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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.53/2021

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Cultivation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to cultivate wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally should be implemented by the government to avoid the outflow of a huge amount of money from Sri Lanka to foreign countries for the importation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu), as a huge amount of money drained out of the country in the last few years as a result of importing wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) to this country.

P.54/2021

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Promoting ginger cultivation,— That this parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to promote the cultivation of ginger locally to stop the huge outflow of the country's foreign exchange as a huge amount of money drained out of the country as a result of importing ginger to this country in the past few years.

P.55/2021

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.56/2021

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Re-activating the local seed production process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be launched by the government to enhance the local seed production to prevent the local agriculture, which is already severely hit, from going in to further damage as the local seed production is under the grips of foreign companies at present.

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P.57/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the ancient places in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the ancient places in the North Western Province for the future generation, as the history of a country is very important for the future generation of that country and because several incidents of damaging the historic heritage of Sri Lanka have been reported.

P.58/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province that form an invaluable resource, to safeguard the future of the considerable number of people of the North Western Province who engage in agriculture.

P.59/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Promoting the game of Elle,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be developed by the government to further promote the game of elle as it is the game played by the rural people of Sri Lanka.

P.60/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Formalization the affairs of the sports associations,— That this Parliament resolves that the affairs of the sports associations should be monitored regularly as the office bearers of the sports associations act on their personal agendas at present leaving aside working for the advancement of sports.

P.61/2021

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Relocating the Prisons away from cities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to get the maximum use of Prison premises by relocating them away from cities since most of the prisons are located in the cities and a huge congestion prevails in Sri Lankan Prisons.

P.62/2021

Hon. A. L. M. Athaullah,— Cancellation of the Regulations made under the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance (Chapter 222),— That this Parliament resolves that the regulations made by the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine under Sections 2 and 3 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Diseases Ordinance (Chapter 222) and published in the Gazette extraordinary 2170/8 dated 11th April 2020, be cancelled.

P.63/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Converting a major school in Anuradhapura into a new national model school,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made by the government to develop a major school in Anuradhapura and to convert it to a new national model school with hostel facilities enabling trilingual education for students belonging to all ethnicities with a view to enhancing national integration among the ethnicities living in Sri Lanka.

P.64/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Developing and re-opening the Mannar- Anuradhapura road,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government to develop and re-open the Mannar-Anuradhapura road, having conducted a detailed feasibility study, since this main road (from Anuradhapura to Mannar) via Elayapaththuwa, Pemaduwa, Mannar junction and Silawathura which was closed down during the war for thirty years, and in a dilapidated condition is the most convenient and shortest route to transport goods and fish from Mannar and to reach the major towns including Colombo and since this road strengthens direct relationships between the districts of Anuradhapura and Mannar contributing towards the promotion of socio economic conditions of the people.

P.65/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Developing sports in Estate areas,— That this parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally and they have no any sports facility in their estate schools as well as the estate areas they live.

P.66/2021

Hon. Velu kumar,— Developing cricket in estate areas,— That this parliament resolves that a special program should be implemented to provide necessary training facilities to the areas whether many talented players are residing, in order to get the contribution of the talented cricket players in estate areas, as Sri Lanka is a country which had earned international recognition in Cricket and the performance of the Sri Lankan Cricket team was very unsatisfactory in the recent past.

P.67/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Establishment of Tea small holding system in place of Tea Industry,— That this parliament resolves that, as Sri Lankan tea industry is of twofold like Tea estates and tea Small holdings, measures should be taken to transform tea estates system to tea small holdings and make the estate workers the owners of such tea Small holdings in order to develop the same since the estate tea plantations system is failing .

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P.68/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improvement of Traditional Arts of Up Country People into a Commercial Activity,— That this parliament resolves that the government should establish a suitable centre in order to facilitate the protect of Traditional Arts and improve them as commercial activity as up country people of Indian Origin of Estate Sector is a community representing Sri Lanka ,and Traditional arts such as Nadagam, Kohombakale dance, kavadi dance and traditional stick dance are seen within this community

P.69/2021

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Setting up a Standard and a Regulatory System for Day Care Centers,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take appropriate steps to set up a proper standard and a regulatory system with regard to Day Care Centers for the safety and the welfare of the children who decide the future of the country, as private parties conduct Day Care Centers in different areas of the country and no proper standard, methodology and a regulatory system in regard to such centers that are run by estate Companies.

