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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2209/18 of 05<sup>th</sup> January 2021, which were presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, Nos. 48 of 1985 and 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2198/2 of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, which were presented on 12.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by the Acts, Nos. 48 of 1985 and 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2199/20 of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020, which were presented on 12.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 11.02.2021, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/5 of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2199/14 of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, which was presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Trade,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2199/21 of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020, which was presented on 09.02.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Friday, March 12, 2021**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

P. 1/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— Protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic.

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P. 2/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable mechanism be formulated by the government to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

P. 3/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource be implemented by the government for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

P. 4/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Transportation of vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme should be implemented by the government to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla district and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country by train with a low cost and minimum waste.

P. 5/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme be formulated by the government to control the floods that constantly affect Ratnapura district during periods of inclement weather.

P. 6/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the government to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact that there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

P. 7/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared by the government to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura district due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura district, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

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P. 8/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Curtail the circulation of pornographic videos on the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

P. 9/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education must be made compulsory to all the children (up to grade 11) according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

P. 10/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Teaching in Sinhala medium in every Tamil medium school in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section be established in every Tamil medium school in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

P. 11/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P. 12/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established by the government, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

P. 13/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

P. 14/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P. 15/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P. 16/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P. 17/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P. 18/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a loan scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a loan scheme in the banking system for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P. 19/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P. 20/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Manufacturing railway carriages locally,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made to manufacture railway carriages locally whereas the Department of Railways is replete with immense physical and human resources to avoid massive amount of money flow in to foreign countries when railway carriages required by the country are imported.

P. 21/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularizing the Postal Service of Sri Lanka within the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken by the Government to regularize the Postal Service within the Plantation Sector for the benefit of the people who have been engaged in the Plantation Sector for nearly one hundred and fifty years as they are faced with numerous difficulties owing to the non-regularization of the Postal Service for them at present even though the Postal Service is widespread in Sri Lanka.

P. 22/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improving the process of forest cultivation in the Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should initiate necessary measures to stop cultivating the pine trees completely and launch the natural afforestation system as an alternative whereas most of the water catchment areas in Sri Lanka are located in the central hills, especially in the Kandy and Matale districts have severely been affected by pine cultivation.

P. 23/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Providing drinking water supply to the Estate community of the upcountry,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken for the inclusion of plantation areas in the Government programme for the provision of potable water, having paid attention to the need for the implementation of drinking water supply programme carried out in other areas since the people of the plantation sector in the upcountry fulfill their drinking water requirement from natural water springs, rivers, canals and wells as a result of the poor implementation of plans for the supply of drinking water, whereas these people have to face various health problems owing to a situation where they are unable to find water suitable for drinking due to increasing population and environment pollution caused by excessive use of agrochemicals, and whereas a scarcity of water has occurred due to the diversion of water in plantation areas to other parts of the country.

P. 24/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Recognition of the Upcountry Trade Union Heroes' Day,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to commemorate Upcountry Trade Union Heroes' Day annually on the 10th of January in consideration of the long standing request of the upcountry people of Indian origin living in Sri Lanka that trade union heroes who sacrificed their lives in the struggles be commemorated on a common day as the upcountry estate workers who make a massive contribution towards the economic growth of Sri Lanka have won their rights through democratic struggles.

P. 25/2020

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Acquisition of estate roads to the Government,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to acquire the estate roads to be under the Local Government and Provincial Council roads as the ownership, management and administration of estates that have a significant place in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka are subjected to changes at different times whereas the dwellings of the plantation workers are located in the middle of the estates far away from the main road and whereas the estate roads used by these people are in highly dilapidated condition with no development.

P. 26/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Establishing all public institutions in Government owned buildings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to establish all public institutions in Government owned buildings only whereas a massive amount is unnecessarily spent as a result of establishing the public institutions maintained using tax monies of the public in private buildings whereas a huge amount can be saved by establishing such institutions in Government owned buildings.

P. 27/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P. 28/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P. 29/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

P. 30/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P. 31/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the problems faced by Betel Cultivators,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to mitigate the problems faced by betel farmers since a considerable number of families in the North Western Province who are engaged in betel cultivation have faced a number of problems at present.

