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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

25/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (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 - (i) the number of railway carriages withdrawn from running from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the railway carriages so withdrawn, the number of railway carriages repaired and added to service again;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 - (v) the programme of the Ministry to add other railway carriages withdrawn from running, back to service?
- (b) If not, why?

171/2020

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

- (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?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately
 - (i) the extent of development work that has been done and the extent remains for completion;

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- (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?

181/2020

Hon. Shivagnanam Shridharan,— 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—
- (i) Mr. Antony Jesudasan of Eluvaithivu Zone 4 of Kayts Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna district, who was the father of six daughters was knocked down by a vessel of Sri Lanka Navy and died while he was fishing in the sea off Eluvaithivu on 19.12.2014;
 - (ii) compensation was promised to the daughters of Mr. Jesudasan who have been rendered helpless due to the negligence of Sri Lanka Navy; and
 - (iii) the relevant compensation has not been provided so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which compensation would be provided to Mr. Jesudasan's children;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a case has been initiated four years earlier regarding Mr. Jesudasan's death;
 - (iii) if so the number of that case, complainant and the relevant Court; and
 - (iv) as to why the justice has not been delivered though serious evidence has been submitted to the judiciary that the death was caused due to a collision with a vessel?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) is he aware that the Police and the Navy wield undue influence on them;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken not to wield such influences on the children?
- (d) If not, why?

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196/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which electricity was disconnected in Sri Lanka throughout nine hours;
 - (ii) whether the loss suffered by the economy of Sri Lanka as a result of the said electricity disconnection has been calculated; and
 - (iii) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

240/2020

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 perfumes and cosmetics imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those perfumes and cosmetics were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those perfumes and cosmetics?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing perfumes and cosmetics into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

263/2020

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

- (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?

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431/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (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; and
 - (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,—(2)

- (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?
- (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 provided for Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama?
- (c) If not, why?

536/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of paddy storage centres belonging to the government located in the Anuradhapura District;

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- (ii) the addresses of their locations;
 - (iii) separately, the capacity that can be stored in each of the said paddy storage centre; and
 - (iv) separately, in respect of each cultivation season, the amount of paddy stocked in each of the said paddy storage centre from the year 2015 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further expand the said paddy storage network within the Anuradhapura District?
- (c) If not, why?

720/2020

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

- (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?

724/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
- (i) the Vavuniya, Mannar and Mullativu districts do not have pharmacies (Osusalas) run by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation; and
 - (ii) people living in the aforesaid districts face difficulties in obtaining certain medicines?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the reasons for not starting state owned pharmacies in the aforesaid districts to date; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to start state owned pharmacies in the aforesaid districts?
- (c) If not, why?

730/2020

Hon. Amara Keerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (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?

783/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of teachers recruited for government teacher service during the period from 1989 to 1990?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid teachers are nearing retirement;
 - (ii) large number of vacancies will be created in the teacher service after the aforesaid teachers are retired ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the actions that will be taken by the Ministry to rectify the situation ?
- (d) If not, why ?

858/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that it has been reported by the Elections Commission to the then Cabinet of Ministers that the funds of the Samurdhi movement have been misused and the appointments of the staff of Samurdhi Banks had been given based on political affiliations and in an unlawful manner, during the period of the last Presidential election?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken by the present government pertaining to the above matter?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately for each district—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been granted under the loan scheme to provide one hundred thousand rupees during the period from 12.01.2015 to 26.06.2015 by the then Minister in charge of the subject of Samurdhi;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been recovered out of the loans that had been so granted; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money yet to be recovered?
- (d) Will he admit that these loans had been given by the former government to a group of persons selected based on political affiliations?
- (e) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken with pertinence to the loans which had been granted in a wrongful manner?
- (f) If not, why?