P.70/2021

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice millers,— That this parliament resolves that the government should set up an accelerated program immediately, in order to solve the host of issues that the small and medium scale rice millers who are capable of controlling the price of rice in Sri Lanka, are encountered with .

P.71/2021

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Strengthening Mahaweli farms network,— That this parliament resolves that the government should further strengthen the farms which provide a massive strength for the progress of the Agriculture of Sri Lanka, which are operative under the purview of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1353/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— 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) of the names of each of the persons who functioned as Chairman or Members of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Political Victimization from 2015.01.08 to 2019.11.16;

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- (ii) the overall expenditure that was borne by the government to sustain this Commission; and
 - (iii) the expenditure borne for salaries, allowances and other perks of the Chairman and each of the Members of the Commission separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether any of the above Commission Members including the chairman are holding any government posts at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the salaries, allowances and other perks are given by the government monthly to each position held by such person, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1354/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,—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, separately—
- (i) the number of persons employed at the Prime Minister's Secretariat and on the personal staff of the Prime Minister;
 - (ii) their numbers divided as executive and other grades; and
 - (iii) the salaries, allowances and other perks given to each such employee, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1355/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,—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, separately—
- (i) the number of persons employed at the Presidential Secretariat and on the personal staff of the President;
 - (ii) their numbers divided as executive and other grades; and
 - (iii) the salaries, allowances and other perks given to each such employee?
- (b) If not, why?

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1356/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the stocks of canned fish imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2020 have been returned by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution;
 - (ii) if so, separately of the date returned, quantity, and the reasons that contributed for returning; and
 - (iii) separately of the names of institutions or individuals that imported the aforesaid stocks of canned fish which were returned?
- (b) If not, why?

1357/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money collected in the “Itukama Covid-19 Health and Social Protection Fund” by 31st December 2020;
 - (ii) the amount that has been spent out of the aforesaid fund under each Head, separately;
 - (iii) the amount spent for the propaganda work for educating the public in regard to the aforesaid fund and the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - (iv) the institutions that engaged in the propaganda work for educating the public in regard to the Covid -19 pandemic; and
 - (v) the amount paid to each of the aforesaid institutions out of the “Itukama Covid-19 Health and Social Protection Fund”, separately?
- (b) If not, Why?

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1358/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House by Corporative Wholesale Establishment and Lanka Sathosa Ltd in 2020, separately—
 - (i) the quantity of sugar stocks purchased;

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- (ii) the dates on which aforesaid sugar stocks were purchased;
 - (iii) the institutions by which aforesaid sugar stocks were purchased and the quantities;
 - (iv) the purchasing price of a Kilo of aforesaid sugar; and
 - (v) the retail price a Kilo of sugar that was sold?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, of the profit earned or loss incurred by Lanka Sathosa Ltd and Corporative Wholesale Establishment for the year 2020?
- (c) If not, why?

1359/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,—To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the expenditure borne for promotional activities by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment and Lanka Sathosa Limited for the years 2019 and 2020; and
 - (ii) separately, of the institutions that were entrusted to produce commercials and to advertise them as well as the amount paid to each institution for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

1360/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, on per year basis during the period from 2015 to 2020—
- (i) the quantity of turmeric that was imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the quantity of turmeric that was imported to Sri Lanka on per country basis; and
 - (iii) the cost incurred on importing turmeric?
- (b) If not, why?

1361/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of permits that have been issued by now for sand mining from rivers and sand deposits located in Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) the names of the sand mining sites to which the aforesaid licenses have been issued;
 - (iii) separately of the year in which each of the aforesaid licenses were issued and the name of the licensee; and
 - (iv) separately, of the quantity of sand that was extracted by each of the aforesaid licensees from the aforesaid sites in years 2019 and 2020?
- (b) If not, why?

1362/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately on per Zone basis, of the extent of lands belonging to Mahaweli Zones that have been identified by now as suitable for distribution for cultivations;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid lands that have been identified, of the extent of those that have been awarded for cultivations during year 2020;
 - (iii) the names of the persons/institutions to which the aforesaid lands have been awarded; and
 - (iv) separately, of the extent of lands awarded to each of the aforesaid persons and institutions on per Zone basis?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, April 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

26/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of graduates who forwarded applications as per the newspaper notice published in the year 2020 for the recruitment of unemployed graduates for training as trainees of government institutions through an interview;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who faced the said interview separately in respect of each district; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates recruited for training after the interview?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a classification has been made as external and internal graduates when these graduates were recruited for the relevant training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of external graduates and internal graduates recruited in respect of each district, separately; and
 - (iii) the reason for the emergence of a problematic situation in granting appointment letters to external graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

