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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

29/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the monthly allowance paid to the senior citizens who have completed 70 years of age, is Rs. 2000/-;
 - (ii) a sum of Rs. 100/- is withheld out of the allowance so paid, from January 2016;
 - (iii) the senior citizens object to money being withheld in this manner; and
 - (iv) the amount so withheld is deposited in an account known as Social Security Fund?
- (b) Will she state—
 - (i) the total amount that has been withheld up to now;
 - (ii) the measures taken for the benefit of the senior citizens by utilizing the funds so withheld; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to suspend the withholding of Rs. 100/- each?
- (c) If not, why?

136/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Power,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of power breakdowns, occurred in Sri Lanka, since 2010 to date;
 - (ii) the dates of aforesaid power breakdowns;

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- (iii) the number of committees appointed followed by aforesaid breakdowns;
- (iv) the recommendations made by aforesaid committees; and
- (v) the arrangement that the Ministry possesses to ensure 24 hour uninterrupted power supply to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

324/2020

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of endemic fern species inherent to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) out of the above number, the fern species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction; and
- (iii) the endemic fern species that have become extinct by now?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic fern species;
- (ii) if so, what that date is; and
- (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic fern species;
- (ii) if so, what the said measures are; and
- (iii) if not, what the reasons are?

(d) If not, why?

654/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the government has taken a decision on granting permission for chena cultivation in the lands owned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation under the approval of the relevant District Secretary?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House, in hectares—
 - (i) if so, the extent of land, covered from the decision, that are owned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) the extent of land that has been granted permission for chena cultivation out of the aforesaid extent of land; and
 - (iii) the extent of residual lands that will be cleared due to this decision?
- (c) If not, why?

758/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tanks and Anicuts, coming under the Minor irrigations in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the areas where aforesaid Tanks and Anicuts are located;
 - (iii) the area where the most number of Tanks and Anicuts are located out of them; and
 - (iv) separately, the capacity of aforesaid Tanks and Anicuts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of such Tanks and Anicuts in the district, renovated since 2015 to date;
 - (ii) the number of Tanks and Anicuts identified to be renovated;
 - (iii) the number of Tanks and Anicuts that were renovated in 2020; and
 - (iv) the names of aforesaid Tanks and Anicuts?
- (c) If not, why?

847/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— 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 number of families affected due to natural disasters that occurred in Sri Lanka after the year 2016;
 - (ii) of them, the number of families that has been granted disaster compensation provided by the government;
 - (iii) the number of families which has not been paid compensation thus; and
 - (iv) the further period of time to be taken to pay disaster compensation for families who have not been granted disaster compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

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853/2020

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse,— 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 number of persons in Sri Lanka who hold the Field Marshal position at present; and
 - (ii) separately, the names of the persons and their dates of retirement?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, the salaries and allowances paid, number of staff members assigned, number of official vehicles provided, official quarters and other grants given to each Field Marshal?
- (c) If not, why?

939/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there exist volunteer welfare societies that are registered with the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid Department has sent letters to those registered welfare societies stating that the registration of those societies has been cancelled?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the basis of cancelling the registration of those welfare societies that had been officially registered with the aforesaid Department?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

35/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to Lankaputhra Development Bank Ltd. from the date of its establishment up to now—
 - (i) the total capital invested;
 - (ii) the amount of reserves;
 - (iii) income received on shares;

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- (iv) income received on assets;
- (v) the total number of employees;
- (vi) the amount spent per employee;
- (vii) non recurrent expenditure;
- (viii) the amount paid to the government as taxes; and
- (ix) profit or loss;

on a per year basis, separately?

(b) If not, why ?

139/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a programme to give jobs to unemployed graduates is in operation under the manifesto “Vision Towards Prosperity”?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology followed in respect of giving jobs to unemployed graduates;
 - (ii) the names of the graduates who have been given jobs under the programme concerned;
 - (iii) their places of work; and
 - (iv) the nature of their duties?
- (c) If not, why?

170/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it had been proposed to implement a electric mono-rail project from Malabe to Colombo-Fort; and
 - (ii) the soil inspection and surveying activities related to land acquisition have been carried out with pertinence to the said project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this project will be further implemented; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that are expected to be taken in relation to this project in future?
- (c) If not, why?