1082/2020

Hon. Thusara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees in the Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait;
 - (ii) the names and the positions of the aforesaid employees;
 - (iii) the number of employees that have contracted covid-19 disease by now out of the aforesaid employees?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that contracting covid-19 disease by the employees of the SriLankan Embassy in Kuwait makes an adverse effect on the Sri Lankans working in that country ;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken in that regard ?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Wednesday, March 24, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

47/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of wine stores in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the names;
 - (ii) the addresses;
 - (iii) the license numbers of license holders of these wine stores;
 - (iv) the date or the year in which the license was initially issued; and
 - (v) the addresses or the places in which those businesses are established?
- (c) Will he further inform this House separately from 2000 up to now the annual liquor consumption in Sri Lanka with respect to—
 - (i) the alcohol percentage; and
 - (ii) the brand names?
- (d) If not, why?

177/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that the construction work of the Ward complex, consisting of 13 storeys at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital premises, one of the leading hospitals in Sri Lanka, is moving very slowly?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the estimated cost of the construction of that Ward complex;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that obtained the contract of that construction;
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

197/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the address of the premises at which the Ministry of Power is operated at present;
 - (ii) of the name and the address of the owner of the building from which the Ministry concerned is operating;
 - (iii) of the amount that is paid as rent for the building concerned; and
 - (iv) what his view is about paying an excessive rent for the building in which the Ministry of Power is operated at a time when the Ceylon Electricity Board is in an extreme financial predicament?
- (b) If not, why?

241/2020

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 big onion imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those big onion were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those big onion?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing big onion into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

353/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the ‘Thisa Wewa’, situated in Anuradhapura, has become polluted due to various human activities;
 - (ii) human activities including bathing and washing clothes in the tank had been banned from the past since its water had been used to fulfill drinking water requirement and for religious activities ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to keep the water of ‘Thisa Wewa’ clean;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) If not, why ?

537/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has started a programme to award scholarships to children of migrant workers?
- (b) Will he inform this House, in respect of the said programme—
 - (i) the date of commencement;
 - (ii) the objectives;
 - (iii) the number of children who have received benefits up to now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to end that programme; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for same?
- (d) If not, why?

553/2020

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (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?

595/2020

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (2)

- (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 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?

609/2020

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (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?

660/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is an institution called the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the main functions performed by the said institution;
 - (ii) the number of mining permits issued by the Kurunegala regional office of the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau in the year 2019;
 - (iii) the income earned from issuing the said permits?
- (c) If not, why?

731/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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?

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- (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?

745/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which Galnewa police Station of Anuradhapura district was first established;
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the quarters of aforesaid Police Station, are in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) aforesaid buildings have not been adequately repaired since the establishment?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the date by which aforesaid Police Station and its Buildings will be repaired?
- (d) If not why?

849/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether dry lands, paddy lands, fallow lands, home garden lands and lands with permanent buildings used by the people in the area and lands of the Government Seed Paddy Farm, National Livestock Development Board have been acquired by the government in order to widen the portion of road from 0+000 K.M to 2+687 on the Kaduruwela alternate road, as a road with four lanes under the “Pibidemu Polonnaruwa”(Rise up Polonnaruwa) District Development project;

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- (ii) if so, the total extent of land that has been so acquired;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the lands acquired;
 - (iv) whether compensation has been paid to them; and
 - (v) if so, the amount of money paid as compensation, in relation to each owner of land, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the length of the road of which work has been completed so far, under the widening of the portion of the road mentioned in (a) above;
 - (ii) the cost incurred on it?
- (c) If not, why?

874/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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;
 - (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?

1063/2020

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conversation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Puttalam District, in which human elephant conflict exists ;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

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- (iii) the number of elephants that roam in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions ;
 - (iv) the number of officers available to chase away those elephants ;
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to eliminate the scarcity of the officers relevant for the task of chasing away those elephants ?
- (b) If not , why ?

Thursday, March 25, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

48/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of casino licenses issued by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
 - (i) the names;
 - (ii) the addresses;
 - (iii) the license numbers of those license holders;
 - (iv) the dates or the years in which the licenses have been issued for the first time; and
 - (v) the addresses of the places in which the casino businesses have been established?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the number of persons who have requested new casino licenses by now?
- (d) If not, why?