P. 32/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Cultivating the barren paddy fields in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that since food security is of utmost importance to the development of a country, an appropriate accelerated programme be implemented by the government to cultivate barren paddy fields in the North Western Province.

P. 33/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the human - elephant conflict in Kurunegala District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare a proper programme to provide a sustainable solution to the elephant – human conflict in many villages in Kurunegala district.

P. 34/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reconstruction of Small Tanks in Kurunegala District,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps necessary to reconstruct all the tanks in the North-Western Province expeditiously whereas a large number of people in the North-Western Province are engaged in agriculture-based occupations, and whereas water is an essential factor for the uplifting of the farming community concerned.

P. 35/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—Protection of Archaeological Sites in Kurunegala District,—That this Parliament resolves that the Government do formulate an expeditious programme to protect the Archaeological Places for posterity whereas there exist many places of archaeological Places within Kurunegala District.

P. 36/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Preventing the Harm Caused to Farmers due to Loss of Lands they had been Cultivating for Many Years Because of Expansion of Forest Limits,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take suitable steps to accord justice to the farming community rendered helpless by having to face loss of farming lands that they had been cultivating for a long time when the forest limits were expanded based on Circular 5/2001 issued by the Ministry of Forest Resources and Environment on 10.08.2001 as it has caused injustice to the farming community concerned and as relevant officers have not acted with responsibility.



P. 37/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Providing Teacher Training to Civil Defence Officers who had been Engaged in Teaching Activities at Government Schools for over 15 Years and Absorbing them to the Teachers' Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps to absorb the Civil Defense Officers in the North-Central Province to the Teachers Service since teaching of schoolchildren in threatened villages has been done by a group of Civil Defence Officers till present as a severe shortage of teachers prevailed in threatened villages at the height of terrorist attacks and since such officers of the Northern and Eastern Provinces have been absorbed into the Teachers' Service.

P. 38/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

P. 39/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

P. 40/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Preventing damages caused to cultivations by wild animals and paying compensation for damaged crops in order to enhance productivity of local agricultural production,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to prepare a national programme to implement a National Agricultural Production Protection Policy that is implemented jointly by all relevant ministries in order to prevent the damages caused by wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, porcupines and elephants to permanent crops such as nutmeg, cloves, pepper, coconut and various fruits and to seasonal crops such as potatoes, onions, vegetables and paddy that are cultivated by farmers engaged in the agricultural sector as small-scale farmers and as home gardening, and also to implement an agro-insurance scheme to pay full compensation to farmers for the damages caused to cultivations by wild animals.

P. 41/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Providing the physical resources necessary for developing Dhamma school education,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a programme with the contribution of the private sector and the donors as well to provide students' desks, benches, teachers' tables, teachers' chairs, black boards and white boards that have become essential for the majority of the Dhamma schools, to provide book racks necessary for small Dhamma libraries and also to provide children who attend Dhamma schools with necessary clothes for half sarees and the national costume as most children tend to avoid going to Dhamma school to receive Dhamma school education because of the difficulties they face due to the lack of physical resources in Dhamma schools despite that Dhamma school education lays the foundation for building a virtuous society.

P. 42/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishing a national development bank and building an economic leadership in order to promote small and medium scale entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to create a Local Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Revival Task Force integrating all the public institutes that contribute to the entrepreneurship sector at present in order to establish a bank that offers long-term financial loan facilities on easy conditions and low interest rates to small and medium scale entrepreneurs, agricultural producers and service providing entrepreneurs who are engaged in innovative production and value addition businesses targeting the local and the global markets thereby protecting the small and medium scale entrepreneurs from the debt traps, namely microfinance loans, financial company loans, and leases that are offered in Sri Lanka at very high interest rates and to build an Entrepreneurial Economic Leadership that assists the economic development of the country, generation of employment opportunities, and to achieve the maximum productivity of the resources of the country.

P. 43/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Standardization of early childhood development programmes,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to establish an early childhood development policy by formulating necessary policies laws to regulate the registration and proper standards of early childhood development centres, pre-schools and day care centres, to make NVQ certificate a mandatory requirement for the entrepreneurs and the staff of such centres, to legalize the recommendations on the space and infrastructure facilities of those places, to establish a contributory social security system to start such centres in each Grama Niladhari division and to provide loans at a concessionary rate, as these centres are of utmost importance to create an intelligent citizen in future.

