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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2206/5 of 14th December 2020, which were presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2207/15 of 24th December 2020, which were presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Trade,— Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2202/6 of 17th November 2020, which were presented on 09.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 read with Section 135(4) of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2144/19 of 09th October 2019, which was presented on 10.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport Services Management under Section 237 read with Section 143 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2160/33 of 30th January 2020, which were presented on 10.03.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* ***Indicates Government Business.***

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Thursday, March 25, 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 licences have been issued;
- (iii) separately of the year in which each of the aforesaid licences were issued and the names of the licensees; 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?

1419/2021

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of foreign debts to be settled by the government as at present in American dollars; and
- (ii) separately for each year the loan and interest installment to be paid for the aforesaid foreign loans?

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- (b) Will he inform this House separately as per each loan scheme related to the aforesaid foreign loans, of the year on which the loan has been obtained, total loan amount, the amount already settled, the outstanding payment and the number of years remaining to settle the loan?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the total amount of foreign debts that has been obtained and yet to be settled by the non- government sector in American dollars?
- (d) If not, why?

1432/2021

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of public servants and the officers of the tri forces and the Police who have been sent on retirement from 2016.01.01 to 2019.12.31;
 - (ii) the number of persons obtaining pensions as widows and widowers during the above period and the amount of money that has been spent to pay pensions to them;
 - (iii) the number of public servants sent on retirement from 2015.01.01 to 2015.12.31 and from 2020.01.01 to 2020.12.31; and
 - (iv) the number of public servants who receive pensions as at 2020.12.31 and the amount of money spent to pay their pensions?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money needed to pay the pension payments entitled to the public servants who have been sent on retirement from 2016.01.01 to 2019.12.31 as per circular number 35/2019 as at 2020.01.01;
 - (ii) the number of pensioners who have passed away as at 2020.12.31 out of those who have been sent on retirement from 2016.01.01 to 2019.12.31;
 - (iii) the date on which the suspended pension payments to be paid as at 2020.01.01 as per the circular number 35/2019 (I) will be paid along with the arrears payments; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the circular number 35/2019 (I) to be not applicable for the pensioners who were sent on retirement from 2020.01.01?
- (c) If not, why?

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1632/2021

Hon. Rauff Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who have hitherto died in Sri Lanka due to Covid-19 infection;
 - (ii) separately of the name, address, date of death, age at the death, place of death, name of the close relative/person by whom the dead body was identified, the location and date of cremation of each of the aforesaid person;
 - (iii) separately of the dates on which the deaths of each of the deceased persons mentioned above have been registered, the registration number and the division; and
 - (iv) whether a copy of the death certificates of each of the aforementioned deceased persons will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1388/2021

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) what is termed coconut toddy in terms of the Excise Ordinance;
 - (ii) whether there exists a standard for coconut toddy;
 - (iii) if so, what that standard is;
 - (iv) what is termed maha raa (fermented toddy);
 - (v) what the standard for fermented toddy is; and
 - (vi) the methodology for identifying the standard of toddy and fermented toddy?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) which government agency is entrusted with the responsibility of ascertaining the standard of toddy and fermented toddy; and
 - (ii) of the methodology for ascertaining the standard of toddy and fermented toddy?
- (c) If not, why?

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1390/2021

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether it has been reported that mobile telephone batteries ,urea, barbed wire and ammonia are used or added when producing liquor and vinegar;
- (ii) the details of such incidents reported in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020;
- (iii) whether the government is deprived of the taxes payable to it due to the toddy produced by using or adding the materials mentioned in (i) above;
- (iv) if so ,the manner in which the aforesaid tax is deprived of;
- (v) whether a methodology is available to identify the toddy produced by using or adding the materials mentioned in (i) above;
- (vi) if so, the aforesaid methodology;
- (vii) the name given to the toddy produced by using or adding the materials mentioned in (i) above;
- (viii) the objective of adding external raw materials to toddy;
- (ix) the purpose for which the toddy produced by adding external raw materials is used?

(b) Will he also inform—

- (i) the manner in which the quality of the toddy used to produce vinegar and liquor is measured; and
- (ii) the occasions on which the quality is measured?

(c) If not ,why ?

1391/2021

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

(a) Will he state separately in regard to the years 2019 and 2020—

- (i) the total amount of toddy collected by the licence holders for collecting toddy;

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- (ii) the amount of toddy collected by each licence holder;
- (iii) the party to which the toddy collected by each licence holder has been provided;
- (iv) the amount that has been provided?
- (b) Will he also state the period of time for which the collected toddy can be kept in the possession of the toddy collectors, separately as the legal period of time and the technical period of time?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether some influence is made to the toddy regulation process due to the removal of the system of issuing licences for tapping trees ;
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it can occur;
 - (iii) the courses of action taken by the Department of Excise for minimizing the production of toddy by using or adding external materials such as sugar, urea, ammonia, mobile telephone batteries and barbed wire; and
 - (iv) the manner in which the toddy without proper standard is identified in judicial activities and official matters due to the fact that a standardization is not available for toddy?
- (d) If not, why?

1433/2021

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

- (a) Will he state this House—
 - (i) of the types of licences issued in regard to Toddy industry and the names of aforesaid licensees;
 - (ii) of the names of the licensees for whom licences have been issued for collecting Toddy; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the licensees, valid and invalid by 31.12.2021?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the licensees for whom licences have been issued for Vinegar production; and
 - (ii) separately of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the licensees, valid and invalid by 31.12.2021?

