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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

44/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an institution named Hadabima Authority under the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) if so, the main functions of the said institution;
 - (iii) the name and address of the building in which the Head Office of the said institution is located;
 - (iv) the annual and monthly rent paid for this building; and
 - (v) the arrangement that the Ministry has to establish the said institution in the same building in which the Ministry of Agriculture has been established?
- (b) If not, why?

144/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a forecast on the electricity demand of Sri Lanka for the next 5 years;
 - (ii) if so, whether information about the electricity demand of Sri Lanka for the next 5 years will be submitted; and
 - (iii) the details of the generation plan lined up to be implemented within the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

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175/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sum of Rs. 95 Crores deposited by 115,000 depositors in 24 Rural Banks governed by the Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society of Hewagam Korala East in Awissawella, have not been refunded to them since 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to refund those deposits to the relevant depositors; and
 - (ii) the time needed to refund those deposits to the relevant depositors?
- (c) If not, why?

237/2020

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

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

269/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in which Budget provisions had been allocated for the Programme to Give Tablet Computers (Tabs) to Students who Follow the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) at Government Schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount allocated for that Programme;
 - (iii) whether tenders had been called for implementing that Programme;
 - (iv) if so, what institutions had submitted tenders;
 - (v) the name of the institution that was selected from among the institutions referred to above for implementing the Programme;
 - (vi) the specifications or criteria that were put forth in calling tenders;
 - (vii) whether the tabs concerned have been purchased by now; and

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(viii) the expected date by which tabs will have been distributed among all the Students who follow the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) at Government Schools in Sri Lanka and all the teachers who teach at Advanced Level classes at government schools?

(b) If not, why?

534/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of outlets of the Lanka Sathosa Limited in the Anuradhapura district; and

(ii) the addresses of the locations of those outlets?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the Ministry to further expand the Lanka Sathosa Limited outlets network in Anuradhapura district?

(c) If not, why?

585/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) a large number of tea estates owned by the Janatha Estate Development Board are situated within the Central Province;

(ii) they have been incurring losses over a long period of time; and

(iii) workers who had retired after serving in those estates have not been provided the gratuity and the benefits of the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of tea estates owned by the Janatha Estate Development Board situated within the Central Province; and

(ii) the names of those estates and the districts they are situated in?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of tea factories situated in the estates mentioned in (b) (i) above;

(ii) the number of tea factories operational at present out of the said number;

(iii) the number of tea factories leased to external parties out of the aforesaid factories and the names of those factories;

(iv) the number of tea factories closed down by now out of the aforesaid factories; and

(v) whether steps will be taken to reopen those factories?

(d) If not, why?

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658/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the railway stations in Sri Lanka should be developed systematically?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount allocated for the development of the Alawwa railway station; and
 - (ii) the institution which carries out development activities thereof?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that development activities of the Alawwa railway station have been delayed for years; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to expedite the said development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

666/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that it was an ancient building that had situated in the heart of Kurunegala town that was destroyed by the Mayor of Kurunegala in an arbitrary manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether excavation in the site where that building was located has been commenced by the Department of Archaeology by now;
 - (ii) the period to which the destroyed building belonged;
 - (iii) the historic value of that building;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to rehabilitate and conserve the said building;
 - (v) the cost of rehabilitating that building; and
 - (vi) the fund out of which the said amount is expected to be spent?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of outlets opened by Lanka Sathosa Limited;
 - (ii) separately, the number of outlets that incur profits and losses annually;
 - (iii) the measures taken to convert the outlets that incur losses profitable;
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to close down the outlets that incur losses;
 - (v) if so, the reason is; and
 - (vi) the procedure followed by Lanka Sathosa Limited when opening new outlets?
- (b) If not, why?

