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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

32/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the manner in which the selling price of a litre of Petrol, Diesel and aviation fuel fluctuated;
 - (ii) all types of taxes imposed on a litre of each type of fuel;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the production of a litre of these types of fuel; and
 - (iv) when compared to prices in the world market, the profit made/loss incurred by the government through a litre of each type of fuel mentioned above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology of changing the selling price of Diesel and Petrol in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the profit made/loss incurred by the government through that; and
 - (iii) the advantages/disadvantages accrued to the customers through that?
- (c) If not, why?

141/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of audit queries made regarding the Uva Provincial Council from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the numbers of financial irregularities and financial abuses pointed out by the audit queries concerned;

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- (iii) what audit recommendations have been given in this regard;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken to implement those audit recommendations; and
 - (v) what measures will be taken against the political authorities and officers involved in the financial irregularities and financial abuses?
- (b) If not, why?

173/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the sand nourishment programme implemented at a cost of 890 million rupees to prevent coastal erosion on the Mount Lavinia Coastal Belt has been a failure?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken by the present Government regarding the loss caused to the Government due to the problematic state of the methodology adopted for this Project, which had been commenced with the approval of the Government; and
 - (ii) if any harm has been caused to the Mount Lavinia Coastal Belt and its marine ecosystem due to failure of the said Project, what steps your Ministry will take regarding its restoration?
- (c) If not, why?

235/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the year during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of treated leather/paint pigments imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those treated leather/paint pigments were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those treated leather/paint pigments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing treated leather/paint pigments into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

265/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard of Department of Railway is insufficient; and
 - (ii) it is a hindrance to establish an efficient Railway Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to build necessary buildings and purchase Machineries in order to improve the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard;
 - (ii) if so, of the machineries expected to be purchased;
 - (iii) of the amount of money expected to be spent on purchasing aforesaid machineries; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent on constructing buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

487/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera,— To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of instances that the salaries of Sri Lanka Cricket was revised since 2015;
 - (ii) the percentage of salary increase by that salary revisions; and
 - (iii) the Service categories for which salaries were revised and the names of the respective individuals?
- (b) Is he aware that the allegations are leveled that there is a special treatment only for the Higher officers when salaries are revised in Sri Lanka Cricket?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the Measures to be taken by the Ministry to revise the salaries in a manner that all the employees of Sri Lanka Cricket are equally benefited?
- (d) If not, why?

532/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandula,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of villages with severe drinking water issues; and
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid villages?

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(b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that the Ministry will taken to solve the drinking water issues of the People of aforesaid Villages?

(c) If not, why?

566/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that a bond scam took place in Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2015?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the loss incurred due to this to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

(ii) whether steps have been taken so far to avert that loss; and

(iii) the steps taken to cover that loss?

(c) If not, why?

567/2020

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(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; and

(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; and

(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; and

(ii) if so, of the measures taken in that regard?

(e) If not, why?

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579/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation,—(2)

- (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 also 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?

614/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the ancient Yodha Ela that carries water from Kala Wewa to Tissa Wewa is covered with aquatic plants like salvinia;
 - (ii) this situation impedes the flow of water along the canal; and
 - (iii) no solution has been provided up to now even though the relevant officers were made aware of this situation on several occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether some action will be taken to remove the said aquatic plants before water is distributed for future cultivation activities; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such action will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

855/2020

Hon. Nalin Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the gross value of consumer goods stocks of Lanka Sathosa Limited by 31st of August 2020;
 - (ii) separately, the monthly income recorded from 01st of January 2020 to 31st of August 2020; and
 - (iii) of the total amount due by suppliers as of 31st of August 2020?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the value of expired consumer goods in Lanka Sathosa Limited by 31st of August 2020; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken by the institution regarding the said goods?
- (c) If not, why ?