66/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of train compartments added to the railway transportation system from 2015 up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of train compartments that have been produced locally and the number of train compartments imported; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to produce train compartments in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

108/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

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

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide Thriposha to meet the demand of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

169/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses without land deeds, located in the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether there is any arrangement to grant deeds for the aforesaid houses; and
 - (iii) if so, what the aforesaid programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

227/2020

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

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

419/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who live in estates in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) whether lands have been granted to them for the construction of houses;
 - (iii) if so, the number of families to whom lands have been granted;
 - (iv) the extent of land given to the said families; and
 - (v) of the plantation companies to which the families belong and such lands have been given?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken by the government to grant lands to landless estate families; and
 - (ii) if so, what such measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

451/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that water has been supplied to Polonnaruwa district by now as a step to supply water to the North Central Province by commencing the Moragahakanda – Kalu Ganga Development Project?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action has been taken to supply water to Anuradhapura district under the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a proposal to supply water to Hurulu Wewa and to Kanadara Wewa under these schemes; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid proposal will be implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

483/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasekera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a research has been conducted by the National Agriculture Information and Communication Centre regarding the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in the farming lands of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) Sri Lanka is one of the countries at the forefront among countries that use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer for cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer in cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

544/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— 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 institutions from which permission should be obtained when constructing buildings in landslide prone districts;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted by those institutions to grant permission to construct buildings;
 - (iii) whether the granting of permission to construct buildings done according to that methodology; and
 - (iv) if not, the measures to be taken in that regards?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that permission is granted only by the Local Government Institutions in constructing buildings in districts whether there is no risk of landslides;
 - (ii) the National Building Research Organization and the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau conduct monitoring when buildings are constructed in those district;
 - (iii) the permission is granted following a categorization of buildings, if they are monitored; and
 - (iv) such a programme be devised in future if it is not available at present?
- (c) If not, why?

556/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of major water supply schemes that were implemented in Kurunegala district from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions that are covered under the aforesaid water supply schemes;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Grama Niladhari divisions that are covered under those schemes in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) separately, the names of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (v) separately, the amount of provisions that have been allocated for each of the aforesaid water supply schemes; and
 - (vi) separately, the time frames within which each of the aforesaid water supply schemes will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

635/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that people living in the villages of Palukaamam, Veerachchanai, Mayapuram and Wannai Nagar in Batticaloa district are faced with a severe shortage of drinking water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families living in the aforesaid villages who are faced with the problem of shortage of drinking water;
 - (ii) the total distance along which pipelines have to be laid in order to provide drinking water to the people living in those villages; and
 - (iii) whether immediate steps will be taken to solve the problem of shortage of drinking water in those villages?
- (c) If not, why?

639/2020

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

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

726/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the government for the construction anew of the Laggala Divisional Hospital located in the Pallegama Divisional Secretariat Division in Laggala in Matale district;
 - (ii) the number of patients who can receive residential treatment in that hospital;
 - (iii) the number of doctors approved for the hospital;

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- (iv) the number of doctors serving in the hospital as of now;
 - (v) the nursing staff approved for the hospital;
 - (vi) the nursing staff serving in the hospital as of now; and
 - (vii) the types of clinics being conducted in the hospital at present?
- (b) If not, why?

838/2020

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the pension payments of all the public sector pensioners have not been reasonably increased as per the Public Administration Circular 14/2019;
 - (ii) the pensioners are in despair owing to the above reason;
 - (iii) all the public sector pensioners including the officers of the three armed forces and the police who retired prior to 01.01.2016 have been seriously discriminated as their pensions have been formulated based on the salary under two stages as at 01.01.2017 as per the public Administration Circular 14/2019 , in spite of the fact that the pensions were to be formulated based on the last salary, which increases over five stages as the Public Administration Circular 03/2019; and
 - (iv) justice could have been meted out to the public sector pensioners who retired prior to 01.01.2020, had their pension anomaly been rectified by computing the pension payment based on the last salary which was to be increased over five stages as per the Public Administration Circular 03/2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to mete out justice to the pensioners of the public sector by implementing the Public Administration Circular 03/2016 expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

877/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Attorney General's advice was sought prior to issuing debt in excess of constitutional and legal limits in the year 2020;
 - (ii) if so, the actions taken on the basis of the Attorney General's advice; and