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,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to Shangri-la Hotels Lanka (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/18 of 18th December 2020, which was presented on 23.02.2021, 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,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to Sinolanka Hotels & Spa (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/19 of 18th December 2020, which was presented on 23.02.2021, 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 Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/7 of 17th November 2020, which were presented on 23.02.2021, 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,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas provisions have been made under Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994, to appoint a Director-General to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for assisting the functions carrying out by the Commission and to pay a salary as determined by the Parliament to the person who holds that post;

And whereas, the salary and allowances of the post previously held by Mrs. A. A. P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel who was appointed to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in the year 2015 and Mr. Sarath Jayamanna, President's Counsel who was appointed to the same post in the year 2016, are higher than the salaries and allowances received after their appointment as Director-General, action has been taken to revise the salaries and allowances to be paid to those officers as per the Cabinet Decision No. අමස/16/0947/702/040 dated 14.06.2016;

And whereas, as per the Cabinet Decision No. අමස/20/0443/201/012 and dated 19.02.2020 with regard to the Cabinet Memorandum dated 18.02.2020 submitted by the President to the Cabinet of Ministers, Mr. W. K. Damith Wijeratne who served as a High Court Judge, has been appointed to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption with effect from 21.01.2020;

And whereas, the salary payable to Mr. W. K. Damith Wijeratne after his appointment to the present post is being quite lower than the salary and allowances of the previous post;

And whereas he has been appointed to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, while considering his educational background and professionalism, following the requirement of the government, approval has been granted by the Cabinet decision dated 19.02.2020 to pay him the salary and allowances relating to his previous post as High Court Judge, being personal to him, from 30.01.2020, according to the prior precedents:—

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- (a) to pay the monthly salary and all allowances entitled to the post of High Court Judge in the same manner, from 30.01.2020; and
- (b) not to pay relevant allowances, if he uses the official residence and official vehicle in respect of the current post;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances be paid to Mr. W. K. Damith Wijeratne, Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund, in terms of Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

** Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

45/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— 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) whether there are any payments due from public institutions to Sri Lanka Air Force for providing air travel services;
 - (ii) if so, whether the name of each such public institution, the amount due and the period for which such amount has been in arrears would be submitted; and
 - (iii) the measures taken by Sri Lanka Air Force to recover those dues?
- (b) If not, why?

194/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of new members appointed to the National Sports Council;
 - (ii) their names and qualifications, separately; and
 - (iii) the service expected from them for the development of sports?
- (b) If not, why?

238/2020

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

351/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) importation of competitive products has a negative impact on local manufacturers; and
 - (ii) thus, they are facing immense difficulties when selling their products?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a mechanism is in place to give priority to local manufacturers when obtaining goods for Co-operative Wholesale Establishment;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid mechanism is;
 - (iii) if not, whether a mechanism be prepared; and
 - (iv) if so, how the mechanism will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

589/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mahayiyawa village where the labourers serving at Kandy Municipal Council reside is situated within the area of Kandy Municipal Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of houses constructed when that village was created;
 - (ii) the number of families settled there at that time;

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- (iii) the number of houses in that village with registration numbers and electricity facility by now; and
- (iv) the number of families residing in those houses?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a new housing scheme was planned for Mahayiyawa village in the recent past;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will provide details about the said housing scheme; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to implement the said scheme?
- (d) If not, why?

667/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the road towards Gongala by Hayes Tea Factory on A-17 road is developed by the Road Development Authority;
 - (ii) whether that road belongs to the Road Development Authority;
 - (iii) the amount spent on development of that road; and
 - (iv) the reason for giving priority to the development of that road?
- (b) If not, why?

865/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the State Engineering Corporation has an approved cadre;
 - (ii) if so, what that number is;
 - (iii) that number as permanent and casual employees;
 - (iv) the number of permanent and casual employees in the corporation in 2015; and
 - (v) the number of permanent, casual and contract employees that has been recruited from 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees of the corporation who had been released to the other Ministries from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) whether the salaries paid to them had been reimbursed from the relevant ministries?

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- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that 98 employees who had been recruited to that institution had been released to other ministries targeting the 2015 election;
 - (ii) if so, the value of the salaries and allowances that had been paid to them;
 - (iii) whether those funds have been recovered; and
 - (iv) the steps taken against the officers who had made arrangements to release those employees?
- (d) If not, why?

1020/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Ministers in charge of the then Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Consumer Affairs from the years 2015-2019; and
 - (ii) the institutions belonged to the said Ministry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the methods adopted during the period referred to in (a) (i) above, in importing or purchasing locally, the stocks of goods required for outlets run by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment, Lanka Sathosa Limited and Cooperative Societies;
 - (ii) whether transparent procedures had been adopted in importing or purchasing locally, the stocks of goods for the above institution;
 - (iii) if not, whether any irregularities had taken place; and
 - (iv) if so, whether a comprehensive audit is conducted in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Wednesday, March 10, 2021)

1354/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the number of persons employed at the Prime Minister's Secretariat and on the personal staff of the Prime Minister;

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- (ii) their numbers divided as executive and other grades; and
 - (iii) the salaries, allowances and other perks given to each such employee, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1355/2020

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

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

Friday, March 12, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

46/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a programme has been launched to provide electricity to low income families in Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) the number of families provided with electricity under this programme from the date that the former Good Governance government came to power up to now, separately per Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iii) the methodology followed in selecting those families?
- (b) If not, why?