857/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Samurdhi Movement, being the major movement in Sri Lanka to eradicate poverty, has rendered an immense service to eradicate poverty?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi Banks functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the amount of funds that have been deposited in the said Banks; and
 - (iii) of the amount of said funds separately on the basis of relevant accounts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a substantial amount of funds which had been deposited in the Samurdhi Banks by the low income earners have been utilized to boost the image of the former government;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of funds which have been misused;
 - (iii) separately of the functions for which the said money has been utilized and the funds to which the said amounts of money belong;
 - (iv) of the persons who involved in the misapplication of the said funds; and
 - (v) whether legal action would be taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

866/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Education zones in which there is an excess of teachers out of the Education zones in the Eastern Province;
 - (ii) the number of such excess teachers in relation to each subject, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the Education zones in which there is a shortage of teachers out of the Education zones in the Eastern province; and
 - (iv) the number of such teachers in short supply in relation to each subject, separately?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry would take expeditious measures to effect the Teacher Balance in the Eastern province as the Eastern province does not function at present and the administration of the provincial council functions directly under the purview of the Governor?
- (c) If not, why?

943/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the unemployment ratio in the Kandy District separately by each Divisional Secretary Division;
 - (ii) the solutions to be offered to said unemployment;
 - (iii) the targets expected to be achieved by offering the said solutions; and
 - (iv) the steps taken to achieve the said targets?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

34/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the methodology followed in disposing lands belonging to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka for large project?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the extent of land disposed to Dole Lanka (Private) Company and Vita Organic (Private) Company, in the Chandrika wewa division of the Walawa system for cultivating banana, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that these lands have not been disposed in accordance with a proper methodology?
- (d) If not, why?

142/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the “Lakvijaya” Power Station in Norochcholai was established; and
 - (ii) of the number of units of electricity that is generated annually by the Power Station concerned?

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- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of times that the “Lakvijaya” Power Station in Norochcholai has experienced breakdowns since its establishment up to now; and
 - (ii) what measures the Ministry has taken so far regarding frequent breakdowns of this Power Station?
- (c) If not, why?

174/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that the Department of Labour, certain trade unions and the Employers Federation together have made arrangements to reduce the monthly salary of a labourer down to Rs.14,500/= during the Covid-19 pandemic that swept across the country in the recent past?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date this salary curtailment would be suspended; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to stop the curtailment of salary of the labourers employed in the unregistered informal sector?
- (c) If not, why?

236/2020

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

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

268/2020

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

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) a service minute should be formulated for the Grama Niladhari Service;

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- (ii) fairness should be accorded to grama niladharis by reviewing the allowances paid to them; and
 - (iii) attention should be paid to the problems existing in the Grama Niladhari Service and the Grama Niladhari profession?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Government has taken steps to enhance productivity in the Grama Niladhari Service; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

600/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the 08-kilometre long Delft Main Road that runs from Maviliththurai to Kottaikadu via Sarapiti, which is the main transportation route in the Delft Island located in Jaffna has not been repaired for a long time; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid main road, which is in highly dilapidated condition, is used by students, various officials, elderly people and pregnant mothers, and ambulances also ply on this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for not repairing the aforesaid main road to date; and
 - (ii) of the timeframe during which the aforesaid main road will be completely renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

633/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
- (i) the Dikkodai hospital located in the Baticaloa district is not used for public purposes; and
 - (ii) the patients who visit the hospital for receiving services face inconveniences, owing to that?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the number of patients who receive services from that hospital; and
 - (ii) whether speedy steps would be taken to rectify the shortcomings at the above hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

657/2020

Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) the child named M.M. Lewmika Thathvindu Gunathilaka residing at No. 03, 4th Lane, Richmond Hill, Galle, which is very close to Richmond College, Galle, was not admitted to Grade 1 of Richmond College; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid child was not admitted to that school in spite of the appeal dated 10.11.2019 bearing reference No, B-378 that had been submitted and even without conducting an on-site inspection in respect of that appeal?
- (b) As this child has not been given a school so far to receive education, will he inform this House of the date on which necessary action will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

668/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the methodology expected to be used for obtaining the amount that is to be spent for the proposed Malwathu Oya irrigation project?
 - (ii) the time frame for the completion of constructions of that project; and
 - (iii) the benefits expected from this project?
- (b) If not, why?

718/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that development of stadiums facilitates sports?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of international stadiums for athletics in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) whether a plan has been developed to establish fully equipped stadiums at district level; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to allocate provisions for that?
- (c) If not, why?