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- (iii) whether the debt issued in excess of the constitutionally and legally stipulated borrowing limit in 2020 will be treated equally with all other debt issued by the Government of Sri Lanka in the event of default?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Attorney General's advice was sought on National Budget Circular No. 01/2020; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action was taken on the basis of Attorney General's advice?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, April 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

27/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of Mattala International Airport; and
 - (ii) the sources from which such money was produced?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately since the opening of the Mattala International Airport to date—
 - (i) the income received; and
 - (ii) the expenditure incurred on maintenance activities?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of flights arrived at this airport from the date of its opening up to now;
 - (ii) the names of airlines to which those flights belong;
 - (iii) separately, the number of passengers who travelled across this airport during the said period; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken for further developing this airport?
- (d) If not, why?

130/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Municipal Councils functioning at present in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those Municipal Councils; and
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid Municipal Councils, of the names of those that have given the task of removing garbage to the private sector?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the private companies that have undertaken the removal of garbage in Municipal Councils; and
 - (ii) of the amounts of money that have been paid to the aforesaid companies from the year 2015 up to date?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to get the garbage collected by the workers of the aforesaid Local Authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

191/2020

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

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

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(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the extent to which the delay of the reconstruction work of this stadium has affected the sports activities of the sportspersons in the district; and
- (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop the sports activities in the district?

(d) If not, why?

229/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Trade,— (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 milk powder imported into Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
- (iii) the countries from which those milk powder were imported; and
- (iv) the companies which imported those milk powder?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing milk powder into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?

(c) If not, why?

266/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a census has been conducted on the individuals who reside in the road reservation on both sides of the Kelaniweli railway;
- (ii) if so, the number of family units residing there;
- (iii) whether there is a plan to remove the aforesaid families from the road reservation and to settle them in some other place;
- (iv) if so, the area in which they will be settled; and
- (v) the amount of money that will be spent for this purpose?

(b) If not, why?

485/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date of establishment of the Paddy Marketing Board;
 - (ii) the objectives of establishing that institute;
 - (iii) the quantity of paddy that has been purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in each season from year 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to strengthen the Paddy Marketing Board in order to prevent the traders in the private sector from purchasing paddy from farmers at lower prices?
- (b) If not, why?

610/2020

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

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

1352/2020

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the areas that came under the earlier Town Councils of Aluthgama and Darga Town frequently underwent flooding as they are located below sea level;
 - (ii) a project to construct a surface drainage system was commenced in 1993 owing to the said situation with aid provided by the Asian Development Bank, with the aim of preventing the suffering caused to the people living in those areas and the damages caused to their property; and

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- (iii) even though phase one of this project was implemented covering Aluthgama, the people in those areas still undergo suffering as phase two has not been implemented up to now?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to implement phase two of the said project;
 - (ii) if so, the arrangement in place for that; and
 - (iii) the date by which the said arrangement will be put into action?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, April 08, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

68/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that 6579 families that do not possess lands to construct a house reside in Rathnapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken by the government to acquire the required extent of lands out of those in the custody of the state estate companies, for the purpose of constructing houses for the above mentioned families; and
 - (ii) if not, the alternative measures that are expected to be taken by the government with relevance to this matter?
- (c) If not, why?

135/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Foreign Diplomatic Missions established in abroad;
 - (ii) separately the countries and the cities where each aforesaid Diplomatic Missions are established;
 - (iii) the number of employees work at each Diplomatic Mission and the designations, separately;
 - (iv) the number of officers passed Foreign Service Examination out of aforesaid officers and their names;

- (v) the percentage of Foreign Service officers, out of total number of officers who work at Foreign Diplomatic Missions; and
 - (vi) the measures that the Ministry take in future to recruit more Foreign Service Officers to serve in Foreign Diplomatic Missions?
- (b) If not why?

267/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 71 trainees of the second batch of Engineering Assistants, trained at International Training Institute of Irrigation and Water Management of Kotmale, had not been recruited for the service so far;
 - (ii) more than one year has been lapsed since the completion of their training by now; and
 - (iii) they are not paid with a proper salary, though they are attached to the Regional Offices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether aforesaid trainees are recruited to the permanent service; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

301/2020

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) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money paid as compensation to the people affected by the floods in the Colombo district that were caused by the overflowing of the Kelani river in May 2016; and
 - (ii) the number of families residing in the Kolonnawa electorate that was affected by the above floods but did not receive compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been received to pay compensation of Rs.20,000/= each, considering the appeals submitted in this regard?;
 - (ii) if so, the methodology of paying such compensation; and
 - (iii) the date on which such compensation would be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

434/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

- (a) Whether she admits that the dengue disease has shown an increase on various occasions in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of lives lost in year 2019 due to dengue disease;
 - (ii) whether a programme will be carried out at national and divisional level to eradicate dengue disease;
 - (iii) whether she admits that a group of labourers had been recruited for the divisional dengue eradication programme; and
 - (iv) if so, whether there is a plan to obtain their service continuously?
- (c) If not, why?