325/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic reptile and snake species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the reptile and snake species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction;
 - (iii) the endemic reptile and snake species that have become extinct by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic reptile and snake species;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is;
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic reptile and snake species;
 - (ii) if so, what the said measures are;
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) If not, why?

416/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House with respect to the years 2018 and 2019—
 - (i) the amount of ethanol imported to Sri Lanka, in litres;
 - (ii) the amount of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka, in litres;
 - (iii) the selling price of a litre of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka in the year 2020, in litres;
 - (ii) the selling price of a litre of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka in 2020?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a difference between the prices at which a litre of ethanol produced in Sri Lanka was sold in the years 2018-2019 and 2020; and
 - (ii) if so, what that difference is?
- (d) If not, why?

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643/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons that contribute towards the delay in the construction activities of the Thalpitigala Reservoir Project;
 - (ii) the current progress of the Kumbukkan Oya Reservoir project, for which the foundation stone has been laid in the year 2015; and
 - (iii) the current progress of the Heda Oya Reservoir Project; of the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

648/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tourists who visited Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2018;
 - (ii) that number in relation to each country, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange earned by Sri Lanka from those tourists in each of the above years, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tourist Resorts run by the Tourism Promotion Bureau of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations; and
 - (iii) the number of employees attached to those Tourist Resorts?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether new Tourist Resorts have been started by the Tourism Promotion Bureau of Sri Lanka in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, what their names are?
- (d) If not, why?

656/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is some problematic situation as the rural bank that is operated by Habaraduwa Multi Purposes Cooperative Society Ltd., has not paid back the money deposited at the bank to the depositors?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been defrauded from this bank;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been paid back to its depositors;
 - (iii) the amount of money that remains further to be paid to the depositors; and
 - (iv) the date on which the remaining amounts will be paid back to the depositors?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the chairpersons and members of the boards of directors of the aforesaid bank during the periods when the scam was committed; and
 - (ii) the legal action that has been taken against those chairpersons and board members?
- (d) If not, why?

780/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that houses were provided to homeless people under the housing project that was operative in Vavuniya district under the then Ministry of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries that were identified in the year 2019 to be provided with houses from among the 42 Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Divisional Secretariat Division of Vavuniya;
 - (ii) the number of houses provided to each of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Division up to now, separately; and
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid beneficiaries of houses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the basis on which houses are allocated to each Grama Niladhari Division;
 - (ii) the factors that were used as a basis when allocating houses to the original inhabitants of Kallikulum Grama Niladhari Division and to those that were settled there later;
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to solve the problems that have arisen when allocating the aforesaid houses; and
 - (iv) the date on which houses will be provided to the persons who have not received houses yet?
- (d) If not, why?

861/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) acquiring of lands in the villages of Pallimunei and Parappankandal situated in the Mannar Divisional Secretariat Division and in Wankalei situated in the Nanattan Divisional Secretariat Division by the Department of Wildlife Conservation has caused people in the said areas immense difficulties;
 - (ii) the Director General of Wildlife had visited the said villages in year 2019 and had pledged to solve the issue; and
 - (iii) however, the land issue of the people in the aforesaid villages is yet to be addressed ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to solve the issue;
 - (ii) if so, the time that will take; and
 - (iii) the date on which, the programme to address the issue will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, May 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

38/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the fuel filling stations that existed in the Northern Province before the commencement of the civil war in the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of filling stations;
 - (ii) the addresses of the places in which they were situated
 - (iii) the names of the owners of the aforesaid filling stations
 - (iv) the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid filling stations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the ownership of the aforesaid filling stations was changed due to the fact that the owners referred to in (a) (iii) above were killed, went on missing or died during the period in which the civil war existed in the Northern Province?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House in regard to the persons that obtained the new ownership of the aforesaid filling stations—
 - (i) the number of owners;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) their addresses;
 - (iv) the relationship of the subsequent owner to the original owner, if there is any?
- (d) If not, why?

258/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sports courses conducted by the National Academy of Sports;
 - (ii) the names of those courses;
 - (iii) the number of students who follow each such course at present, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to enhance the quality of the courses conducted by the National Sports Academy?
- (b) If not, why?