P. 44/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of a Co-operative societies system to face the challenges faced in the third decade of the 21st Century,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate action to reform the co-operative movement completely by strengthening the powers of the co-operative shareholders who are the real owners of the co-operative movement, which was established as per the recommendations made by the co-operative restructuring commission appointed a half a century ago, to face the challenges in the third decade of the 21st century based on the principles of co-operative movement i.e self-help, mutual aid and thriftiness, with a view to win the new challenges in this century by developing the agricultural sector to complete with large scale trade networks and as successful alternative to the capital problem and market problem.

P. 45/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Ensuring women's rights and progression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take action to formulate policies and laws to impose punishment through trial for discrimination against women and to make violence against women, women abuse and rape of under aged girls or women a Non-Bailable offence, to expand the powers of the women and child section in the police, to establish a proper judicial system speedily solve maintenance and divorce cases, to allocate a set of seats in buses for women to impose laws to write off the loans obtained from micro finance companies that exploit people to ensure low cost energy for household water supply and cooking needs, to provide banking facilities to obtain low interest loans, to make loans to ensure that the widow get the husband salary, to provide a dependency allowance to unemployed widows, to pay equal salary to equal work and to develop a proper sales network to sell women's products since ensuring women's physical, mental, social security and progression is one of the most important development needs in the country.

P. 46/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Enhance the development of Gem and Jewellery field,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to formulate appropriate policies and laws to develop the interrelationship required to improve the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry by formulating a national policy including national priorities since the lack of inter relationship between the parties involved in the process starting from identifying the lands with gem deposits to the sale of gems in the market has become an obstacle to the progression and the development of the gem and jewellery industry, though many structures have their involvement, to provide tax relief and facilities to encourage value added gems or gem products, to introduce an insurance coverage to cover the lives of the miners and the damages caused to the environment, to legalize mining licences as a pre-condition, to expand the opportunities for the persons in the gem industry to re-invest their money, to remove the restrictions imposed upon foreigners who come to buy gems, to diversify the use of gems in handicrafts and cottage industry, to use new technology in every field in the process up to the sale.

P. 47/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of an innovative industrial zone related to export agricultural crops including an Economic Centre for Minor Export Crops,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary measures be taken by the Government to set up innovative Industrial zones with a value addition to the minor export crops, including economic centres based on the districts with a substantial production of minor export crops, with a view to victoriously accessing the global market while rebuilding the glorious “Ceylon Spice” brand which was inherited by the Sri Lanka minor export crops in the past; to formulate a tax policy related to the enhancement of the export agricultural crops industry, having revised the tax policy currently applied to these exports; to grant loans to the cultivators of minor export crops as an encouragement, enabling them to pay back after selling the harvest and to establish a methodology for providing crop insurances to cultivators.

P. 48/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Declaration of upcountry dance, traditional arts, wood carving, sculptures and architecture as world heritages and their conservation,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to declare traditional upcountry dance and arts, art, wood carving, sculptures and architecture which depict historical arrogance and identity of Sri Lanka, as world heritages considering the fact that they are intrinsic, unique and rare forms of culture and arts inherent to our country, to ensure the conservation and development of the aforesaid heritages, to ensure the socio-economic development of the artisans who practice and protect the said forms of arts and to establish a statutory Foundation or a Board to guarantee the protection, promotion and proper control of the upcountry heritages.

P. 49/2020

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Promotion of Sri Lankan Foreign Service Affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be launched by the Government to establish an institution to train labourer in line with the foreign labour demand in view of promoting the sector, to enable the migrant citizens to exercise their franchise to establish a social protection system similar to a contributory pension scheme, to set up an insurance scheme to compensate the migrant workers during unavoidable misfortunes, accidents and disasters, to grant higher interests for their savings by the banks, to provide loans with subsidized interest rates enabling them to construct their houses to prioritize the children of migrant parents when granting government employment, to establish a proper methodology to solve the issues and injustices caused by Sri Lankan embassies and local and foreign employment agencies and to set up a pre and post emigration trust, having deducted contributions from labourer registration charges and the payments settled by the agencies at the departure of workers for domestic assistance services, considering the fact that the migrant labour force make a contribution of 8% to the gross national income of Sri Lanka.