453/2020

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

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

547/2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a severe drinking water shortage problem in Habaraduwa, Akmeemana, Galle and Rathgama areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether funds will be allocated from the forthcoming budget for the next phase of the Magalla Water Supply Scheme, which is the solution to the aforesaid problem;
 - (ii) if so, the amount that will be allocated for that; and
 - (iii) the date on which a solution will be provided to the drinking water problem in the aforesaid areas?
- (c) If not, why?

558/2020

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the land abutting the Bulanwewa quarry along the Galewela - Kalawewa Road and the main road in the village called Galbokkayaya located in the Dewahuwa Grama Niladhari Division of the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Forest Conservation Department since it is a reserve; and
 - (ii) an organized group has constructed a permanent building and several temporary constructions in the morning of 22.09.2020 on the aforesaid land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the approval of the relevant Divisional Secretary has been received for these constructions; and
 - (ii) if not, whether the approval of any other responsible public officer or an institution has been received?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if not, whether expeditious measures will be taken to remove these constructions and protect the reserve; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures to be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not why?

577/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land acquired by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority for the Mahaweli “L” zone from Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts in hectares and as a percentage?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when the Tamil people went back to their villages after the war, Sinhala people had been settled in the lands belonged to the Tamil people who were forcibly evicted in 1984 from Kokilai, Kokkuththuduwai and Karnattukkeni villages in Mullaitivu district;
 - (ii) sinhala names had been given to the Tamil villages and tanks which had Tamil names earlier;
 - (iii) tamil people’s lands with licenses had been given to the relatives of politicians and rich people on long term lease by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority; and
 - (iv) Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority disrupts the farming activities of those people when they cultivate in their lands?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the rest of the lands that have not been occupied by the Sinhala people in the Mahaweli “L” zone in Mullaitivu district will be transferred to the Muhudubadapattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not why?

581/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Maberitenna Government Farm in Teldeniya Divisional Secretariat Division is under the administration of National Livestock Development Board (NLDB)?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of office workers and the labourers serving in this farm;
 - (ii) the number of families live in this farm;
 - (iii) the number of labourer’s dwellings and “lines” in that farm; and
 - (iv) the number of line rooms?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that lands were given during the past to construct single houses for the people living in lines in the above farm;
 - (ii) if so, the number of plots of lands given in that manner;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide lands for the families who are not residing in lines but live in the farm; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for that?
- (d) If not, why?

607/2020

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who receive the Senior Citizens’ allowance;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who had applied for the allowance and in the waiting list;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to increase the Senior Citizens’ monthly allowance from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 2500/- according to the National Policy framework “Vistas of Prosperity”;

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- (iv) if so, the date on which the increased allowance will be provided;
 - (v) whether a programme is in place to provide loans at concessionary rates for Senior Citizens who engage in foreign pilgrimage; and
 - (vi) if so, the institutions that co-ordinate the process?
- (b) If not, why?

727/2020

Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the appointment of Mr. Mohan Peiris, who was appointed Constitutionally by the President of the time as the Chief Justice on the date of 15th January 2013, was cancelled and nullified?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the person who cancelled and nullified Mr. Mohan Peiris's appointment as the Chief Justice?
- (c) If not, why?

770/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the semi government schools in Colombo district are deviating from its objectives by not enrolling the underprivileged children in near by area?
- (b) If so, will he state in respect of the semi government schools in Colombo district—
 - (i) the names;
 - (ii) schools categorized as religious and non-religious;
 - (iii) the number of students admitted by ethnicity and religion;
 - (iv) the number of classes approved to conduct English prioritized bilingual language from grade one; and
 - (v) the quota allocated for the underprivileged children in near by areas of each school?
- (c) Will he inform this House, with regard to aforesaid schools—
 - (i) whether the permission to conduct English medium classes from grade one to five was given;
 - (ii) the reason why the general guidelines for admission to grade one cannot be adopted;
 - (iii) whether the government is satisfied with the current admission process, transparency and performance; and
 - (iv) whether the government will take actions to streamline the teaching and management practices?
- (d) If not, why?