176/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the construction work of the Marine Drive, which is constructed as a measure to minimizing the massive traffic congestion prevailing on the Galle road from Colombo to Moratuwa, has been done only up to Wasala road- Dehiwala; and
 - (ii) the construction work of that project is moving very slowly?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total estimated cost of that project;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that obtained the contract of that project; and
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of that project is expected to be completed?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money paid as compensation to the people who lose their property owing to that project; and
 - (ii) if more compensation is to be paid, the dates on which such compensation would be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

195/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a wind power plant is situated in Norochcholai?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of electricity units generated by that power plant;
 - (ii) the date on which the transformer of that power plant stopped working and the date on which it was repaired, separately; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to further develop the said power plant?
- (c) If not, why?

239/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019 of—
 - (i) the quantity of garlic imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those garlic were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those garlic?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing garlic into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

352/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) permits are issued for hotels and restaurants to sell liquor with the objective of promoting tourism industry; and
 - (ii) permits have also been issued for hotels and restaurants situated in areas that are not frequented by tourists?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of permits issued in the years of 2018 and 2019 for hotels and restaurants to sell alcohol; and
 - (ii) the areas where the hotels and restaurants that permits have been issued are situated at?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether the method of issuing permits to sell liquor be changed since the increasing number of places that sell liquor throughout Sri Lanka in the guise of promoting tourism industry can result in an increase in liquor consumption as well?
- (d) If not, why?

535/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the paddy harvest of each season in the Anuradhapura district from 2015, up to now; and
 - (ii) out of that harvest, the quantity of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in each season?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the Ministry for more quantity of the paddy harvest of the farmers in the Anuradhapura district to be purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in future?
- (c) If not, why?

605/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether chemical fertilizer will be provided free of charge for cultivations in the Maha season 2020/2021 in accordance with the “Vistas of Prosperity” policy statement of the government;
 - (ii) if so, whether fertilizer will be provided for the entire extents of land that will be cultivated;
 - (iii) whether fertilizer will be provided to the entire extent of land that will be cultivated with paddy;
 - (iv) if so, of the amounts of each type of fertilizer that will be provided per acre of paddy cultivation separately; and
 - (v) of the amount of fertilizer that will be provided per acre for cultivating additional crops;
- (b) If not, why?

659/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kurunegala is one of the major towns in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) that town should be systematically developed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a plan has been formulated as of now for the development of the Kurunegala town;
 - (ii) if so, whether a programme has been devised for securing funds required for the implementation of the plan;
 - (iii) if so, what such funding sources are; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to expedite the activities for the development of the Kurunegala town?
- (c) If not, why?

723/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) lack of a fire service unit in Mannar and Mullativu districts to date causes damages to property and lives in the event of unforeseen fires;
 - (ii) despite the pledges made to provide fire service units to Mannar Municipal Council and Mullativu Karaithuraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha, no fire service unit has been provided so far; and
 - (iii) in case of a fire emergency in the Mannar and Mullativu districts, a fire engine has to arrive all the way from Vavuniya, which takes about one and a half hours?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which fire service units will be provided to the districts of Mannar and Mullativu?
- (c) If not, why?

859/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken by the government to develop the modes of transport such as buses, trains and three wheelers under the programme to strengthen the public transport system of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of SLTB buses and private buses that are required to strengthen the present transport system in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that vacancies exist in the positions of bus drivers and conductors in the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of vacancies in the said positions separately; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of buses that have been deployed by the Thalangama depot for transport purposes;
 - (ii) whether the depot is equipped with a sufficient staff including the required number of bus drivers and conductors;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid numbers separately; and
 - (iv) if not, the manner in which the transport activities are carried out?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, March 12, 2021)

1361/2020

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of permits that have been issued by now for sand mining from rivers and sand deposits located in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the sand mining sites to which the aforesaid licenses have been issued;
 - (iii) separately of the year in which each of the aforesaid licenses were issued and the name of the licensee; and
 - (iv) separately, of the quantity of sand that was extracted by each of the aforesaid licensees from the aforesaid sites in years 2019 and 2020?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

25/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages withdrawn from running from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the railway carriages so withdrawn, the number of railway carriages repaired and added to service again;
 - (iii) the name of the institution which repaired the said carriages;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and
 - (v) the programme of the Ministry to add other railway carriages withdrawn from running, back to service?
- (b) If not, why?