P. 50/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena, — Granting the Ownership (whether with or without Licence) to the Occupants of the Lands in Permanent Houses for over 40 Years,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to release the lands to settlers who possess houses along Padaviya–Kebithigollewa Road, houses in the town or at the Base Hospital premises, or houses and paddy lands with freehold or survey plan in Pothana Thulana No. 564 in Mihinthale due to suspension of all development activities while they had been living there for over 40 years, having constructed permanent houses, when those areas were later declared wild life conservation areas or the public were so informed, despite their having Jayabhoomi deeds or other forms of grants to them whereas a grave injustice has been caused.

P. 51/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,—Installing Reverse Osmosis Water Filters for all the Villages in the North-Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should adopt a course of action to expedite the process of installing reverse osmosis water filters in all Villages in the North-Central Province at present which has been identified as an area where there are many persons suffering from the Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Aetiology, and as its outcome, a decrease can be observed in the number of new cases whereas water filters are being installed.

P. 52/2020

Hon. H. Nandasena,— Development of Main Access Roads leading to all Villages as Permanent Roads,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a special project to develop all such access roads expeditiously whereas many villages in difficult areas have only one access road for each village, and whereas they have not been developed in many years.

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.

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 .

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.

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**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

70/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that it has become a problem to obtain precise weather forecasts using the unsophisticated technical equipment available at the Department of Meteorology?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a shortage of human resources at the Department of Meteorology; and
  - (ii) if so, whether the details of it will be submitted?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether it has been planned to provide sophisticated technical equipment to the Department of Meteorology;
  - (ii) if so, the names of the aforesaid equipment;
  - (iii) the functions carried out using the said equipment;
  - (iv) the amount that will be spent for the said equipment;
  - (v) the methodology that will be adopted to purchase the said equipment; and
  - (vi) the date on which it is expected to provide the said equipment?
- (d) If not, why?

201/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the date Mr. Thilanga Sumathipala appointed as the President of Sri Lanka Cricket;
  - (ii) the date he resigned from the post;
  - (iii) the fraud and corrupt activities that had been revealed by the reports of Committee on Public Enterprises of the Parliament with regard to the period he served as the President of Sri Lanka Cricket;
  - (iv) the measures taken by the Ministry regarding the aforesaid fraud and corrupt activities?
- (b) If not, why?

270/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the name of the company that supplied tea to the army and the navy in 2020;
  - (ii) the price at which a kilo of tea was provided by the said company;
  - (iii) the names of the other institutions that submitted tenders for supplying tea to the army and the navy in 2020; and
  - (iv) the bids submitted by those institutions, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether a follow up is done regarding the quality of the tea supplied by the supplier mentioned in (a) (i) above;
  - (ii) if so, how often it is done; and
  - (iii) whether an assurance can be given regarding the quality of the tea supplied to the army and the navy?
- (c) If not, why?

540/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Dhamma schools in Anuradhapura district; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to further develop the aforesaid Dhamma schools?
- (b) If not, why?

586/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that estate hospitals operate in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the total number of estate hospitals situated in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names of the districts where those estate hospitals are situated;
  - (iii) the names of the estates where those estate hospitals are situated;
  - (iv) the number of doctors, nurses and attendants serving at each of the said estate hospitals, separately?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether estate hospitals have been taken over by the government in the recent past;
- (ii) if so, of the number of estate hospitals taken over by the government;
- (iii) the names of the districts where those estate hospitals are situated;
- (iv) whether action will be taken by the government to take over the estate hospitals that have not been taken over up to now?

(d) If not, why?

748/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of official Quarters in Field Crop Research and Development Institute, Mahailuppallama;
- (ii) separately, the number of official quarters which can be used and cannot be used;
- (iii) whether allocations have been made to repair the official Quarters which cannot be used; and
- (iv) the measures taken to repair aforesaid Quarters?

(b) If not, why?