198/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of Ministries operated at the World Trade Centre Building at present;
 - (ii) of the names of such Ministries and their addresses separately;
 - (iii) of the rents paid for operating each such Ministry separately; and
 - (iv) of the Government's view about paying an excessive rent for housing Government's Ministries?
- (b) If not, why?

300/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has proposed some arrangement to ease the massive traffic congestion prevailing at the Kaduwela town;
 - (ii) if, so what that arrangement is; and
 - (iii) the date on which that arrangement would be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

354/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of waterfalls in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) whether all the aforesaid waterfalls have been legally recognized by declaring them in gazettes;
 - (iii) if not, the number of waterfalls that have not been legally recognized by declaring them in gazettes; and
 - (iv) whether those waterfalls will also be declared in gazettes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of waterfalls that have run dry due to actions of humans;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid actions of humans are; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken against the culprits?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey had been carried out to look into the possibility of reviving the waterfalls that have run dry; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken are?
- (d) If not, why?

458/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Bulnewa-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?

538/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether action has been taken to commence the “Sisusariya” programme of transporting school students in Anuradhapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) If so, the number of buses deployed for it;
 - (ii) The steps that will be taken by the Ministry to spread the aforesaid programme in the district of Anuradhapura?
- (c) If not, why?

601/2020

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

- (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;
 - (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 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 ?

661/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Alawwa town should be developed systematically in accordance with a development plan?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a development plan has been drawn up for the Alawwa town;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of financial provisions required for same; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to allocate the said provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

670/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks and canals to be constructed under the Lower Uma Oya Irrigation Project which is now being constructed;
 - (ii) the number of tanks fed by the said project;
 - (iii) separately, the extent of high lands and paddy lands that can be irrigated by the said project;
 - (iv) the amount of money to be spent on the construction of the said project;
 - (v) the funds from the said amount is sourced; and
 - (vi) the date on which the said project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

870/2020

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of national schools located in the Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) separately, the educational qualifications of the principals currently serving in those schools and the period of time they have been serving as principals of the relevant schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to appoint suitably qualified principals to the national schools located in the Trincomalee District?
- (c) If not, why?

875/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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?

997/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Diploma holders who have completed the training courses recently at Colleges of Education have not been granted teaching appointments up to now;
 - (ii) a shortage of teachers exist at present owing to this?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to grant teaching appointments to these Diploma holders who have completed the training courses at Colleges of Education as a remedy for the shortage of teachers and to upgrade the education of children?
- (c) If not, why?

1080/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Polonnaruwa district during the last five years;
 - (ii) the number of kidney patients in Polonnaruwa district that died during aforesaid period of time; and

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- (iii) the courses of action that have been taken by now to prevent the kidney disease?
- (b) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the newly identified kidney patients have not been included into the programme of providing financial aid to kidney patients on a monthly basis, which has been implemented by the government; and
 - (ii) the programme of constructing houses for kidney patients with a lower income is not functioning at present?
- (c) Will she also inform this House of the courses action that will be taken to implement the programmes mentioned in (c) (i) and (ii) above in a systematic manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1280/2020

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Plantations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual pepper harvest of Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) the districts that record a bountiful pepper harvest;
 - (iii) separately, the annual pepper harvest recorded in each district in metric tons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether other types of spices in addition to pepper are being imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, they are;
 - (iii) separately, the annual requirement of each spice and quantity imported in metric tons; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to increase the local production of the spices that are imported?
- (c) If not, why?

1283/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses with high risks in Ratnapura district that have been identified to date from year 2016; and
 - (ii) the number of families residing in the aforesaid houses that have received benefits under the resettlement programme?

- (b) Will he admit that there is a delay in providing benefits to the families, who are living in the houses with high risks, under the resettlement programme?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, March 26, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

67/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the subject of garbage management comes under the purview of Provincial Councils as per the 13th amendment to the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the names of the Provincial Councils which have established separate institutions for solid waste management from the commencement of the Provincial Council System up to date;
 - (ii) of the names of the provincial councils which have not established a specific institution for the above purpose; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry with pertinence to the establishment of a specific institution in the Provincial Councils where such specific entities have not yet been established?
- (c) If not why?