777/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families with no land titles residing within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) whether methodologies have been formulated to grant deeds to those families; and
 - (iii) if so, what those methodologies are?
- (b) If not, why?

839/2020

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House Separately, as per the countries where they are employed—
 - (i) the number Sri Lankan migrant employees, infected with Covid 19;
 - (ii) the number of Sri Lankan migrant employees, got cured after the infection;
 - (iii) the number of Sri Lankan migrant employees, died due to the infection; and
 - (iv) the number of Sri Lankan migrant employees, returned to Sri Lanka by reason of Covid -19?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, as per the country they are employed, the number of Sri Lankan migrant employees who lost their jobs due to Covid - 19, by now;
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to provide them with relief;
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken to provide relief to the families that financially inconvenienced since the foreign employees, affected by Covid-19 were unable to support their families financially; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount of allocations made to the embassies of the respective countries for the welfare of the Sri Lankan employees who got affected with Covid - 19 pandemic?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, April 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

69/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the handloom textile centres which have been established in Sri Lanka, directly and indirectly contribute towards the national production, while generating a substantial number of employment opportunities?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately the number of—
 - (i) main centres, sub-branches and domestic centres out of the handloom textile centres currently functioning in Rathnapura district; and
 - (ii) the main centres, sub-branches and domestic centres that have been closed down by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the factors that contributed towards the closure of the centres mentioned in (b) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) the number of individuals who lost their employment consequently?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the annual turnover of the handloom textile centres that are functioning in Kolonna Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the institution with the authority to monitor these centres?
- (e) If not why?

200/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the address where the Ministry of Tourism is currently located at present;
 - (ii) the monthly rent paid for the building used as the premises of the Ministry; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to shift the Ministry premises to a building owned by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

317/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the year 2019 to develop athletics in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount allocated for the Government Schools out of aforesaid sum; and
 - (iii) the amount of money, allocated for the improvement of athletic skills of the school leavers, out of the amount stated in aforesaid (i);
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to draw up plans to direct the School Sportsmen towards achieving international victories in athletics; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan government is involved in the administration and development affairs of Sri Lanka Athletics Association and the other affiliated Associations; and
 - (ii) if so, of the manner how the government is involved?
- (d) If not, why?

438/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that National Youth Corps Training Centers have been established for the development of skills of the youth in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National Youth Corps Training Centers established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether either the district basis or the Divisional Secretariat Division basis has been taken into consideration when establishing those centers;
 - (iii) the approximate number of youths who leave the aforesaid centers annually after completing their training;
 - (iv) whether there is a programme to employ the youths who successfully complete the training; and
 - (v) if not, whether a formal programme will be formulated to help them make their future successful?
- (c) If not, why?

528/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools operated under the North-Central Province situated within Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the names of such schools;
 - (iii) the number of teacher vacancies existing in those schools at present; and
 - (iv) the numbers of vacancies according to each subject?
- (b) Will he also inform this House what course of action will be taken by the Ministry to fill those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

560/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of paddy storage centres maintained by the government as of now;
 - (ii) the areas in which such centres are located;
 - (iii) the number of paddy storage centres maintained by the private sector;
 - (iv) separately, the quantity of paddy stored in each such centre as of now; and
 - (v) whether it has been planned to start new paddy storage centres in addition to the said centres?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether fertilizer is provided free of charge to farmers as of now;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of fertilizer given to one farmer;
 - (iii) the types of fertilizer so provided free of charge; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the government for that purpose?
- (c) If not why?

590/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Arugum Bay beach, a popular tourist destination, is among the top ten surf spots in the world; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons why Arugum Bay had not been declared as a tourist zone up to now?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are not enough infrastructure facilities in Arugam Bay to which a large number of tourists arrive; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to provide sufficient infrastructure facilities for tourists?
- (c) If not, why?

636/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to upgrade the Pradeshiya Sabhas in Batticaloa district of which the majority of the representatives are Tamil nationals to the level of urban councils?
- (b) If not, why?

642/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone has been laid by the former Prime Minister to construct the Pahala (Lower) Malwathuoya Reservoir in the North Central Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of this project;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of the project;
 - (iii) the entity, out of the Irrigation Department and the Chinese Company, that engages in the construction work of this project; and
 - (iv) the estimated cost of construction, if it is undertaken by the Chinese Company?
- (c) If not, why?