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- (c) Will he further state, in terms of the licences issued for toddy collecting or Vinegar production—
 - (i) the criterion, deciding the quantity of toddy that can be kept in possession; and
 - (ii) separately, the quantity of toddy that can be kept in possession?
- (d) Will he inform the quantity of Toddy that can be kept in possession depends on the Toddy tapping licences, issued for the number of trees?
- (e) If not, why?

73/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total extent of lands in Sri Lanka in which each minor export crop has been cultivated and the number of farmers who cultivate those minor export crops;
 - (ii) separately on per year and on per crop basis, of the volume of minor export crop production during the period from year 2010 to 2019; and
 - (iii) of the subsidies that are provided to minor export crop cultivators by the government?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that cultivation of minor export crops in Sri Lanka has declined at present; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for such decline?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, April 09, 2021

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 1/2020

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

P. 2/2020

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

P. 3/2020

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

P. 4/2020

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

P. 5/2020

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

P. 6/2020

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

P. 7/2020

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

P. 8/2020

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

P. 9/2020

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

P. 10/2020

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

P. 11/2020

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

P. 12/2020

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

P. 13/2020

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

P. 14/2020

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

P. 15/2020

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

P. 16/2020

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

P. 17/2020

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

P. 18/2020

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

P. 19/2020

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

P. 20/2020

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

P. 21/2020

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

P. 22/2020

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

P. 23/2020

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

P. 24/2020

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

P. 25/2020

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

P. 26/2020

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

P. 27/2020

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

P. 28/2020

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

P. 29/2020

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

P. 30/2020

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

P. 31/2020

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

P. 32/2020

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

P. 33/2020

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

P. 34/2020

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

P. 35/2020

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

P. 36/2020

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

P. 37/2020

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

P. 38/2020

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

P. 39/2020

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

P. 40/2020

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

P. 41/2020

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

P. 42/2020

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

P. 43/2020

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

P. 44/2020

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

P. 45/2020

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

P. 46/2020

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

P. 47/2020

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

P. 48/2020

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

P. 49/2020

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

P. 50/2020

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

P. 51/2020

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

P. 52/2020

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

P. 53/2021

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

P. 54/2021

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

P. 55/2021

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

P. 56/2021

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

P. 57/2021

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

P.58/2021

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

P.59/2021

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

P.60/2021

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

P.61/2021

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

P.62/2021

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

P.63/2021

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

P.64/2021

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

P.65/2021

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

P.66/2021

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

P.67/2021

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

P.68/2021

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

P.69/2021

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

P.70/2021

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

P.71/2021

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Tuesday, April 20, 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,—(3)

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

1355/2020

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

- (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?

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

39/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) in terms of Sub-section 18:2:1 of Chapter XXII of the Establishments Code, every female public servant is entitled to a full paid leave of 84 working days for every live child birth;
 - (ii) in terms of Sub-section 18:3:1 of the aforesaid Chapter, such female public servants are entitled to half-pay leave of 84 days to take care of the child;

- (iii) in terms of Sub-section 18:4:1 of the aforesaid Chapter, further 84 days of unpaid leave can be granted to such servants if requested; and
- (iv) Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays during the holiday period shall be excluded in the calculation of leave under (i) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that, as per the appointment letters given to the female officers that have been recruited under the graduate training programme implemented by the then Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, they are granted maternity leave of only 06 weeks;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant them maternity leave that they are entitled to as per the Establishments Code;
 - (iii) if so, the date from which they will be granted such leave?
- (c) If not, why not?

141/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of audit queries made regarding the Uva Provincial Council from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) the numbers of financial irregularities and financial abuses pointed out by the audit queries concerned;
 - (iii) what audit recommendations have been given in this regard;
 - (iv) what steps will be taken to implement those audit recommendations; and
 - (v) what measures will be taken against the political authorities and officers involved in the financial irregularities and financial abuses?
- (b) If not, why?

236/2020

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

(24)

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

265/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard of Department of Railway is insufficient; and
 - (ii) it is a hindrance to establish an efficient Railway Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to build necessary buildings and purchase Machineries in order to improve the capacity of Ratmalana Railway Maintenance Yard;
 - (ii) if so, of the machineries expected to be purchased;
 - (iii) of the amount of money expected to be spent on purchasing aforesaid machineries; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money expected to be spent on constructing buildings?
- (c) If not, why?

600/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the 08-kilometres long Delft Main Road that runs from Mavilithurai to Kottaikadu via Sarapiti, which is the main transportation route in the Delft Island located in Jaffna has not been repaired for a long time; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid main road, which is in highly dilapidated condition, is used by students, various officials, elderly people and pregnant mothers, and ambulances also ply on this road?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not repairing the aforesaid main road to date; and
 - (ii) of the timeframe during which the aforesaid main road will be completely renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

614/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the ancient Yodha Ela that carries water from Kala Wewa to Thisa Wewa is covered with aquatic plants like salvinia;
 - (ii) this situation impedes the flow of water along the canal; and
 - (iii) no solution has been provided up to now even though the relevant officers were made aware of this situation on several occasions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether some action will be taken to remove the said aquatic plants before water is distributed for future cultivation activities; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such action will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

633/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the Dikkodai hospital located in the Batticaloa district is not used for public purposes; and
 - (ii) the patients who visit the hospital for receiving services face inconveniences, owing to that?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of patients who receive services from that hospital; and
 - (ii) whether speedy steps would be taken to rectify the shortcomings at the above hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

855/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the gross value of consumer goods stocks of Lanka Sathosa Limited by 31st of August 2020;
 - (ii) separately, the monthly income recorded from 01st of January 2020 to 31st of August 2020; and
 - (iii) of the total amount due by suppliers as of 31st of August 2020?

