases from time of complaint;
 - (iv) reasons for delays, where the delays are taking place and steps taken to expedite the cases;
 - (v) arrangements in place to transport children to courts; and
 - (vi) steps taken for children's protection and wellbeing while in courts?

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- (b) Will also inform this House of the juvenile offenders pertaining to the years from 2015 to 2020 of the—
 - (i) cases concluded;
 - (ii) average length of time from complaint recorded to charges framed and time from charges read out to conclusion of the trial; and
 - (iii) number of convictions, acquittals and discharges?
- (c) If not, why??

431/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Central Express Way of Sri Lanka is being constructed presently;
 - (ii) a portion of the aforesaid express way is constructed via Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Alawa and Narammala?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land acquired from the families living in the aforesaid areas to construct the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether a reasonable amount of compensation has been granted for the aforesaid acquisition of land;
 - (iii) if not, the programme that has been planned to grant a reasonable amount of compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

457/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) no suitable place is available to conduct a maternity clinic in the area of the family health officer of Galkiriyagama in the Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the aforesaid clinic is being conducted at present in a small room in the aforesaid Medical Health Officer's Office, which does not have any facilities;and
 - (iii) pregnant mothers have been inconvenienced as a result of it?

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- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the courses of action that will be taken to solve this problem; and
 - (ii) the date on which a maternity clinic will be provide for Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama?
- (c) If not, why?

526/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National Schools situated in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iii) separately of the teacher vacancies prevalent in each school at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to immediately fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

551/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately with reference to each district, the number of—
 - (i) rural water supply projects implemented in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) families that benefit out of the said water projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted by now regarding rural water supply projects required;
 - (ii) if so, of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions such water supply projects come under, separately; and
 - (iii) whether a system has been developed to allocate provisions for those rural water supply projects?
- (c) If not, why?

601/2020

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Central Expressway project—
 - (i) the current progress of the project;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on the project by now;
 - (iii) the balance amount of money that should be spent in order to complete the project;

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- (iv) the date that had been proposed to complete the project; and
- (v) the projected date by which the project could be completed owing to the malpractices/delays occurred in the time of the previous government?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the companies with which the construction of the project had been entrusted with; and
 - (ii) whether the constructions will be reassigned with the companies which delayed the construction?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the area where the last highway entrance nearest to the Kandy city, is situated;
 - (ii) whether convenient Expressway entrances will be set up for the benefit of the people of Kandy, since it takes 30 to 45 minutes to enter the Expressway through Kandy – Galagedara road, due to high traffic congestion; and
 - (iii) if so, the areas where aforesaid Expressway entrances will be set up?
- (d) If not, why ?

720/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that paying the revised salary which was to be increased with effect from 01.01.2020 for pensioners who have been sent on retirement after the year 2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the revised salary scheduled to be increased will be paid out from the Vote on Account for 2020;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this salary is expected to be paid;
 - (iii) whether the salary arrears payable for the period since 01.01.2020 are also expected to be paid to them; and
 - (iv) the number of pensioners to whom the revised salary is payable?
- (c) If not, why?

730/2020

Hon. Amaraakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the annual fresh water fish production and the requirement;
 - (ii) the district that produces the highest fresh water fish yield; and
 - (iii) the total number of families who are engaged in that industry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of Polonnaruwa district—
 - (i) the number of families who have made fresh water fishing their livelihood;
 - (ii) the monthly fresh water fish yield; and
 - (iii) the tanks and reservoirs used for that industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of fingerlings released to the tanks and reservoirs in the Polonnaruwa district from 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the yield obtained from those tanks and reservoirs during the above period;
 - (iii) whether the yield is satisfactory compared to the fingerlings released; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for that?
- (d) Will he further inform this House the measures that have been taken to develop the fresh water fishing industry related to small tanks?
- (e) If not, why?