721/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that coins of historical value were found on 18.02.2020 while a foundation was being dug for the construction of a new house in Nanattan area in the Mannar District?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of coins that were found at the aforesaid site;
 - (ii) of the era to which those coins belong;
 - (iii) of the administration that had existed at the time the aforesaid coins had been in use;
 - (iv) of the connection between the symbols of fish and sword inscribed on those coins and the administration that had existed at the time those coins had been in use; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to include the facts related to the historical value of the aforesaid coins in the History syllabus?
- (c) If not, why?

863/2020

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who came to Sri Lanka from 01.01.2020 to 10.10.2020;
 - (ii) of the countries from which they came;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have registered themselves to come to Sri Lanka so far; and
 - (iv) of the countries in which they had been employed?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the procedure adopted in bringing Sri Lankan migrant workers to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the procedure followed in quarantining the migrant workers who arrive in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether Avant Guard has been assigned the coordination of quarantining such workers;
 - (iv) if so, the methodology that has been adopted for that;
 - (v) of the amount charged by Avant Guard for quarantining each worker; and
 - (vi) of the number of workers who have been sent for quarantining through Avant Guard so far?
- (c) If not, why?

878/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there has been systematic appointment of members of the civil branch to the military branch or vice versa of the Government of Sri Lanka since the division of the civil and military branches of the government in the early 19th;
 - (ii) whether any serving members of the armed forces have been appointed to civil positions 17.11.2019;
 - (iii) if so, the name of each of them;
 - (iv) separately the rationale for appointing them for the civil positions;
 - (v) whether this change of policy of appointing serving members of the armed forces to civil positions was discussed in the Cabinet of Ministers;
 - (vi) whether no capable officers to perform the duties of the civil positions that are available in SLAS, SLPS, Medical Service, Sri Lanka Customs, SLICTS' etc.; and
 - (vii) if so, whether there is any use of continued existence of aforesaid Services?
- (b) If not, why?

940/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to implement a programme to build houses for low income families covering all Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid programme will be implemented;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid programme will be implemented for the families living in rented houses as well; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?
- (b) If not, why not?

944/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of international cricket matches held at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium from the year 2010 to the year 2019;
 - (ii) the income earned from the said matches, separately by each match;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the maintenance of the above stadium from the year 2010 to year 2019 separately in respect of each year; and
 - (iv) whether the maintenance works of this Stadium is carried out by Sri Lanka Cricket?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, February 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

43/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers currently holding the post of Sub Inspector of Police in Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) the period of service required to be completed by an officer holding the post of Sub Inspector to be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police as per the recruitment procedure; and
 - (iii) whether the Sub Inspectors who had completed required period of service have been granted promotions accordingly?
- (b) If not, why?

143/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the Government institutions and Banks from which the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans;
 - (ii) of the sums of that loans that remains to be paid to such institutions and banks from the year 2015 up to now, separately; and
 - (iii) what courses of action the Ministry will take in order to strengthen the Ceylon Electricity Board financially?
- (b) If not, why?

322/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated to develop cricket in Sri Lanka in 2019;
 - (ii) the amount, out of that amount, that has been allocated for government schools; and
 - (iii) the amount, out of the amount allocated in above (i), to develop cricket skills among school dropouts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to prepare plans to train school children to get international victories in cricket; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Sri Lanka Cricket and other affiliated organizations; and
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the government's involvement?
- (d) If not, why?

488/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sports Schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid Sports Schools;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of students who study in each aforesaid sports school by now;
 - (iv) of the allowances and the other facilities they are provided; and
 - (v) of the measures that the Ministry will take to develop the sports Schools?
- (b) If not, why?