326/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of endemic amphibian species inherent to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the above number, the amphibian species that have been included to the red list of threatened species due to the threat of extinction; and
 - (iii) the endemic amphibian species that have become extinct by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been recently conducted on the endemic amphibian species;
 - (ii) if so, what that date is; and
 - (iii) if not, whether such a survey will be carried out?

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- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to protect the endemic amphibian species;
 - (ii) if so, what the said measures are; and
 - (iii) if not, what the reasons are?
- (d) If not, why?

604/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in acres—
 - (i) the total extent of land that belong to the Field Crop Research and Development Institute located in Mahailuppallama;
 - (ii) out of that extent of land, the extent that has been reserved for the Seed Production Centre;
 - (iii) the extent of land that has been reserved for the Field Research Centre;
 - (iv) the extent of land that has been reserved for the Farm Mechanical Centre; and
 - (v) the extent of land that is not used for cultivation purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the measures to be taken to utilize the extent of land which is not used for cultivations at present, for cultivation purposes?
- (c) If not, why?

772/2020

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that admission to the grade one of the national schools in Colombo Municipal region has become a competition for underprivileged urban children?
- (b) If so, will he state in respect of the national schools within the Colombo Municipality of the—
 - (i) names;
 - (ii) names of schools categorized as religious and non-religious;
 - (iii) number of schools by language of study and number of classes allotted for Sinhala and Tamil medium;
 - (iv) number of students in Tamil medium classes from grade 1 to 5 in the tri-lingual national schools; and
 - (v) number of students admitted to each school by language of study, ethnicity and religion?

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- (c) Will he also state whether the government—
 - (i) is satisfied with the current process of admission for grade one; and
 - (ii) accommodates more students from various ethnic, religious and social backgrounds by allocating special quota for the students of the parents living in the proximity to the schools for generations?
- (d) If not, why?

774/2020

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools experiencing shortage of teachers and those lacking drinking water facilities, laboratories, libraries and sports facilities out of the schools belonging to both the Central Government and the Provincial Council situated within the Polonnaruwa District, separately in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of such schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government will take steps to develop schools within this district which have the above-mentioned deficiencies; and
 - (ii) if so, how long it will take to adopt such steps?
- (c) If not, why?

781/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the types of vehicles received and purchased from different countries and institutions to the then Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs for rehabilitation and resettlement activities during the period from 2005 up to 2015 along with registered numbers of the aforesaid vehicles and the names of the government and non-governmental institutions for whose use they had been handed over, separately;
 - (ii) the present condition of those vehicles;
 - (iii) the institutions that use those vehicles at present; and
 - (iv) the Ministry and the relevant section of that Ministry that used the tractor bearing the registered number WP RB-2639, which is kept at Thaleimannar Police station presently?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) The types of vehicles that were used in the Manik Farm Transition Camp during the period from 2009 up to 2012 along with their registered numbers; and
 - (ii) the name of the institution that use the aforesaid vehicles at present along with the place in which the vehicles are used?
- (c) If not, why?

854/2020

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the land located at the Kirimandala Mawatha, Colombo 05 in which the Asiri Surgical Hospital Limited functions, has been a land belonging to the government, prior to the construction of the said hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which the said land has been granted for the construction of the above hospital;
 - (ii) whether a certified copy of the agreement entered into, with relevance to the transfer of the said land for the construction of the above mentioned hospital, will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

862/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Department of Wildlife Conservation is obstructing the renovation of tanks and clearing of lands owned by farmers in the districts of Vavuniya, Mulaitivu and Mannar Districts;
 - (ii) whereas two years have passed after a request was made in writing from the Director General of Forest Conservation to allocate the 20 acre land situated near Kayakkuli village of Musali Divisional Secretariat, to resettle the people who had come to Sri Lanka from India, as per the decision of the Mannar District Development Coordinating Committee and the request is yet to be fulfilled?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to allocate the said land for the aforesaid purpose?
- (c) If not, why ?

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the total amount of money spent on state universities and non - state universities in the year 2019;
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total value of the world bank loan taken for higher education under the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Operation (AHEAD) Project;
 - (ii) the percentage of the government expenditure spent on higher education through world bank loans;
 - (iii) the percentage of the loans allocated to the Private Higher Education Institutes accredited by the University Grants Commission; and
 - (iv) the number of the employees of the state higher education sector attached to the Ministry of Education to work under the said project on secondment basis?
 - (c) If not, why?
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