171/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the development work of the Low-Level Road from Ambathale to Orugodawatta has not been completed; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for the delay in developing that part of the road?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the extent of development work that has been done and the extent remains for completion;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have received compensation out of those whose property is lost on account of this road development project and the amount so given; and
 - (iii) if there are any more still to be paid, the number of such persons, the compensation to be paid and the date on which such compensation is expected to be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

181/2020

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

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

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) is he aware that the Police and the Navy wield undue influence on them;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken not to wield such influences on the children?
- (d) If not, why?

196/2020

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

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

240/2020

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

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

263/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) crops in Matara district were damaged in the Maha season of 2018-2019 as a result of floods;
 - (ii) compensation for that has not been paid up to now; and
 - (iii) the farmers have been experiencing hardship as a result of that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of cultivated lands damaged in Matara district during the said season; and
 - (ii) the number of farmers entitled for compensations?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not paying compensation up to now; and
 - (ii) the date by which action will be taken to pay the said compensation?
- (d) If not, why?

431/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Central Express Way of Sri Lanka is being constructed presently;
 - (ii) a portion of the aforesaid express way is constructed via Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Alawa and Narammala?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land acquired from the families living in the aforesaid areas to construct the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether a reasonable amount of compensation has been granted for the aforesaid acquisition of land; and
 - (iii) if not, the programme that has been planned to grant a reasonable amount of compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

457/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) no suitable place is available to conduct a maternity clinic in the area of the family health officer of Galkiriyagama in the Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the aforesaid clinic is being conducted at present in a small room in the aforesaid Medical Health Officer's Office, which does not have any facilities; and
 - (iii) pregnant mothers have been inconvenienced as a result of it?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the courses of action that will be taken to solve this problem; and
 - (ii) the date on which a maternity clinic will be provided for Medical Health Officer's Division of Galkiriyagama?
- (c) If not, why?

536/2020

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

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

720/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that paying the revised salary which was to be increased with effect from 01.01.2020 for pensioners who have been sent on retirement after the year 2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the revised salary scheduled to be increased will be paid out from the Vote on Account for 2020;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which this salary is expected to be paid;
 - (iii) whether the salary arrears payable for the period since 01.01.2020 are also expected to be paid to them; and
 - (iv) the number of pensioners to whom the revised salary is payable?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

47/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of wine stores in Sri Lanka at present?

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

177/2020

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

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

197/2020

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

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

241/2020

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

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

353/2020

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

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

537/2020

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

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

553/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the total extent of national highways, provincial roads and rural roads located in Kurunegala District on Divisional Secretariat Divisions basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, out of the aforesaid extents of roads,—
 - (i) the extent of roads that have been carpeted;
 - (ii) the extent of roads that have been tarred; and
 - (iii) the extent of roads that have neither been tarred nor carpeted?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the breakdown of the aforesaid extent of rural roads in (a) above, on local government institute basis; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to rehabilitate these rural roads?
- (d) If not, why?

595/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the details of the approved cadre of the Delft Hospital, which is the only hospital situated on the Delft Island in the Jaffna District;
 - (ii) the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor to that hospital for the past eight years;
 - (iii) the difficulties faced by the people who live in the Delft Island as a result of not appointing a doctor; and
 - (iv) the date on which the staff vacancies existing in the Delft Hospital will be filled for the purpose of providing the people living on the Delft Island with an excellent healthcare service?
- (b) If not, why?