722/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the building in which the OPD functions in the Mannar District Hospital which provides health services to the people of the district, is very old; and
 - (ii) the construction activities pertaining to the OPD and the ICU of the aforesaid hospital have not hitherto been commenced in spite of the pledges made to that effect in the recent past?

- (b) Will she inform this House of the date on which the said construction activities would be commenced?
- (c) Is she also aware that—
 - (i) most of the medical tests are not done in the said hospital; and
 - (ii) as per the prevailing situation, the CT scans, and the tests related to the fields of Neurology, ENT, Orthopedics, Oncology, Urology, Nephrology and OMF cannot be conducted in this hospital?
- (d) Will she also inform this House whether the tests related to the above fields can be re-commenced in the Mannar District Hospital?
- (e) If not, why?

729/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that it has been planned to construct a railway line from Kurunegala to Dambulla via Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of provisions allocated for that project;
 - (ii) the date on which the said project will be commenced; and
 - (iii) the date on which the work of the project expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

732/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) nearly 305 million people around the world use PayPal Gateway as the E - Commerce websites are the easiest channels to sell goods to a foreign country;
 - (ii) aforesaid option can be used to sell Sri Lankan goods to foreign countries;
 - (iii) foreign exchange income channels related to sale of goods and services to foreign countries are rendered useless as the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has not made aforesaid option available in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) Sri Lankan Companies that use the online systems to provide services, create PayPal accounts with foreign addresses; and
 - (v) a huge amount of income that should reach Sri Lanka has been diverted to foreign countries as commissions due to aforesaid reason?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to remove existing barriers with regard to sale of goods and services to foreign countries by way of Online systems; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (c) If not why?

773/2020

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of international schools functioning in Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (ii) the courses of action taken by the Ministry to regulate those schools in terms of establishing, recruiting teachers, for charging fees and other affairs of international schools?
- (b) If not, why?

1276/2020

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— 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 reasons for the Chinese Delegation including Mr. Yang Jiechi, a higher official of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China, that came to Sri Lanka on an emergency visit in October, 2020, to meet the President and the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka has received any assistance and grants as a result of the aforesaid emergency visit;
 - (iii) whether there was any significant factor related to the above emergency visit?
- (b) If not, why?

1363/2020

Hon. John Seneviratne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Ven. Udawalawe Amarawansa Thero served as an assistant teacher at R/Bopitiya Vidyalaya from 06.11.2008;
 - (ii) the aforesaid Thero was interdicted and his service was terminated as he was arrested on false charges of misconduct and was remanded;

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- (iii) Ven. Amarawansa Thero has been reinstated without any break in service as he was acquitted and freed from all charges; and
 - (iv) the salaries in arrears have not been paid to the aforesaid Thero to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the salaries in arrears will be paid to the aforesaid Thero; and
 - (ii) as a disciplinary inquiry has not been carried out and a disciplinary order has not been issued against Ven. Amarawansa Thero, whether the Thero will be confirmed in his service with effect from 31.03.2012, which was the date from which the other teacher assistants who were given appointments together with Ven. Amarawansa Thero were confirmed in their service?
- (c) If not, why not?

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

36/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in each year—
- (i) the quantity of rice imported into Sri Lanka in the years from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent as such in the years from 2015 to 2019 for importing rice?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
- (i) the tax charged per kilo of rice imported in the years referred to above; and
 - (ii) the total amount of tax charged for rice imported in the years referred to above?
- (c) Will he submit a full report to this House as to how the prices of rice have fluctuated in each of the aforementioned years separately?
- (d) If not, why?

203/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, names, addresses, educational qualifications and professional qualifications of each of the members of new Board of Directors of the National Youth Services Council; and
 - (ii) the vision of the Ministry with regard to development of the youth?
- (b) If not, why?

230/2020

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

356/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the ‘Nilwala river’ of Matara has become polluted due to dumping of waste into the river;
 - (ii) it has created a serious health issue to the people of Matara district; and
 - (iii) both sides of the ‘Nilwala river’ should be declared as a reserve in order to safeguard the quality of the water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to establish a reserve up to 33 feet on both sides of the ‘Nilwala river’; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid date is?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether persons had been arrested in the year 2016 for dumping waste into ‘Nilwala river’; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons arrested?
- (d) If not, why?