(26)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the value of expired consumer goods in Lanka Sathosa Limited by 31st of August 2020; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken by the institution regarding the said goods?
- (c) If not, why ?

857/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Samurdhi Movement, being the major movement in Sri Lanka to eradicate poverty, has rendered an immense service to eradicate poverty?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi Banks functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the amount of funds that have been deposited in the said Banks; and
 - (iii) of the amount of said funds separately on the basis of relevant accounts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a substantial amount of funds which had been deposited in the Samurdhi Banks by the low income earners have been utilized to boost the image of the former government;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of funds which have been misused;
 - (iii) separately of the functions for which the said money has been utilized and the funds to which the said amounts of money belong;
 - (iv) of the persons who involved in the misappropriation of the said funds; and
 - (v) whether legal action would be taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

943/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the unemployment ratio in the Kandy District separately by each Divisional Secretary Division;
 - (ii) the solutions to be offered to said unemployment;
 - (iii) the targets expected to be achieved by offering the said solutions; and
 - (iv) the steps taken to achieve the said targets?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 19, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

40/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Department of National Archives is implementing a programme for the preservation of films; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of films that have been preserved so far?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether overseas training in preservation of films is given to the officers attached to the relevant Division of the Department of National Archives that carries out conservation of films;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the country and the institutions to which they will be referred for overseas training; and
 - (iii) the number of personnel who have been given overseas training recently?
- (c) If not, why?

143/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the Government institutions and Banks from which the Ceylon Electricity Board has obtained loans;
 - (ii) of the sums of that loans that remains to be paid to such institutions and banks from the year 2015 up to now, separately; and
 - (iii) what courses of action the Ministry will take in order to strengthen the Ceylon Electricity Board financially?
- (b) If not, why?

272/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) internal repairs have been done on the building in which the National Co- operative Board of Sri Lanka is housed, in the year 2017;
 - (ii) the procurement process has been violated therein; and
 - (iii) a massive financial loss has taken place as a result?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Tenders have been called for those repair work;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that submitted Tenders;
 - (iii) the value of the Tender submitted by each such institution, separately;
 - (iv) the name of the institution to which the Tender was awarded; and
 - (v) the reasons for awarding the Tender to that institution?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a relationship between a staff member of the institution to which the Tender was awarded and a clerk attached to the transport section of the National Co-operative Board of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, whether an inquiry would be conducted on that?
- (d) If not, why?

579/2020

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the extent of land acquired by the wildlife conservation department from each district in the Northern Province; and
 - (ii) the extent of aforesaid land area as a percentage from the total extent of land in the Northern Province?
- (b) Is he aware that private lands, agricultural tanks, agricultural lands and grass lands for livestock have been acquired in that manner and it has an adverse impact on the livelihood and the co-existence of the people?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the reason for not taking advice from the District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and Provincial Land Commissioner when such lands are acquired?
- (d) If not, why?

718/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that development of stadiums facilitates sports?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of international stadiums for athletics in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) whether a plan has been developed to establish fully equipped stadiums at district level; and
 - (iii) if so, whether action will be taken to allocate provisions for that?
- (c) If not, why?

863/2020

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who came to Sri Lanka from 01.01.2020 to 10.10.2020;
 - (ii) of the countries from which they came;
 - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have registered themselves to come to Sri Lanka so far; and
 - (iv) of the countries in which they had been employed?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the procedure to be adopted in bringing Sri Lankan migrant workers to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the procedure to be followed in quarantining the migrant workers who arrive in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether Avant Guard has been assigned the coordination of quarantining such workers;
 - (iv) if so, the methodology that has been adopted for that;
 - (v) of the amount charged by Avant Guard for quarantining each worker; and
 - (vi) of the number of workers who have been sent for quarantining through Avant Guard so far?
- (c) If not, why?

878/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there has been systematic appointment of members of the civil branch to the military branch or vice versa of the Government of Sri Lanka since the division of the civil and military branches of the government in the early 19th century;
 - (ii) whether any serving members of the armed forces have been appointed to civil positions since 17.11.2019;
 - (iii) if so, the name of each of them;
 - (iv) separately the rationale for appointing them for the civil positions;
 - (v) whether this change of policy of appointing serving members of the armed forces to civil positions was discussed in the Cabinet of Ministers;

- (vi) whether no capable officers to perform the duties of the civil positions that are available in SLAS, SLPS, Medical Service, Sri Lanka Customs, SLICTS' etc.; and
 - (vii) if so, whether there is any use of continued existence of aforesaid Services?
- (b) If not, why?

940/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to implement a programme to build houses for low income families covering all Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid programme will be implemented;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid programme will be implemented for the families living in rental houses as well; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?
- (b) If not, why not?