609/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the progress of the investigation that has been carried out by an official of the Ministry into the unavailability of information in the Department of National Archives about the heroes from Hambantota area who led the Uva-Wellassa uprising in 1818 and 1819; and
 - (ii) whether information has been received that the aforesaid heroes have been named as traitors?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware, that the letter dated 14.01.2020 that was sent by the then Additional Secretary to the Ministry of National Heritage to the Additional Secretary (Legal) of the Ministry of Justice states, that the District Secretary of the Hambantota District has proposed that it would be appropriate to declare those heroes as National Heroes; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

660/2020

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

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

Thursday, March 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

48/2020

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

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

198/2020

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

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

300/2020

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

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

354/2020

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

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

458/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Bulnewa-Polpithigama road is the shortest route to reach Kurunegala from Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the portion of the aforesaid road from Thalawa junction up to Polpithigama is in a dilapidated condition at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is expected to develop this portion of road;
 - (ii) if so, the action that has been taken in that regard; and
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid development activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

538/2020

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

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

601/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Central Expressway project—
 - (i) the current progress of the project;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on the project by now;
 - (iii) the balance amount of money that should be spent in order to complete the project;
 - (iv) the date that had been proposed to complete the project; and
 - (v) the projected date by which the project could be completed owing to the malpractices/delays occurred in the time of the previous government?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the companies with which the construction of the project had been entrusted with; and
 - (ii) whether the constructions will be reassigned with the companies which delayed the construction?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the area where the last highway entrance nearest to the Kandy city, is situated;
 - (ii) whether convenient Expressway entrances will be set up for the benefit of the people of Kandy, since it takes 30 to 45 minutes to enter the Expressway through Kandy – Galagedara road, due to high traffic congestion; and
 - (iii) if so, the areas where aforesaid Expressway entrances will be set up?
- (d) If not, why ?

661/2020

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

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

670/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks and canals to be constructed under the Lower Uma Oya Irrigation Project which is now being constructed;
 - (ii) the number of tanks fed by the said project;
 - (iii) separately, the extent of high lands and paddy lands that can be irrigated by the said project;

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- (iv) the amount of money to be spent on the construction of the said project;
 - (v) the funds from the said amount is sourced; and
 - (vi) the date on which the said project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

870/2020

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

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

Friday, March 26, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

67/2020

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

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

199/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministries and State Ministries existing at present; and
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Ministries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid Cabinet Ministries and State Ministries, of number of those that are housed in private buildings;
 - (ii) the names of those ministries; and
 - (iii) the amount of the monthly rental paid to those buildings?
- (c) Will he state the nature of the steps that will be taken to shift the ministries that are housed in private buildings to state-owned buildings?
- (d) If not, why?

242/2020

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

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

355/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the quality of the water of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that provide drinking water has deteriorated; and
 - (ii) aforesaid water is unsuitable for human consumption as it contains toxic substances including E-coli ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that are used to obtain drinking water;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to improve the quality of the water of the aforesaid tanks; and
 - (iii) if so, those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

519/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local fishermen face number of difficulties not being able to operate large fishing trawlers except for usual trawlers, as the entrance to the Valachchenai Fisheries Harbour is not sufficiently wide and deep; and
 - (ii) it is required to widen the Harbour?
- (b) Will he inform this House, the measures taken to widen aforesaid Harbour?
- (c) If not, why?

543/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that employees were recruited to the non-academic staff of the national schools in Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2015 to 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the job titles for which employees were recruited in each of the aforesaid national schools; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of employees recruited to each of the aforesaid national schools?
- (c) If not, why?

671/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to how the money to be spent on the proposed remaining work of the Bingiriya, Kiniyama Irrigation Project of which the construction was recently commenced will be sourced;

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- (ii) the amount of money to be spent on the proposed remaining work components;
 - (iii) the time to be taken for the proposed remaining work components; and
 - (iv) the number of tanks to be fed by the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

757/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of Polonnaruwa district—
- (i) whether a study has been conducted with regard to the movements of Wild Elephants;
 - (ii) separately, of the National Parks and the Forest Reservations where the Wild Elephants frequently move;
 - (iii) the locations of the Elephant Corridors, if there is any; and
 - (iv) the villages or human dwellings that blocks the Elephant Corridors?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
- (i) as per the Divisional Secretariat Divisions, the number of people and the Elephants died;
 - (ii) as per each year, the number of Houses damaged; and
 - (iii) as per individuals, the compensation granted for the deaths and for the people who lost properties by reason of Human-Elephant conflicts, from 2015 to September 2020?
- (c) Will he further inform this House, the new measures that have been taken to control the Human-Elephant conflict of the district?
- (d) If not why?