874/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that over 80 countries including Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives and Myanmar have secured emergency assistance from the International Monetary Fund in light of the economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has requested the assistance of the International Monetary Fund as a result of COVID-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) if so, the kind of the assistance requested for;
 - (iii) the date that the afore mentioned assistance requested;

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- (iv) whether the International Monetary Fund has responded to the above mentioned request;
 - (v) if so, the response of the International Monetary Fund; and
 - (vi) the reasons why the Government of Sri Lanka has not received relief unlike the eighty other countries that have received relief so far?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, January 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

23/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, as per each year from 2015 upto now, the annual income and the annual expenditure of the each institution coming under the purview of the Independent Television Network Ltd?
- (b) Will he state, the number of employees, their names, addresses, educational qualifications and designations of the employees recruited to Independent television Network Ltd since 2015 to date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that were taken to establish a free media culture; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken against the individuals who were subjected to allegations;in the Independent Television Network Ltd, since 2015 to date?
- (d) If not, why?

109/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this 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?

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- (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 this 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?

117/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(3)

- (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?

132/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of state owned rice storage centers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the places where the aforesaid facilities are established;
 - (iii) separately, the quantity of rice that has been stored in each center from 2015 to date;
 - (iv) out of the aforesaid centers, the number of centers that have been abandoned without using for any purpose;
 - (v) the names of those centers; and
 - (vi) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to reopen those centers?
- (b) If not, why?

543/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that employees were recruited to the non-academic staff of the national schools in Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2015 to 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Separately, the job titles for which employees were recruited in each of the aforesaid national schools; and
 - (ii) Separately, the number of employees recruited to each of the aforesaid national schools?
- (c) If not, why?

552/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of national schools and provincial schools situated in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) the number of teachers serving in each of those national schools and provincial schools separately;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies for teachers that exists by now in each of the said schools separately; and
 - (iv) the measures taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

561/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that constructions relevant to the development of Alawwa railway station have been delayed for several years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount allocated for the constructions relevant to the development of Alawwa railway station;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that carries out the said constructions; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to complete those constructions speedily?
- (c) If not, why?

761/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) operation of buses from Badulla to Wewelhinna via Demodara, from Badulla to Kokagala via Madulsima, Kuruwigolla, from Badulla to Rokatten and from Badulla to Rosette, which were operated by the Badulla Depot, has been stopped at present; and
 - (ii) as a result, school children in the estate areas and people going to Badulla town for various needs have been greatly inconvenienced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that will be taken to recommence operation of the aforesaid bus services; and
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid bus services are expected to be recommenced?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, January 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

24/2020

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 inform this House—
 - (i) the names and addresses of persons who were killed; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who were injured;in the Easter Sunday attack that took place in the year 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the persons who were injured in this attack and needed long term treatment have been separately identified;
 - (ii) the medical and other assistance provided to persons so identified;
 - (iii) whether a special assistance programme has been introduced to those who were permanently disabled due to this attack; and
 - (iv) if so, what that programme is?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the compensations and grants provided hitherto to the victims of this attack; and
 - (ii) the long term relief expected to be provided to the dependents of those who lost their lives in this attack?
- (d) If not, why?

133/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date of appointment and the date of retirement of Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, to the Foreign Service, Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the posts he held;
 - (iii) whether there is a plan to re-appoint him to the Foreign Service;
 - (iv) if so, whether he admits that aforesaid plan causes an injustice to the young officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Service; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not why?

167/2020

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

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

185/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a school named Tamilcholai Vidyalaya was in operation in the Killinochchi District;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid school was started; and
 - (iii) the year in which students from the aforesaid Tamilcholai Vidyalaya last sat the GCE (O/L) Examination and the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the present name of the aforesaid school;
 - (ii) the name of the person who changed the name of that school to its present name, the date and the reason for changing the name; and
 - (iii) whether there is a possibility to be the founder of the school by changing the name of the aforesaid school in this manner?
- (c) If not, why?

226/2020

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

263/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) crops in Matara district were damaged in the Maha season of 2018-2019 as a result of floods;
 - (ii) compensation for that has not been paid up to now; and
 - (iii) the farmers have been experiencing hardship as a result of that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of cultivated lands damaged in Matara district during the said season; and
 - (ii) the number of farmers entitled for compensations?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not paying compensation up to now; and
 - (ii) the date by which action will be taken to pay the said compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

425/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the present situation of the Wayamba Ela Project, which is being constructed at present?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) payment of compensation to owners of the free hold lands that have been acquired for the aforesaid project is irregular; and
 - (ii) when paying compensation for temple lands, the amount of compensation paid to those who possess such lands is not adequate?
- (c) If so, will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to pay a fair amount of compensation to those who possess such lands?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that, as the Ranwediya section of the canal that is being constructed at present is more than 40 feet deep, drinking water wells and agricultural wells around that section have gone dry, and it has caused severe hardships to the people in the area;
 - (ii) if so, whether immediate steps will be taken to provide solutions to the aforesaid people who are faced with severe hardships; and
 - (iii) the nature of such solutions?
- (e) If not, why?