199/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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 separately –
 - (i) the number of cabinet ministries and state ministries existing at present; and
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid ministries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House –
 - (i) out of the aforesaid cabinet ministries and state ministries, of number of those that are housed in private buildings;
 - (ii) the names of those ministries; and
 - (iii) the amount of the monthly rental paid to those buildings?

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- (c) Will he state the nature of the steps that will be taken to shift the ministries that are housed in private buildings to state-owned buildings?
- (d) If not, why?

242/2020

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 Motor Spare Parts imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those Motor Spare Parts were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those Motor Spare Parts ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing Motor Spare Parts into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

355/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the quality of the water of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that provide drinking water has deteriorated;
 - (ii) aforesaid water is unsuitable for human consumption as it contains toxic substances including E-coli ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that are used to obtain drinking water;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to improve the quality of the water of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) if so, those measures are ?
- (c) If not, why ?

519/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (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?

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- (b) Will he inform this House, the measures taken to widen aforesaid Harbour?
- (c) If not, why?

543/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

671/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to how the money to be spent on the proposed remaining work of the Bingiriya, Kinyama Irrigation Project of which the construction was recently commenced will be sourced;
 - (ii) the amount of money to be spent on the proposed remaining work components;
 - (iii) the time to be taken for the proposed remaining work components; and
 - (iv) the number of tanks to be fed by the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

757/2020

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(2)

- (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?

803/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Wattakkachchi central college in the Karachchci divisional secretariat division of the district of Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) the foundation stone has been laid to construct a new auditorium for the above school in 2017;
 - (iii) the construction activities of the auditorium have been suspended due to not releasing the funds allocated for this purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the ministry which has allocated funds for the construction of the above mentioned auditorium; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not releasing the funds allocated for the same?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money needed to complete the construction of the above mentioned auditorium;
 - (ii) the date on which allocations will be made for this purpose;
 - (iii) the time needed to complete the construction of the said auditorium and to provide it for the use of the students?
- (d) If not, why?

871/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board depots located in the Trincomalee District;

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- (ii) the names of those depots;
 - (iii) the number of currently available buses that are suitable for operation in each of the aforesaid depots; and
 - (iv) the number of vacancies that are currently existing in each of the aforesaid depots?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the human resources of the aforesaid depots in the Trincomalee District and to improve existing fleets of buses in those depots?
- (c) If not, why?

876/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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?

881/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, — To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (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?

934/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Post Office which covers 22 Grama Niladhari Divisions belonging to the Mulliyawalai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullativu District is run in a temporary building;
 - (ii) a monthly rental of Rs. 20,000/- is paid for that building; and
 - (iii) people in the area and public organizations have submitted requests for constructing a permanent building for the aforesaid post office?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a permanent building will be constructed to house the aforesaid post office in order to provide a quality postal service for the people living in the Mulliyawalai area; and
 - (ii) if so, of the time frame within which the aforesaid building will be constructed?
- (c) If not, why?

1081/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Quality assurance reports of chartered engineers have not been asked for so far when submitting applications to get 30 ampere and 60 ampere three phase power connections;
 - (ii) however, Quality assurance reports of chartered engineers are asked for it since recently; and
 - (iii) more than 25,000/= rupees has to be spent to obtain the aforesaid quality assurance report?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to do away with the methodology of asking for a quality assurance report when applying for a 30 ampere and 60 ampere three phase power connection or provide some concession for it?
- (c) If not why ?

1083/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are safe houses under the purview of the Sri Lanka embassies maintained in middle east countries;
 - (ii) the space in the aforesaid safe houses is not sufficient; and
 - (iii) the housewives that come to the aforesaid safe houses seeking protection become helpless due to that reason?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan housewives staying in each of the aforesaid safe houses at present ,separately; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to bring the aforesaid housewives to Sri Lanka again ?
 - (c) If not, why?
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