1018/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Minister/Ministers in charge of the then Ministry of Megapolis and Western development from 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions that were under that Ministry;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation was under that ministry; and
 - (iv) the names of the Chairmen/Chairman in charge of that institution from 2015 to 2019?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the procurement procedure has been followed when machines and equipment are purchased to that institution;
 - (ii) whether machines and equipment to the tune of Rs. 670 million has been purchased without following the procurement procedure;
 - (iii) whether any irregularity took place in that purchase and if so, what that irregularity is;

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- (iv) the names of the persons responsible for that; and
- (v) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal investigation in this regard and punish the culprits?
- (c) If not, why?

1019/2020

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mattala Rajapaksa Airport is an asset for Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) paddy was stored there under the former government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is possible to store paddy in the said airport;
 - (ii) of the place where paddy was stored in that airport;
 - (iii) of the amount of paddy stored there; and
 - (iv) of the names of persons who advised to do so?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent for rehabilitating the premises subsequent to the storing of paddy;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to recover that amount from the persons responsible for that; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to recover that in due course?
- (d) Will he further inform this House whether Sri Lanka's international reputation was tarnished as a result of storing paddy at an international airport?
- (e) If not, why?

Thursday, May 20, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

42/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of provincial council roads in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) of the total length of those roads in kilometers?

(32)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the roads that were developed under the provisions of the Provincial Council during the period of the previous government;
- (ii) of the amount of money spent on developing those roads; and
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to develop the other Provincial Council roads that are in a dilapidated condition at present?

(c) If not, why?

202/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Sports associations registered under the Ministry of Youth and Sports and their names;
- (ii) out of that number, the number of Sports associations that have properly conducted the elections of Office bearers and their names;
- (iii) the number of Sports associations that have had obstacles to conduct elections and their names;
- (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to hold elections in the Sports Associations which have had obstacles to hold elections?

(b) If not, why?

245/2020

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 cotton imported into Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the money that has been incurred on that;
- (iii) the countries from which those cotton were imported; and
- (iv) the companies which imported those cotton?

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

(c) If not, why?

273/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are large number of vehicles in state institutions that have been removed from use; and
 - (ii) the said vehicles are decaying?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the present value of the vehicles in state institutions that have been removed from use;
 - (ii) whether a survey has been conducted on the aforesaid vehicles; and
 - (iii) if so, the date of which the survey was conducted is?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper mechanism is in place for the disposal of vehicles in state institutions that have been removed from use; and
 - (ii) if so, the said mechanism is?
- (d) If not, why?

533/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of pharmacies (“Osusala”) that belong to the government in the Anuradhapura district; and
 - (ii) the addresses of the locations of those pharmacies?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the measures to be taken by the ministry to further expand the network of government pharmacies within Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

584/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Estate Dispensaries are functioning in the Plantation sector of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) a Estate Medical Assistant works as the overseer to aforesaid centers; and
 - (iii) aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants examine patients and prescribe medicine?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Estate Dispensaries functioning in the plantation sector by now;
 - (ii) of the number of Estate Medical Assistants, employed at aforesaid centers;
 - (iii) of the qualifications of aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants; and
 - (iv) of their task?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the task of aforesaid Estate Medical Assistants is legal; and
 - (ii) if not, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

669/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date whereon the proposed Kumbukkan Oya Irrigation Project is expected to be started;
 - (ii) the estimated cost thereof;
 - (iii) the method of sourcing the money spent on the irrigation project;
 - (iv) the time to be taken for the completion of the project; and
 - (v) the anticipated benefits of the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

730/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in respect of Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the annual fresh water fish production and the requirement;
 - (ii) the district that produces the highest fresh water fish yield; and
 - (iii) the total number of families who are engaged in that industry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in respect of Polonnaruwa district—
 - (i) the number of families who have made fresh water fishing their livelihood;
 - (ii) the monthly fresh water fish yield; and
 - (iii) the tanks and reservoirs used for that industry?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of fingerlings released to the tanks and reservoirs in the Polonnaruwa district from 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the yield obtained from those tanks and reservoirs during the above period;
 - (iii) whether the yield is satisfactory compared to the fingerlings released; and
 - (iv) if not, the reason for that?
- (d) Will he further inform this House the measures that have been taken to develop the fresh water fishing industry related to small tanks?
- (e) If not, why?

786/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of candidates who sat the competitive examination conducted for the recruitment of student counsellor teachers;
 - (ii) how many of them have passed the examination concerned;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that appointments have not been given to those who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) in that case what measures will be taken by the Ministry to give appointments soon to those who passed the examination?
- (b) If not, why?

1017/2020

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the implementation of the “I-Road Project” in Ratnapura district was commenced;
 - (ii) the length of the roads in that district approved for development by carpeting; and
 - (iii) the number of contractors who have entered into agreements under the said project?
- (b) Will he also state separately—
- (i) the names and lengths of the roads each of the said contractors agreed to develop;
 - (ii) the names and lengths of the roads out of those that have been developed and commissioned to the public by now; and
 - (iii) the names and lengths of the roads that have not been completed by now?

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- (c) Will he further state the measures that will be taken to develop the roads that have not been completed?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, May 21, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

43/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers currently holding the post of Sub Inspector of Police in Sri Lanka Police;
 - (ii) the period of service required to be completed by an officer holding the post of Sub Inspector to be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police as per the recruitment procedure; and
 - (iii) whether the Sub Inspectors who had completed required period of service have been granted promotions accordingly?
- (b) If not, why?

310/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the members of the present board of directors of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) separately of the educational and professional qualifications of each of them;
 - (iii) separately of the salaries and other allowances paid to each of them; and
 - (iv) whether recommendations of the committee of experts were obtained when appointing them?
- (b) If not, why?