754/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House the plans that have been prepared to promote the tourist industry in Batticaloa district?

(b) If not, why?

766/2020

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

(a) Is she aware that—

- (i) Dambadeniya Base Hospital is situated in Kurunegala district;
- (ii) a huge number of patients from adjoining areas come to aforesaid Hospital for treatments; and
- (iii) the hospital requires a main administration building?

(b) Will she inform this House whether steps will be taken to build aforesaid Administration building ?

(c) If not, why?

797/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Matale enjoyed a glorious prestige for Hockey; and
  - (ii) the pride that Matale enjoyed from Hockey has suffered a setback of some sort at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measure the Ministry intends to take in order to revive Hockey in the Matale area and give it back the pride it used to enjoy?
- (c) If not, why?

942/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the vocational training courses that are conducted at present at Sri Lanka College of Technology, Maradana; and
  - (ii) whether all the courses that are taught in Sinhala medium at the aforesaid College are taught in Tamil medium, too?
  - (iii) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) separately, the cadre strengths of the academic staff and the non-academic staff of the aforesaid College;
  - (ii) the steps that will be taken to fill the vacancies that are existing at the aforesaid college?
- (c) If not, why not?

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**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

71/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of local milk powder factories situated in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names and the addresses of the aforesaid factories;

(21)

- (iii) the quantity of production in the aforesaid factories in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to now, separately; and
- (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problems encountered by the local milk powder factories at present?

(b) If not, why?

243/2020

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

256/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of approved Prison Officers for the Department of Prisons at present;
  - (ii) the number of Prison officers attached to that department at present; and
  - (iii) the number of vacancies existing in the department at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry—
  - (i) to fill the vacancies existing in the department of prisons at present; and
  - (ii) to eliminate the misappropriations taking place in the prisons?
- (c) If not, why?

271/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of employees of the Employees' Trust Fund who participated in foreign trainings during the period from 23.01.2015 up to 31.10.2018;
  - (ii) the expenditure that was borne by the institution for the said trainings, separately for each employee;
  - (iii) whether a proper programme is implemented within the institution to utilize the knowledge of the employees who were trained abroad, as appropriate for Sri Lanka;
  - (iv) if so, the manner in which that programme is implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

618/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of students registered with the state universities in order to follow External Degree Courses since 2015 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether a decision has been taken to stop the registration of the students for External Degree Courses by now;
  - (ii) if so, the reasons for arriving at such a decision;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that the students who have already registered for External Degree Courses are severely inconvenienced due to aforesaid measures;
  - (iv) if so, the measures that have been taken to restart External Degree Courses immediately?
- (c) If not, why?

833/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of licensed liquor manufacturing plants being run in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names of those plants;
  - (iii) the addresses of the places where those manufacturing plants are run;

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) out of the liquor manufacturing plants mentioned in the (a)(i) above, are there any liquor manufacturing plants that have been closed down after 2015;
- (ii) if so, the names of those manufacturing plants;
- (iii) whether liquor manufacturing has been resumed in the liquor manufacturing plants which have been so closed;
- (iv) if so, the reasons that led to such resumption?

(c) If not, why?

872/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the approved cadre of teachers for government schools located in the Trincomalee District;
- (ii) the breakdown of the aforesaid number on per subject basis;
- (iii) the number of teachers currently working at the government schools located in the aforesaid district;
- (iv) the number of teacher vacancies that are existing in those schools at present separately on per subject basis; and
- (v) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

907/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the buildings of the Thalawa Bus Stand of Anuradhapura, are of a dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) the bus stand is in an improper condition for the use of passengers in a rainy day?

(b) Will he inform this House whether steps have been taken to repair the aforesaid Bus Stand?

(c) If not, why?

930/2020

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of expatriate Sri Lankan citizens who have applied to return to Sri Lanka by registering with the “Contact Sri Lanka Website” which is maintained by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
  - (ii) out of the above citizens, the number of citizens who have been brought to Sri Lanka by now in relation to each country, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the arrangement that has been planned to bring back the Sri Lankans who have applied to return to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) approximately the number that has been planned to bring back monthly; and
  - (iii) the timeframe within which all the expatriate Sri Lankan will be brought back?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures taken by the Sri Lankan Foreign Missions in each country in regard to the welfare of the special groups of persons such as patients, elderly persons, pregnant mothers, children and those who have lost their employment among these Sri Lankans, Separately?
- (d) If not, why?