803/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Wattakkachchi central college in Karachchci Divisional Secretariat Division of the district of Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) the foundation stone has been laid to construct a new auditorium for the above school in 2017; and
 - (iii) the construction activities of the auditorium have been suspended due to not releasing the funds allocated for this purpose?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the ministry which has allocated funds for the construction of the above mentioned auditorium; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not releasing the funds allocated for the same?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money needed to complete the construction of the above mentioned auditorium;
 - (ii) the date on which allocations will be made for this purpose; and
 - (iii) the time needed to complete the construction of the said auditorium and to provide it for the use of the students?
- (d) If not, why?

871/2020

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

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

Tuesday, April 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

26/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of graduates who forwarded applications as per the newspaper notice published in the year 2020 for the recruitment of unemployed graduates for training as trainees of government institutions through an interview;

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

66/2020

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

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

108/2020

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

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

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

169/2020

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

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

227/2020

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

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

419/2020

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

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

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

451/2020

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

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

483/2020

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

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

544/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institutions from which permission should be obtained when constructing buildings in landslide prone districts;

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

556/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of major water supply schemes that were implemented in Kurunegala district from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions that are covered under the aforesaid water supply schemes;
 - (iii) separately, the number of Grama Niladhari divisions that are covered under those schemes in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) separately, the names of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (v) separately, the amount of provisions that have been allocated for each of the aforesaid water supply schemes; and
 - (vi) separately, the time frames within which each of the aforesaid water supply schemes will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, April 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

27/2020

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

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

130/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Municipal Councils functioning at present in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of those Municipal Councils; and
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid Municipal Councils, of the names of those that have given the task of removing garbage to the private sector?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the private companies that have undertaken the removal of garbage in Municipal Councils; and
 - (ii) of the amounts of money that have been paid to the aforesaid companies from the year 2015 up to date?

- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to get the garbage collected by the workers of the aforesaid Local Authorities?
- (d) If not, why?

191/2020

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

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

229/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, pertaining to each of the years during the period from 2015 to 2019, of—
 - (i) the quantity of milk powder imported into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
 - (iii) the countries from which those milk powder were imported; and
 - (iv) the companies which imported those milk powder?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of the total expenditure of importing milk powder into Sri Lanka during the period concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

266/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted on the individuals who reside in the road reservation on both sides of the Kelaniweli railway;
 - (ii) if so, the number of family units residing there;
 - (iii) whether there is a plan to remove the aforesaid families from the road reservation and to settle them in some other place;
 - (iv) if so, the area in which they will be settled; and
 - (v) the amount of money that will be spent for this purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

485/2020

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

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

610/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that the Kuliyaipitiya Base Hospital has been converted into a Teaching Hospital?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to use the aforesaid hospital for the clinical training of the students of the Medical Faculty of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) whether she is aware that a three-member committee has been appointed to study this matter?

- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a professorial unit has been established in connection with the Medical Faculty of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to establish the aforesaid professorial unit at the Kuliyaipitiya Teaching Hospital?
- (d) If not, why?

1352/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the areas that came under the earlier Town Councils of Aluthgama and Darga Town frequently underwent flooding as they are located below sea level;
 - (ii) a project to construct a surface drainage system was commenced in 1993 owing to the said situation with aid provided by the Asian Development Bank, with the aim of preventing the suffering caused to the people living in those areas and the damages caused to their property; and
 - (iii) even though phase one of this project was implemented covering Aluthgama, the people in those areas still undergo suffering as phase two has not been implemented up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to implement phase two of the said project;
 - (ii) if so, the arrangement in place for that; and
 - (iii) the date by which the said arrangement will be put into action?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, April 08, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

68/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that 6579 families that do not possess lands to construct a house reside in Rathnapura district?

(41)

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

135/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Foreign Diplomatic Missions established in abroad;
 - (ii) separately the countries and the cities where each aforesaid Diplomatic Missions are established;
 - (iii) the number of employees work at each Diplomatic Mission and the designations, separately;
 - (iv) the number of officers passed Foreign Service Examination out of aforesaid officers and their names;
 - (v) the percentage of Foreign Service officers, out of total number of officers who work at Foreign Diplomatic Missions; and
 - (vi) the measures that the Ministry take in future to recruit more Foreign Service Officers to serve in Foreign Diplomatic Missions?
- (b) If not why?