322/2020

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

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

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

488/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sports Schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid Sports Schools;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of students who study in each aforesaid sports school by now;
 - (iv) of the allowances and the other facilities they are provided; and
 - (v) of the measures that the Ministry will take to develop the sports Schools?
- (b) If not, why?

721/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that coins of historical value were found on 18.02.2020 while a foundation was being dug for the construction of a new house in Nanattan area in Mannar district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of coins that were found at the aforesaid site;
 - (ii) of the era to which those coins belong;
 - (iii) of the administration that had existed at the time the aforesaid coins had been in use;

- (iv) of the connection between the symbols of fish and sword inscribed on those coins and the administration that had existed at the time those coins had been in use; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to include the facts related to the historical value of the aforesaid coins in the History syllabus?
- (c) If not, why?

725/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that individuals in Sri Lanka die, due to Leptospirosis (Rat Fever)?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of individuals died, due to Leptospirosis, (Rat Fever) in 2019 and 2020;
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to prevent the spread of aforesaid disease?
- (c) If not, why?

858/2020

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

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

860/2020

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the main role of the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) of the number of Excise Offices established throughout in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of offices according to each district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers serving in the Department of Excise;
 - (ii) separately, the number of officers serving in each district;
 - (iii) whether the said number of officers are adequate to carry out duties of the Excise Department; and
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to recruit new officers to the Department of Excise?
- (c) If not, why ?

873/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Ports & Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the benefits that Sri Lanka will accrue, through the construction of Eastern terminal of Colombo Port;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the constructions of aforesaid Eastern Terminal of Colombo Port;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka Ports Authority is able to bear aforesaid sum;
 - (iv) of the time spent on the contractions of aforesaid Terminal; and
 - (v) of the gross annual income that Sri Lanka will derive, through the constructions of aforesaid Terminal?
- (b) If not, why ?

944/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of international cricket matches held at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium from the year 2010 to the year 2019;
 - (ii) the income earned from the said matches, separately by each match;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the maintenance of the above stadium from the year 2010 to year 2019 separately in respect of each year; and
 - (iv) whether the maintenance works of this Stadium is carried out by Sri Lanka Cricket?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, June 08, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ratnapura District that were affected by the drought in year 2018; and
 - (ii) if Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division is not included in that list, the reasons for not including it?
- (b) Will he state separately on per district basis—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions to which relief was provided under Phase II of the Drought Relief Programme of year 2018; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money that was spent on providing such relief?
- (c) Will he further state —
 - (i) the circulars that were issued under Phase II of the Drought Relief Programme in year 2018;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid circulars, the last valid circular that was issued in that regard;
 - (iii) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the number of beneficiaries that were selected in the Ratnapura District as per the aforesaid circular, and the total amount that was spent on payment of such relief; and
 - (iv) separately on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis, the number of beneficiaries that were identified in the Ratnapura District as per Circular No. NDR / 2018/03?
- (d) If not, why?

246/2020

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

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

274/2020

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

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the educational qualifications, required to follow the Ayurveda “Sasthiri” Course;
 - (ii) the number of centers where aforesaid course is conducted; and
 - (iii) the number of students who follow aforesaid course by now?
- (b) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the enrolment for aforesaid course has been stopped by now;
 - (ii) aforesaid course that was equal to a Degree has been downgraded to a Diploma level with the revisions, made; and
 - (iii) steps are being taken to do away with aforesaid course by now?
- (c) Will she also state—
 - (i) whether the government will take measures to upgrade Diploma In Aurveda Course to a Degree level;
 - (ii) if so, whether government will take measures to grant aforesaid graduates with the privileges that the other Aurvedic Physicians enjoy;
 - (iii) whether the enrolment for aforesaid Course will be re-commenced;
 - (iv) whether the government has taken a policy decision to terminate aforesaid course; and
 - (v) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

731/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) various programmes are implemented by the government to control the dengue menace spreading in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the population of mosquitos start to increase when it rains after the drought in Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts?
- (b) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of dengue positive cases in Sri Lanka up to now; and
 - (ii) the courses of action taken by the government to control the dengue menace?

- (c) Is she also aware that various efforts made by the then government failed during the period 2008/2009 to import B.T.I. bacteria from Cuba to destroy dengue mosquito larvae?
- (d) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any research has been conducted with regard to the aptness of using B.T.I. bacteria to control the dengue mosquitoes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if it is not possible to use B.T.I. bacteria to control dengue mosquitoes in Sri Lanka, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) the alternative that can be used to control the dengue mosquitoes instead of B.T.I bacteria?
- (e) If not, why?

783/2020

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

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

864/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government pharmacies (“Osusala”) belonging to the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation located throughout the Island; and
 - (ii) the districts in which government pharmacies are not available, if any?
- (b) Is she aware of the fact that substandard and expired drugs were issued to the government pharmacies during the previous regime?
- (c) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of substandard and expired drugs that had been issued to the government pharmacies from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid drugs, separately?

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- (d) Will she state—
 - (i) the reasons for issuing expired drugs to government pharmacies;
 - (ii) the steps taken to recover the value of those drugs from the relevant suppliers; and
 - (iii) the course of action taken against the suppliers from whom the value had not been recovered?
- (e) If not, why?