539/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of villages in Anuradhapura district, that have faced the threat of wild elephants; and
 - (ii) the number of persons that have died and the incidents of damages caused to property due to the human-elephant conflict during the period from the year 2015 up to now, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to provide a permanent solution to the human-elephant conflict existing in Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

603/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 2 kilometer stretch of the Asirigama road from Kagollewa junction to Katukeliyawa junction in the 308 Grama Niladhari Division in the Madyama Nuwara Gampalatha Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura district, is in a very dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair this stretch of the road; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

620/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided by the Sri Lanka Medical Council to blacklist certain international universities that award medical degrees;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid universities; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that contributed to such a decision?

(b) Will she also inform this House—

- (i) separately for each year the number of Sri Lankan students who got graduated from the universities mentioned in (a) (ii) above from the year 2010 to date; and
- (ii) the future measures that will be taken by the Ministry about the aforesaid universities?

(c) If not, why?

717/ 2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that successful results can be achieved by pooling sports - men and –women and providing them with training?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the number of sports pools operated at present under the aegis of the Ministry;
 - (ii) the sports or games for which they are operated;
 - (iii) the place in which the national pool for athletics is operated;
 - (iv) the number of sports–men and sports–women who are receiving training at the pool concerned at present;
 - (v) whether they have been provided with adequate facilities; and
 - (vi) if not, why are they not provided with adequate facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

753/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not operating the train that runs from Colombo to Plonnaruwa up to Batticaloa; and
 - (ii) the date by which the railway tracks in Batticaloa will be repaired?
- (b) If not, why?

763/2020

Hon. Amarakeerthi Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to Polonnaruwa district —
 - (i) the number of education divisions and their names;
 - (ii) the number of National schools and their names;
 - (iii) the number of Provincial schools and their names;
 - (iv) the teacher vacancies prevailing in these schools at present; and
 - (v) the number of schools that were closed down during the last five years?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to education divisions belonging to Polonnaruwa district, separately—
 - (i) the number of schools where four streams, three streams, two streams and one stream relating to the G.C.E (A/L) Examination;
 - (ii) up to the G.C.E (O/L) Examination; and
 - (iii) up to grade five are taught?
- (c) Will he state the total number of teachers, number of Graduate teachers, Trained teachers, Colleges of Education trained teachers and other teachers employed in the schools belonging to Polonnaruwa district, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

771/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that hundreds of individuals have been arrested and detained in respect of the Easter Sunday attack, since 21.04.2019?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House separately in respect of the period from 21.04.2019 to 16.11.2019 and the period from 17.11.2019 to date of the number of individuals—
 - (i) taken into custody for inquiry;
 - (ii) detained by extending the detention order; and
 - (iii) produced in the court with charge sheet?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the individuals who have been released and granted bail or acquitted;
 - (ii) whether the government is satisfied with the current investigation process; and

- (iii) whether the government take necessary action to release the individuals detained for minor charges and produce the suspects in the court who are under extended detention orders?

(d) If not, why?

791/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the mimosa plant is spreading in the farmlands in Matale district ?
- (b) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to control the spread of the mimosa plant?
- (c) If not, why ?

806/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of principals who have been appointed to the schools island wide on the super numeracy basis; and
 - (ii) out of the above principals, of the number of principals who serve in the Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, with regard to the aforesaid principals—
 - (i) the date on which the appointments have been given as referred in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the reasons for not granting the salary increments, promotions and transfers; and
 - (iii) the dates on which the salary increments, promotions and transfers will be given?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service; and
 - (ii) the dates on which they will be absorbed to the permanent service?
- (d) If not, why?

832/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the first year in which Sri Lanka received direct foreign investments;
 - (ii) the value of total direct foreign investments received by Sri Lanka from that year to date;
 - (iii) the value of total foreign investments received by Sri Lanka as at 31.12.2014;
 - (iv) the value of direct foreign investments received from the year 2015 to year 2020; and
 - (v) the investment value referred to in above (iv) separately in respect of each project?
- (b) If not, why?

850/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of Mahaweli zones of Sri Lanka with respect to each zone, separately—
 - (i) the total extent of land;
 - (ii) the extent of land in which paddy has been cultivated;
 - (iii) the extent of land in which supplementary crops have been cultivated; and
 - (iv) the extent of fallow land in relation to each zone, separately?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of Mahaweli zones of Sri Lanka with respect to each zone, separately—
 - (i) the total number of family units; and
 - (ii) the total number of members in all those family units?
 - (c) If not, why?
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