267/2020

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

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

301/2020

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

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

434/2020

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

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

453/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the wild life officers have demarcated the boundaries of the forest reserves and boundary posts have been fixed in the lands for which freehold land ownership deeds are held by the cultivators who have engaged in Chena cultivations since the year 1973 in the Bambaracla village, of Diwulwewa Grama Niladhari Division bearing division number 215, in the Kahatagasdigiliya Divisional Secretariat Division of Anuradhapura district?

(43)

- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken with pertinence to the said matter?
- (c) If not, why?

547/2020

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

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

558/2020

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

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

577/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the extent of land acquired by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority for the Mahaweli “L” zone from Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts in hectares and as a percentage?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when the Tamil people went back to their villages after the war, Sinhala people had been settled in the lands belonged to the Tamil people who were forcibly evicted in 1984 from Kokilai, Kokkuththuduwai and Karnattukkeni villages in Mullaitivu district;
 - (ii) sinhala names had been given to the Tamil villages and tanks which had Tamil names earlier;
 - (iii) tamil people’s lands with licenses had been given to the relatives of politicians and rich people on long term lease by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority; and
 - (iv) Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority disrupts the farming activities of those people when they cultivate in their lands?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the rest of the lands that have not been occupied by the Sinhala people in the Mahaweli “L” zone in Mullaitivu district will be transferred to the Muhudubadapattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (d) If not why?

581/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Maberitenna Government Farm in Teldeniya Divisional Secretariat Division is under the administration of National Livestock Development Board (NLDB)?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of office workers and the labourers serving in this farm;
 - (ii) the number of families live in this farm;
 - (iii) the number of labourer’s dwellings and “lines” in that farm; and
 - (iv) the number of line rooms?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that lands were given during the past to construct single houses for the people living in lines in the above farm;
 - (ii) if so, the number of plots of lands given in that manner;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide lands for the families who are not residing in lines but live in the farm; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for that?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, April 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

69/2020

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

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

200/2020

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

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

317/2020

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

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

438/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that National Youth Corps Training Centers have been established for the development of skills of the youth in Sri Lanka?

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

528/2020

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

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

560/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of paddy storage centres maintained by the government as of now;
 - (ii) the areas in which such centres are located;
 - (iii) the number of paddy storage centres maintained by the private sector;
 - (iv) separately, the quantity of paddy stored in each such centre as of now; and
 - (v) whether it has been planned to start new paddy storage centres in addition to the said centres?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether fertilizer is provided free of charge to farmers as of now;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of fertilizer given to one farmer;
 - (iii) the types of fertilizer so provided free of charge; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent by the government for that purpose?
- (c) If not why?

590/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Arugum Bay beach, a popular tourist destination, is among the top ten surf spots in the world; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons why Arugum Bay had not been declared as a tourist zone up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are not enough infrastructure facilities in Arugam Bay to which a large number of tourists arrive; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to provide sufficient infrastructure facilities for tourists?
- (c) If not, why?

636/2020

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

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

642/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the foundation stone has been laid by the former Prime Minister to construct the Pahala (Lower) Malwathuoya Reservoir in the North Central Province?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of this project;
 - (ii) the estimated cost of the project;
 - (iii) the entity, out of the Irrigation Department and the Chinese Company, that engages in the construction work of this project; and
 - (iv) the estimated cost of construction, if it is undertaken by the Chinese Company?
- (c) If not, why?

722/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the building in which the OPD functions in the Mannar District Hospital which provides health services to the people of the district, is very old; and
 - (ii) the construction activities pertaining to the OPD and the ICU of the aforesaid hospital have not hitherto been commenced in spite of the pledges made to that effect in the recent past?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the date on which the said construction activities would be commenced?
- (c) Is she also aware that—
 - (i) most of the medical tests are not done in the said hospital; and
 - (ii) as per the prevailing situation, the CT scans, and the tests related to the fields of Neurology, ENT, Orthopedics, Oncology, Urology, Nephrology and OMF cannot be conducted in this hospital?
- (d) Will she also inform this House whether the tests related to the above fields can be re-commenced in the Mannar District Hospital?
- (e) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

36/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in each year—
 - (i) the quantity of rice imported into Sri Lanka in the years from 2015 to 2019; and

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

203/2020

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

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

230/2020

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

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

356/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the ‘Nilwala river’ of Matara has become polluted due to dumping of waste into the river;
 - (ii) it has created a serious health issue to the people of Matara district; and
 - (iii) both sides of the ‘Nilwala river’ should be declared as a reserve in order to safeguard the quality of the water?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to establish a reserve up to 33 feet on both sides of the ‘Nilwala river’; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid date is?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether persons had been arrested in the year 2016 for dumping waste into ‘Nilwala river’; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of persons arrested?
- (d) If not, why?