484/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many irrigation schemes are in existence at present within the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) what their names are;
 - (iii) the extent of contribution made to the national economy by each such irrigation schemes; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken by the Ministry to solve the problems of people who derive their livelihoods associated with the irrigation schemes concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

527/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies existing in the non-academic staffs at each of the national schools situated within the Anuradhapura District, according to designations separately; and
 - (ii) the steps will be taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

553/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the total extent of national highways, provincial roads and rural roads located in Kurunegala District on Divisional Secretariat Divisions basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, out of the aforesaid extents of roads,—
 - (i) the extent of roads that have been carpeted;
 - (ii) the extent of roads that have been tarred; and
 - (iii) the extent of roads that have neither been tarred nor carpeted?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) Separately, the breakdown of the aforesaid extent of rural roads in (a) above, on local government institute basis; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to rehabilitate these rural roads?
- (d) If not, why?

562/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) tourist industry should be developed in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) national heritages should be used to attract local and foreign tourists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme has been developed by now to use the 04 kingdoms located in Kurunegala district for tourist activities; and
 - (ii) whether Dambadeniya Raja Maha Vihara and the kingdom of Dambadeniya have been included in the tourist map?
- (c) If not, why?

757/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of Polonnaruwa district—
 - (i) whether a study has been conducted with regard to the movements of Wild Elephants;
 - (ii) separately, of the National Parks and the Forest Reservations where the Wild Elephants frequently move;
 - (iii) the locations of the Elephant Corridors, if there is any; and
 - (iv) the villages or human dwellings that blocks the Elephant Corridors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) as per the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, the number of people and the Elephants died;
 - (ii) as per each year, the number of Houses damaged; and
 - (iii) as per individuals, the compensation granted for the deaths and for the people who lost properties by reason of Human-Elephant conflicts, from 2015 to September 2020?
- (c) Will he further inform this House, the new measures that have been taken to control the Human-Elephant conflict of the district?
- (d) If not why?

762/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate hospitals situated in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) out of those hospitals, the number of hospitals that have been taken over and developed by the government;
 - (iii) the number of estate hospitals that are operational at present; and
 - (iv) the number of estate hospitals that are not operational at present?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether facilities including doctors, other staff and medical equipment have been provided to the estate hospitals that have already been taken over by the government; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide ambulances to these estate hospitals?
- (c) Will she further inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that will be taken regarding the estate hospitals that are operational and that are not operational at present; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to develop all estate hospitals?
- (d) If not, why?

875/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has made several number of requests for debt relief including debt moratoria from other governments and multilateral agencies;
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the requests made so far by the Government of Sri Lanka for debt relief including debt moratoria;
 - (iii) the date that the aforesaid requests were made; and
 - (iv) the responses received to the afore mentioned requests?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the outstanding grant offers made to the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the above mentioned grant offers; and
 - (iii) the reasons why the Government of Sri Lanka has not accepted the aforesaid grant offers?
- (c) If not, why?

879/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of political prisoners in Sri Lanka, if any;
 - (ii) the number of such prisoners, separated according to their ethnicity;
 - (iii) the name of the longest incarcerated prisoner among them; and
 - (iv) what length of time has he spent in imprisonment by now?
 - (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) the number of persons who had been involved in terrorist activities, if any, among the prisoners;
 - (ii) the number of such prisoners, separated according to their ethnicity;
 - (iii) the name of the longest incarcerated prisoner among them; and
 - (iv) what length of time has he spent in imprisonment by now?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to expedite the activities pertaining to the prosecutions against the suspects of terrorist activities and to mete out justice to them; and
 - (ii) whether the children who had been recruited forcibly for terrorist activities will be rehabilitated and re-integrated into the society?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, January 08, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

25/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages withdrawn from running from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the railway carriages so withdrawn, the number of railway carriages repaired and added to service again;
 - (iii) the name of the institution which repaired the said carriages;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and
 - (v) the programme of the Ministry to add other railway carriages withdrawn from running, back to the service?
- (b) If not, why?