533/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of pharmacies (“Osusala”) that belong to the government in the Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of those pharmacies?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the government to further expand the network of government pharmacies within the Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

584/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) The Estate Dispensaries are functioning in the Plantation sector of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) a Estate Medical Assistant works as the overseer to aforesaid centers; and
 - (iii) aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants examine patients and prescribe medicine?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Estate Medical Dispensaries functioning in the plantation sector by now;
 - (ii) of the number of Estate Medical Assistants, employed at aforesaid centers;
 - (iii) of the qualifications of aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants; and
 - (iv) of their task?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the task of aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants is legal; and
 - (ii) if not, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

669/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date whereon the proposed Kumbukkan Oya Irrigation Project is expected to be started;
 - (ii) the estimated cost thereof;
 - (iii) the method of sourcing the money spent on the irrigation project;
 - (iv) the time to be taken for the completion of the project; and
 - (v) the anticipated benefits of the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

786/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat the competitive examination conducted for the recruitment of student counsellor teachers;
 - (ii) how many of them have passed the examination concerned;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that appointments have not been given to those who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) in that case what measures will be taken by the Ministry to give appointments soon to those who passed the examination?
- (b) If not, why?

860/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the main role of the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) of the number of Excise Offices established throughout in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of offices according to each district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers serving in the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) separately, the number of officers serving in each district;
 - (iii) whether the said number of officers are adequate to carry out duties of the Excise Department; and
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to recruit new officers to the Department of Excise?
- (c) If not, why ?

867/2020

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the circuit court in Kinniya in the Trincomalee District, which was in operation up to 1970, was temporarily closed due to the conflict situation that prevailed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) although steps were taken last year to temporarily resume operation of the aforesaid court in a government building until permanent buildings are constructed, operation of the aforesaid court has not been resumed to date?

(17)

- (iii) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to resume operation of the circuit court in Kinniya in order to reduce the number of cases filed with the Trincomalee Court and to minimize the difficulties faced by the people of Kinniya area in travelling to Trincomalee for litigation?

(b) If not, why?

873/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the benefits that Sri Lanka will accrue, through the construction of Eastern terminal of Colombo Port;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on the constructions of aforesaid Eastern Terminal of Colombo Port;
- (iii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority is able to bear aforesaid sum;
- (iv) of the time spent on the constructions of aforesaid Terminal; and
- (v) of the gross annual income that Sri Lanka will derive, through the constructions of aforesaid Terminal?

(b) If not, why ?

941/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of schools in the Colombo District that conduct classes in the Technology stream for G.C.E (Advanced Level); and
- (ii) of the number of teachers required for those schools to teach the subjects in the Technology stream, the number of teachers available at present and the number of teacher vacancies that is currently existing in that stream separately on per school basis?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons that led to the shortage of teachers to teach the subjects in the Technology stream at G.C.E (Advanced Level)?

(c) If not, why?

946/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that the bridge from Velanaithurai to Punguduthivu, Madaththuveli, which is located in the Velanai Divisional Secretary's Division in the Jaffna District, is one of the longest bridges in Sri Lanka?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid bridge was last renovated;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid renovation work; and
 - (iv) of the funding source for such renovation?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it has become very dangerous to cross the aforesaid bridge; and
 - (ii) many accidents occur on this bridge, which is used by a large number of people and vehicles?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the factors that cause the aforesaid accidents; and
 - (ii) of the time frame within which the aforesaid bridge will be completely renovated?
- (e) If not, why?

1018/2020

Hon. Sanjeewa Edirimanna,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Minister/Ministers in charge of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western development from 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions that were under that Ministry;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation was under that ministry; and
 - (iv) the names of the Chairmen/Chairman in charge of that institution from 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the procurement procedure has been followed when machines and equipment are purchased to that institution;
 - (ii) whether machines and equipment to the tune of Rs. 670 million has been purchased without following the procurement procedure;
 - (iii) whether any irregularity took place in that purchase and if so, what that irregularity is;
 - (iv) the names of the persons responsible for that; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation in this regard and punish the culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

1019/2020

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mattala Rajapaksa Airport is an asset for Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) paddy was stored there under the former government?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is possible to store paddy in the said airport;
 - (ii) of the place where paddy was stored in that airport;
 - (iii) of the amount of paddy stored there; and
 - (iv) of the names of persons who advised to do so?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent for rehabilitating the premises subsequent to the storing of paddy;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to recover that amount from the persons responsible for that; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to recover that in due course?
 - (d) Will he inform this House whether Sri Lanka's international reputation was tarnished as a result of storing paddy at an international airport?
 - (e) If not, why?
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