973/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the Universities that offer courses on Medicine, Engineering, Hospitality Services, Tourism and Event Management among the Universities in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names of the Faculties and Campuses of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka;
  - (iii) the names of the Campuses of the above University that were established from 2015 to 2019; and
  - (iv) the number of students enrolled to those Campuses?



(25)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a campus of Hospitality Service, Tourism and Event Management would be established in the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether Pottuvil area, which is well known for the tourism industry, would be selected for that; and
- (iii) if so, the measures that would be taken to establish the above Campus in the Pottuvil area?

(c) If not, why?

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**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

72/2020

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Local Authority Members that participated in the international training programmes on solid waste management in each year during the period from the year 2010 up to now, separately;
- (ii) the name of each Local Authority Member along with the name of the relevant Local Authority, separately;
- (iii) the country and the city in which each of the aforesaid programmes was held along with the duration of each programme, separately;
- (iv) the amount spent for participating in each of the aforesaid programmes, separately; and
- (v) the names of the local authorities that implemented programmes related to solid waste management subsequent to the aforesaid programmes?

(b) If not, why ?

244/2020

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

260/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the names and qualifications of the current members of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex Authority separately?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that there has been a setback in the administration of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex in the past?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House the measures to be taken by the Ministry to regularize the administration of the Sugathadasa National Sports Complex?
- (d) If not, why?

323/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species found in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the phytoplankton and such other plant species out of them that have been included in the Red Data Book as a result of being endangered;
  - (iii) the endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species that have become extinct by now?

- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether a survey has been conducted recently regarding endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it was conducted;
  - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be conducted?
- (c) Will he further state—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken to protect endemic phytoplankton and such other plant species;
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are;
  - (iii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not, why?

619/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of subjects that have been currently recommended for external degree courses of Arts stream;
  - (ii) the names of aforesaid subjects;
  - (iii) whether the said subject streams have been reviewed; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which such review has been carried out?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the steps that are taken to produce external degree holders who can adopt themselves to the present job market and the global trends?
- (c) If not, why?

818/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the objective of the government is to encourage Local Industries in terms of “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor”, Policy statement?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the new industries commenced in 2020;
  - (ii) the new industries scheduled to be commenced in 2021 and the locations where they are to be established;
  - (iii) whether local and foreign investors have come forward to commence aforesaid industries; and
  - (iv) if so, whether steps have been taken to encourage aforesaid investors?
- (c) If not, why?

834/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the methodology adopted by the Ceylon Electricity Board in purchasing electricity from Solar power plants, Wind power plants and small hydro power plants, in relation to each type of purchase, separately;
  - (ii) the amount of money last paid for a unit of electricity for the above purchases of electricity, during the period when electricity was purchased at a stable price, in relation to each type of purchase, separately; and
  - (iii) the date on which the price mentioned in the (ii) above was determined?
- (b) If not, why?

851/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a type of moss known as Salvenia has grown in many of the major tanks in the Polonnaruwa district;
  - (ii) out of the above tanks, this moss has grown in the Thambala weva and Kadawala weva belonging to the Girithale Farmer colony in abundance;
  - (iii) owing to the growth of moss in these tanks, the retention capacity of water in them as well as the volume of water supplied to agriculture by them have become minimal;
  - (iv) there is a risk of Parakrama Samudra, which is located below Kadawala Weva being infested with the moss with seeds of the moss flowing down along with sluice water of Kadawala Weva as it overflows during the rainy season?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, whether steps would be taken to remove moss that has grown in the Thambala Weva and Kadawala Weva at present;
  - (ii) if so, When?
- (c) If not, why?