539/2020

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

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

603/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 2 kilometer stretch of the Asirigama road from Kagollewa junction to Katukeliyawa junction in the 308 Grama Niladhari Division in the Madyama Nuwara Gampalatha Divisional Secretariat Division in the Anuradhapura district, is in a very dilapidated condition?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to repair this stretch of the road; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

620/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided by the Sri Lanka Medical Council to blacklist certain international universities that award medical degrees;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid universities; and
 - (iii) of the reasons that contributed to such a decision?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) separately for each year the number of Sri Lankan students who got graduated from the universities mentioned in (a) (ii) above from the year 2010 to date; and
 - (ii) the future measures that will be taken by the Ministry about the aforesaid universities?
- (c) If not, why?

717/2020

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

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

753/2020

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

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

763/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to Polonnaruwa district —
 - (i) the number of education divisions and their names;
 - (ii) the number of National schools and their names;
 - (iii) the number of Provincial schools and their names;
 - (iv) the teacher vacancies prevailing in these schools at present; and
 - (v) the number of schools that were closed down during the last five years?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to education divisions belonging to Polonnaruwa district, separately—
 - (i) the number of schools where four streams, three streams, two streams and one stream relating to the G.C.E (A/L) Examination;
 - (ii) up to the G.C.E (O/L) Examination; and
 - (iii) up to grade five are taught?
 - (c) Will he state the total number of teachers, number of Graduate teachers, Trained teachers, Colleges of Education trained teachers and other teachers employed in the schools belonging to Polonnaruwa district, separately?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle

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Hon. (Mrs.) Diana Gamage,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament its recommendations to ensure gender equity and equality with special emphasis on looking into gender based discriminations and violations of women's rights in Sri Lanka,— Whereas Article 12 of the Fundamental Rights Chapter of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka recognizes that all persons are equal before the law and are entitled to the equal protection of the law;

And whereas, Article 12(4) provides for affirmative legislative or executive action for the advancement of women's rights;

And whereas, the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has ratified several international legal instruments that promote gender equality *inter alia* Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR); International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);

And whereas, ensuring the gender equity and equality and empowering all women and girls have become important in the context of sustainable development goals adopted, by the United Nations for which Sri Lanka is a signatory; and

And whereas, the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus in Parliament Chaired by the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, has resolved the necessity of setting up a mechanism to advocate and mainstream gender equity and equality through their representation, lawmaking, budgeting and oversight functions;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and make recommendations in respect of the following in order to address gender based discrimination ensuring that gender equity and equality is promoted and respected, and all women and girls are empowered in Sri Lanka:—

- (a) hearing grievances of women on all sorts of gender based discriminations including employment, promotional opportunities and harassments in work place;
 - (b) reviewing and advocating for the allocation of adequate domestic resources in all sectors and at all levels, and access to improve gender equity and equality in Sri Lanka;
 - (c) scrutinizing and reviewing relevant laws, ensuring gender mainstreaming to prevent discrimination and negative impact on the lives of women and girls;
 - (d) lobbying with relevant line Ministries and authorities to ensure gender responsive planning and budgeting;
 - (e) undertaking awareness campaigns and encouraging information dissemination on matters related to achieving equality among men and women;
 - (f) lobbying and advocating for more women representation in decision-making bodies on national, provincial and local level, in public, civil society and in private sectors;
 - (g) reviewing measures for integration of gender equality principles at National, Provincial and Local levels;
 - (h) encouraging public-private partnerships to improve gender equity and equality in Sri Lanka;
 - (i) sharing expertise and experiences among countries at regional and international levels and reviewing lessons learnt from other Parliaments; and
 - (j) consideration of all matters which are connected with or incidental to the above matters.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chair shall be appointed by the Speaker; and
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101 of the Parliament, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty five (25) Members comprising all members of the Women Parliamentarians' Caucus in Parliament and other Male Members of Parliament representing all political parties.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and

- (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of one year from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

5. The report of the Committee, once tabled in Parliament shall be referred to the Ministers in charge of relevant subject who shall submit their observations and steps taken therein contained to the House within a period of eight (08) weeks .