134/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees who work at the Commercial Department of Sri Lankan Foreign Diplomatic Missions, abroad;
 - (ii) whether he state separately, the name of each officer, designation, the name of the Foreign Mission and the responsibilities of the employment;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry is satisfied of the services rendered by aforesaid officers to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the vision of the Ministry in order to get the maximum contribution from aforesaid officers for the economical development of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not why?

171/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the development work of the Low-Level Road from Ambathale to Orugodawatta has not been completed; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for the delay in developing that part of the road?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately
 - (i) the extent of development work that has been done and the extent remains for completion;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have received compensation out of those whose property is lost on account of this road development project and the amount so given; and
 - (iii) if there are any more still to be paid, the number of such persons, the compensation to be paid and the date on which such compensation is expected to be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

264/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) University Colleges have been recognized as degree awarding institutions under the University of Vocational Technology Act No. 31 of 2008;
 - (ii) nevertheless three year courses that award only a higher diploma instead of a degree are conducted by these institutions at present;
 - (iii) these institutions lack the lecture halls, libraries, lecturers and other facilities required to conduct degree courses; and
 - (iv) the future of the current students and those who completed their education at these institutions is uncertain as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to address the said issues speedily;
 - (ii) if so, the amount expected to be spent in that regard; and
 - (iii) the expected time frame for addressing those issues?
- (c) If not, why?

458/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Bulnawa-Polpithigama road is the shortest route to reach Kurunegala from Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the portion of the aforesaid road from Thalawa junction up to Polpithigama is in a dilapidated condition at present?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is expected to develop this portion of road;
- (ii) if so, the action that has been taken in that regard; and
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid development activities will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

519/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the local fishermen face number of difficulties not being able to operate large fishing trawlers except for usual trawlers, as the entrance to the Valachchenai Fisheries Harbour is not sufficiently wide and deep; and
- (ii) it is required to widen the Harbour?

(b) Will he inform this House, the measures taken to widen aforesaid Harbour?

(c) If not, why?

595/2020

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

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the details of the approved cadre of the Delft Hospital, which is the only hospital situated on the Delft Island in the Jaffna District;
- (ii) the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor to that hospital for the past eight years;
- (iii) the difficulties faced by the poor people who live in the Delft Island as a result of not appointing a doctor; and
- (iv) the date on which the staff vacancies existing in the Delft Hospital will be filled for the purpose of providing the people living on the Delft Island with an excellent healthcare service?

(b) If not, why?

606/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the notice published by the University Grants Commission on 08.04.2019 with regard to university admissions is the basis on which students who sat for their G.C.E. (Advance Level) Examinations in 2019 (new and old syllabi) to be admitted to the universities;

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- (ii) whether there are any changes to the above formula for university admissions;
 - (iii) if so, the justification for any such change;
 - (iv) how those changes will be accommodated;
 - (v) whether it is possible for the University Grants Commission to make public all the details with regard to university admissions including the formula and its application when deciding how many students are admitted from the old and new syllabi; and
 - (vi) why these details are not made public?
- (b) If not, why?

609/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the progress of the investigation that has been carried out by an official of the Ministry into the unavailability of information in the Department of National Archives about the heroes from Hambantota area who led the Uva-Wellassa uprising in 1818 and 1819; and
 - (ii) whether information has been received that the aforesaid heroes have been named as traitors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware, that the letter dated 14.01.2020 that was sent by the then Additional Secretary to the Ministry of National Heritage to the Additional Secretary (Legal) of the Ministry of Justice states, that the District Secretary of the Hambantota District has proposed that it would be appropriate to declare those heroes as National Heroes; and
 - (ii) If so, the measures that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

640/2020

Hon. Rauff Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that WP/Co/ Jayanthi Vidyalaya in Grandpass, Colombo 14, is a school with classes from Grades 1 to 11 and where children from low income families in the area study?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the responsible authorities visited that school last in order to find out the existing situation of that school;

- (ii) whether attention will be paid to the problems facing that school such as the need for rehabilitation of the dangerous wall around the school, renovating the internal drainage system, buildings, wire mesh coverings, internal access roads, water supply system and the electricity supply, classrooms, toilet facilities, and the need for computers, dearth of teachers and the vacancy in a post of watcher; and
 - (iii) if so, whether immediate steps will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems, which the school has been facing over a long period of time?
- (c) If so, why?