866/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the Education zones in which there is an excess of teachers out of the Education zones in the Eastern Province;
 - (ii) the number of such excess teachers in relation to each subject, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the Education zones in which there is a shortage of teachers out of the Education zones in the Eastern province; and
 - (iv) the number of such teachers in short supply in relation to each subject, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether the Ministry would take expeditious measures to effect the Teacher Balance in the Eastern province as the Eastern province does not function at present and the administration of the provincial council functions directly under the purview of the Governor?
- (c) If not, why?

938/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the previous government implemented a programme called “The Nearest School is the Best School”;
 - (ii) development of Susamayawardana Vidyalaya, St. Anthony's Boys' College, Mahabodhi Vidyalaya, Anuruddha Balika Vidyalaya, St. Anthony's Girls' College (Primary), Muthuwella Hindu Vidyalaya and Modara Ananda Vidyalaya in the Colombo Education Zone was commenced under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the previous government allocated funds for that?

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- (b) Will he state this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the foundation stone was laid for the construction of a building at Hameed Al Hussaini College, Colombo 12 under the aforesaid program; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in connection with the aforesaid construction work?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in the Colombo District that have been developed under this programme; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid programme will be implemented continuously?
- (d) Will he also state whether steps will be taken to complete the construction works of the buildings in the schools named in (a) (ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

946/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the bridge from Velanaithurai to Punguduthivu, Madaththuveli, which is located in the Velanai Divisional Secretary Division in the Jaffna District, is one of the longest bridges in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid bridge was last renovated;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid renovation work; and
 - (iv) of the funding source for such renovation?
 - (c) Is he also aware that—
 - (i) it has become very dangerous to cross the aforesaid bridge; and
 - (ii) many accidents occur on this bridge, which is used by a large number of people and vehicles?
 - (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the factors that cause the aforesaid accidents; and
 - (ii) of the time frame within which the aforesaid bridge will be completely renovated?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 09, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

37/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of doctors required at present to provide an optimum health service to the people;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors who were serving in the public service as at 01.01.2019;
 - (iii) of the number of doctors proposed to be recruited to the public service in the coming years; and
 - (iv) of the manner as to how the government has planned to produce the aforesaid number of medical graduates?
- (b) If not, why?

724/2020

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

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

820/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Prisons in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the locations of aforesaid prisons;
 - (iii) separately, the number of detainees that can be detained in aforesaid Prisons and the number of detainees that have been detained there by now?
 - (iv) the number of extra Prisoners who have been detained beyond the capacity;
 - (v) the measures that will be taken in regard to the extra prisoners who have been detained ?
- (a) If not, why?

849/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether dry lands, paddy lands, fallow lands, home garden lands and lands with permanent buildings used by the people in the area and lands of the Government Seed Paddy Farm, National Livestock Development Board have been acquired by the government in order to widen the portion of road from 0+000 K.M to 2+687 on the Kaduruwela alternate road, as a road with four lanes under the “Pibidemu Polonnaruwa” (Rise up Polonnaruwa) District Development project;
 - (ii) if so, the total extent of land that has been so acquired;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the lands acquired;
 - (iv) whether compensation has been paid to them; and
 - (v) if so, the amount of money paid as compensation, in relation to each owner of land, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the length of the road of which work has been completed so far, under the widening of the portion of the road mentioned in (a) above; and
 - (ii) the cost incurred on it?
- (c) If not, why?

997/2020

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

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

1063/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Puttalam district, in which human-elephant conflict exists;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) the number of elephants that roam in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the number of officers available to chase away those elephants; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to eliminate the scarcity of the officers relevant for the task of chasing away those elephants?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, June 10, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

74/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of human rights cases that have been filed with the Supreme Court, and are pending at present;
 - (ii) separately, of the dates on which each of the aforesaid cases were filed with the Supreme Court; and
 - (iii) separately, of the case number and the complainants of each of the aforesaid cases?
- (b) If not, why?

459/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there was an invitation for tenders by the Ministry in 2016 to purchase 05 vehicles with tanks with capacity to transport 13,200 litres of fuel;
 - (ii) if so, by whom tenders were invited;
 - (iii) whether that invitation for tenders was referred to the then relevant Ministerial procurement committee?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the total amount spent for purchasing those 05 vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount spent for purchasing one vehicle;
 - (iii) the market value of one vehicle at the time those vehicles were purchased?
- (c) If not, why?

745/2020

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

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

867/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the circuit court in Kinniya in Trincomalee district, which was in operation up to 1970, was temporarily closed due to the conflict situation that prevailed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) although steps were taken last year to temporarily resume operation of the aforesaid court in a government building until permanent buildings are constructed, operation of the aforesaid court has not been resumed to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to resume operation of the circuit court in Kinniya in order to reduce the number of cases filed with the Trincomalee Court and to minimize the difficulties faced by the people of Kinniya area in travelling to Trincomalee for litigation?
- (c) If not, why?

874/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that over 80 countries including Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives and Myanmar have secured emergency assistance from the International Monetary Fund in light of the economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has requested the assistance of the International Monetary Fund as a result of COVID-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) if so, the kind of the assistance requested for;
 - (iii) the date that the afore mentioned assistance requested;
 - (iv) whether the International Monetary Fund has responded to the above mentioned request;
 - (v) if so, the response of the International Monetary Fund; and
 - (vi) the reasons why the Government of Sri Lanka has not received relief unlike the eighty other countries that have received relief so far?
- (c) If not, why?