931/2020

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,
  - (i) the names of the companies that have been granted permission to provide flight facilities to bring back expatriate Sri Lankans workers to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the methodology adopted to select those companies;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that fees are charged unfairly by the above companies when expatriate Sri Lankans are flown to Sri Lanka;
  - (iv) if so, the steps to be taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the companies which have been granted permission to quarantine the expatriate Sri Lankan workers who return to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the methodology adopted to select those companies;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that fees are charged unfairly by those companies when quarantining the expatriate Sri Lankan workers who have returned to Sri Lanka;
  - (iv) if so, the steps to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

974/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that water is supplied to the houses in the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha area by the Pradeshiya Sabha in an irregular manner?
  - (b) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) the number of houses that does not have water and sewerage facilities in the Pottuvil Pradeshiya Sabha division;
    - (ii) whether there is an arrangement to provide those houses with water and sewerage facilities; and
    - (iii) if so, the measures that would be taken in that regard?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, May 04, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

33/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the measures that have been taken by the government to conserve the Kooragala archeological site by now?
- (b) If not, why?

140/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a programme to give jobs to members of low-income families is in operation under the manifesto “Vision Towards Prosperity”?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of jobs that have been given under this programme;
  - (ii) the names of the recipients of the jobs concerned; and
  - (iii) what measures will be taken by the Ministry to expand this programme further?
- (c) If not, why?

234/2020

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

321/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money allocated to develop table tennis in Sri Lanka in 2019;

(31)

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

489/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
  - (i) the number of National Schools located in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kurunegala district; and
  - (ii) the names of those National Schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of National Schools in the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the district that have minimum numbers of National Schools?
- (c) If not, why?

565/2020

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

- (a) Will she admit that a tremendous service is rendered by the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) the number of wards in that hospital; and
  - (ii) the number of beds in that hospital?

- (c) Will she also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Kurunegala hospital possesses necessary facilities to provide an adequate service to the patients who come to get treatments; and
  - (ii) if not, the steps that will be taken to improve those shortcomings?
- (d) If not, why?

593/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the coast along the Oluvil area will be subjected to massive coastal erosion after the construction of the Oluvil Harbour?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the measures that have been taken with regard to the aforesaid coastal erosion;
  - (ii) the reasons for taking temporary measures such as depositing sand along the beach to prevent this situation;
  - (iii) whether permanent measures will be taken in future to prevent coastal erosion in this area; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which such measures will be taken?
- (c) Is he aware that the Ports Authority has not awarded alternative lands to those who have lost their lands due to the construction of the aforesaid harbour?
- (d) If so, will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the date on which alternative lands will be awarded to those who have lost their lands;
  - (ii) the date on which compensation will be paid to those persons;
  - (iii) the manner in which the mistake that was made by awarding 20 perches to each person when awarding alternative lands will be corrected; and
  - (iv) the manner in which the promise that was given to set aside lands for public purposes in the Oluvil Qatar Housing Scheme constructed by the Ports Authority will be fulfilled?
- (d) If not, why?



598/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that the Welane Regional Hospital is located in the Welane Divisional Secretariat Division of Jaffna district?
- (b) Will she admit that people residing in the said area immensely suffer due to not permanently appointing a doctor to the aforesaid hospital?
- (c) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) the approved cadre of the said hospital;
  - (ii) the reasons for not hitherto appointing a permanent doctor to the aforesaid hospital; and
  - (iii) the date on which the current cadre vacancies of the Welane Regional Hospital will be filled with a view to providing an optimum service to the people?
- (d) If not, why?

611/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) there was a fertile coconut land with an extent of around 85 acres known as “Mahanugalanda Watta” in Kuliyaipitiya area in the Kurunegala District;
  - (ii) it belonged to the Department of Trustee;
  - (iii) it was governed by a trust; and
  - (iv) this land has been given to a company known as Western Auto Mobile to start a factory to manufacture to Volks Wagon cars?
- (b) Will he inform this House the basis on which this land has been given to the above mentioned company and the period for which it has been given?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number of coconut trees that were cut down and removed from this land; and
  - (ii) the basis on which those coconut trees have been sold?
- (d) If not why?

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
    - (i) the number of doctors who are serving at the hospitals in the Batticaloa district at present is about ten percent lower than the required number; and
    - (ii) there also exists a shortage of specialist doctors at the hospitals in the Batticaloa district?
  - (b) Will she inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies for doctors existing at the aforesaid hospitals?
  - (c) If not, why?
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