731/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
- (i) various programmes are implemented by the government to control the dengue menace spreading in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the population of mosquitos start to increase when it rains after the drought in Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
- (i) the number of dengue positive cases in Sri Lanka up to now; and
 - (ii) the courses of action taken by the government to control the dengue menace?
- (c) Is she also aware that various efforts made by the then government failed during the period 2008/2009 to import B.T.I. bacteria from Cuba to destroy dengue mosquito larvae?
- (d) Will she also inform this House—
- (i) whether any research has been conducted with regard to the aptness of using B.T.I. bacteria to control the dengue mosquitoes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if it is not possible to use B.T.I. bacteria to control dengue mosquitoes in Sri Lanka, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) the alternative that can be used to control the dengue mosquitoes instead of B.T.I bacteria?
- (e) If not, why?

775/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether paddy lands and the high lands have been acquired by the government to establish a Dedicated Economic Zone under the Kaduruwela City Expansion Project; and
 - (ii) if so, the extents of the paddy lands and the high lands and the names and the addresses of the owners?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether compensations have been granted for the lands, acquired; and
 - (ii) if so, separately, the amount of compensation paid for each individual and their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether there were business ventures by the main railway line which were fully or partially removed under aforesaid project;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the names and the addresses of the owners;
 - (iii) whether compensations have been granted to the owners by the government; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of compensation paid for each individual and their names and the addresses?
- (d) If not why?

852/2020

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a Community water supply and sanitation project is implemented in the District of Rathnapura, under the assistance of the World Bank?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the said project has been started and is supposed to be completed respectively;
 - (ii) whether a project office has been established in the district of Rathnapura;
 - (iii) of the staff strength of the said office;
 - (iv) Separately, the officers that have been recruited for the aforesaid office from the Water Supply and Drainage Board and from outside;
 - (v) the basis on which the officers have been recruited externally;

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- (vi) the number of vehicles that have been obtained on hire by the said institution; and
- (vii) the administrative expense of the said project as at today?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of water supply schemes that are currently implemented under the said project;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been spent for the above purpose;
 - (iii) the number of water supply schemes that will be implemented in future;
 - (iv) the estimated cost for the same; and
 - (v) the number of beneficiaries to whom sanitation facilities have been provided by the said project and the cost incurred?
- (d) If not, why?

876/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Government of Sri Lanka has repeatedly stated that Sri Lanka had been maintaining an unblemished history since Independence of repaying debt; and
 - (ii) Moody's credit rating agency has downgraded repayment ability of Sri Lanka by two levels from B2 to Caa1?
- (b) Will he inform this House relating to Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the total value of interest and amortization payments for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (ii) the total forecast budget deficit for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (iii) the government's revenue for the first, second and third quarters of the year 2020; and
 - (iv) the total forecast revenue for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures to be taken by the government of Sri Lanka to avoid default; and
 - (ii) the impact on the economy of Sri Lanka if the government defaults on its debt?
- (d) If not why?

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, — To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual demand for fish in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the extent locally produced and the extent imported, separately, to meet that demand;
 - (iii) the extent of fish production in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the year 1982 as a percentage of the total volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not being able to produce at present a harvest as large as that produced in those Provinces in the year 1982, although 11 years has elapsed since the end of war in the Northern and Eastern Provinces?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing fishery harbours in the identified areas of the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the number of fishery harbours constructed in the other Provinces of the country during the past 15 years;
 - (iii) what the progress of construction of the Point Pedro Fishery Harbour is;
 - (iv) the nature of the aid received from the Asian Development Bank for this and the reasons for suspension of that aid by now; and
 - (v) the reasons for constructing this Harbour from the loans given by Norway and Denmark?
 - (vi) the additional benefits received through that?
 - (c) If not, why?
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