881/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual demand for fish in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the extent locally produced and the extent imported, separately, to meet that demand;
 - (iii) the extent of fish production in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in the year 1982 as a percentage of the total volume of fish produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not being able to produce at present a harvest as large as that produced in those Provinces in the year 1982, although 11 years has elapsed since the end of war in the Northern and Eastern Provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing fishery harbours in the identified areas of the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the number of fishery harbours constructed in the other Provinces of the country during the past 15 years;

- (iii) what the progress of construction of the Point Pedro Fishery Harbour is;
 - (iv) the nature of the aid received from the Asian Development Bank for this and the reasons for suspension of that aid by now; and
 - (v) the reasons for constructing this Harbour from the loans given by Norway and Denmark?
 - (vi) the additional benefits received through that?
- (c) If not, why?

1082/2020

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

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

1280/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the annual pepper harvest of Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) the districts that record a bountiful pepper harvest; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual pepper harvest recorded in each district in metric tons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether other types of spices in addition to pepper are being imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, they are;
 - (iii) separately, the annual requirement of each spice and quantity imported in metric tons; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to increase the local production of the spices that are imported?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 11, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

76/2020

Hon. Hisha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Labour,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of private institutions located in the Rathnapura district, that have got registered in the Employees' Trust Fund;
 - (ii) of the names of the said institutions;
 - (iii) separately on the basis of each divisional secretariat division, the number of employees of the Rathnapura district that have got registered in the aforesaid fund ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the minimum qualifications needed to get registered in the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (c) If not, why?

635/2020

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

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

639/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the basic requirements to be met in order to declare a certain area as a Forest Reserve through a Gazette Notification as per the Forest Conservation Ordinance; and
 - (ii) the number of forests hitherto declared as Forest Reserves under the Forest Conservation Ordinance?

- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, on district and divisional secretariat division basis, all the details about the dates on which each of the aforesaid forest been declared as a forest reserve, about the land extent of each such forest and about the relevant maps?
- (c) If not, why?

726/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent by the government for the construction anew of the Laggala Divisional Hospital located in the Pallegama Divisional Secretariat Division in Laggala in Matale district;
 - (ii) the number of patients who can receive residential treatment in that hospital;
 - (iii) the number of doctors approved for the hospital;
 - (iv) the number of doctors serving in the hospital as of now;
 - (v) the nursing staff approved for the hospital;
 - (vi) the nursing staff serving in the hospital as of now; and
 - (vii) the types of clinics being conducted in the hospital at present?
- (b) If not, why?

732/2020

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

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

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

822/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that large number of persons residing in Kurunegala do not possess title deeds for their lands; and
 - (ii) whether a programme will be prepared to provide title deeds for the aforesaid lands ?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people of Irudeniya village of Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat have been living in the area for nearly 50 years; and
 - (ii) they have not been provided with title deeds for their lands ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the date, the people of Irudeniya village will be provided with title deeds for their lands ?
- (d) If not, why?

838/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the pension payments of all the public sector pensioners have not been reasonably increased as per the Public Administration Circular 14/2019;
 - (ii) the pensioners are in despair owing to the above reason;
 - (iii) all the public sector pensioners including the officers of the three armed forces and the police who retired prior to 01.01.2016 have been seriously discriminated as their pensions have been formulated based on the salary under two stages as at 01.01.2017 as per the public Administration Circular 14/2019 , in spite of the fact that the pensions were to be formulated based on the last salary, which increases over five stages as the Public Administration Circular 03/2019; and

(54)

- (iv) justice could have been meted out to the public sector pensioners who retired prior to 01.01.2020, had their pension anomaly been rectified by computing the pension payment based on the last salary which was to be increased over five stages as per the Public Administration Circular 03/2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to mete out justice to the pensioners of the public sector by implementing the Public Administration Circular 03/2016 expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1283/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses with high risks in Ratnapura district that have been identified to date from year 2016; and
 - (ii) the number of families residing in the aforesaid houses that have received benefits under the resettlement programme?
- (b) Will he admit that there is a delay in providing benefits to the families, who are living in the houses with high risks, under the resettlement programme?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

607/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who receive the Senior Citizens' allowance;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who had applied for the allowance and in the waiting list;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to increase the Senior Citizens' monthly allowance from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 2500/- according to the National Policy framework "Vistas of Prosperity";
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the increased allowance will be provided;
 - (v) whether a programme is in place to provide loans at concessionary rates for Senior Citizens who engage in foreign pilgrimage; and
 - (vi) if so, the institutions that co-ordinate the process?
- (b) If not, why?

727/2020

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

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

770/2020

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

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

777/2020

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

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

839/2020

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

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

1199/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of paddy purchased by the ‘Yahapalana’ government that came to power in August 2015 in kilograms;
 - (ii) the purchase price of a single kilogram of such paddy;
 - (iii) the amount of paddy sold for animal feed out of the amount of paddy so purchased in kilograms;
 - (iv) the purchase price of a kilogram of such paddy;
 - (v) the loss incurred as a result of the amount of paddy mentioned in (iii) above being sold as animal feed?
- (b) If not, why?

1363/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Ven. Udawalawe Amarawansa Thero served as an assistant teacher at R/Bopitiya Vidyalaya from 06.11.2008;
 - (ii) the aforesaid Thero was interdicted and his service was terminated as he was arrested on false charges of misconduct and was remanded;
 - (iii) Ven. Amarawansa Thero has been reinstated without any break in service as he was acquitted and freed from all charges; and
 - (iv) the salaries in arrears have not been paid to the aforesaid Thero to date?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the salaries in arrears will be paid to the aforesaid Thero; and
 - (ii) as a disciplinary inquiry has not been carried out and a disciplinary order has not been issued against Ven. Amarawansa Thero, whether the Thero will be confirmed in his service with effect from 31.03.2012, which was the date from which the other teacher assistants who were given appointments together with Ven. Amarawansa Thero were confirmed in their service?
 - (c) If not, why not?
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Wednesday, June 23, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

79/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken to fill the vacancies in the position of volunteer Grama niladaris;
 - (ii) whether it is possible to transfer grama niladaris among the divisions that come under divisional secretariats;
 - (iii) of the time period for which a Grama niladari can serve in one division; and
 - (iv) whether the government has any programme related to the retired grama nilaadaris?
- (b) If not, why?

791/2020

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

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

824/2020

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

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) number of facilities had been provided when Galgamuwa District Hospital was developed as a base hospital under the financial assistance provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency;
 - (ii) the surgery equipment with modern technology provided to hospital are still not operational ?
- (b) Will she inform this House whether measures will be taken to fulfill the requirements of the hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

850/2020

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

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

875/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has made several number of requests for debt relief including debt moratoria from other governments and multilateral agencies;
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the requests made so far by the Government of Sri Lanka for debt relief including debt moratoria;
 - (iii) the date that the aforesaid requests were made; and
 - (iv) the responses received to the afore mentioned requests?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the outstanding grant offers made to the Government of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the value of the above mentioned grant offers; and
 - (iii) the reasons why the Government of Sri Lanka has not accepted the aforesaid grant offers?
- (c) If not, why?

1208/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) persons above 45 years of age have been recruited to the public service although the maximum age limit for recruitment in public service is 45 years;
 - (ii) a section of the aforesaid public servants are given permanent appointments, due salaries and other relevant privileges;
 - (iii) another section of the aforesaid public servants are only offered an allowance without awarding permanent appointments;
 - (iv) the Department of Pensions has refused to prepare pensions of the public servants who are above the age limit of 45 years when recruited; and
 - (v) it has caused injustice to a section of the public servants?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether permanent appointments will be awarded to all the public servants who have been recruited above 45 years of age;
 - (ii) whether the due salaries and privileges be given to them;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to submit a cabinet paper to obtain approval to provide pensions to them ?
- (c) If not, why?

1276/2020

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for the Chinese Delegation including Mr. Yang Jiechi, a higher official of the Politburo of the Communist Party of China, that came to Sri Lanka on an emergency visit in October, 2020, to meet the President and the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka has received any assistance and grants as a result of the aforesaid emergency visit;
 - (iii) whether there was any significant factor related to the above emergency visit?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, June 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

80/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of weekly fairs that have been developed in the Rathnapura district under the grants allocated by the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government from the year 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the names of the weekly fairs developed thus;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money spent on the development of each of the said fairs;
 - (iv) separately of the names and addresses of the persons who undertook the contract to develop each of the aforesaid weekly fairs?
- (b) If not, why?

729/2020

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

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

806/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of principals who have been appointed to the schools island wide on the super numeracy basis; and
 - (ii) out of the above principals, of the number of principals who serve in the Northern and Eastern provinces?

- (b) Will he also inform this House, with regard to the aforesaid principals—
 - (i) the date on which the appointments have been given as referred in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the reasons for not granting the salary increments, promotions and transfers; and
 - (iii) the dates on which the salary increments, promotions and transfers will be given?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service; and
 - (ii) the dates on which they will be absorbed to the permanent service?
- (d) If not, why?

825/2020

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

- (a) Will she admit that —
 - (i) a hospital dedicated to treatment of kidney diseases has been built at Siyambalangamuwa area of Polpithigama divisional secretariat in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) a large number of persons living in Galgamuwa and Polpithigama areas are suffering from kidney diseases; and
 - (iii) whereas, the aforesaid hospital has been closed down for more than 03 years?
- (b) Will she inform this House whether measures will be taken to open the aforesaid hospital and treat the persons suffering from kidney diseases?
- (c) If not, why?

945/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— 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 a fund named “Itukama Covid-19 Health and Social Security Fund” has been established?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of launching the said Fund;
 - (ii) the name of the institution which manages the said Fund;
 - (iii) whether a government officer has been appointed to administer the said Fund; and
 - (iv) if so, the name and post of the said officer?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the balance of the said Fund as of now;
 - (ii) the benefits provided from the aforementioned Fund to the people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; and
 - (iii) the amount spent for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

1080/2020

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

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

1108/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the work of the Galagedara, Mawathagama (Mallawapitiya) water supply project was commenced;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the number of institutions and houses to which it is expected to provide water through the aforesaid water supply project;
 - (iv) the current situation of the aforesaid project; and
 - (v) the date on which the aforesaid project will be opened having completed its work?
- (b) If not, why?

1200/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the basis on which the director of the Anuradhapura General Hospital appointed;
 - (ii) the number of doctors serving in the said hospital as of now;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies exist at present in the post of Medical Officer;
 - (iv) the number of members currently serving in the nursing staff; and
 - (v) the number of vacancies in the nursing staff?
 - (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) the present situation with regard to the cardiac disease operation theatre;
 - (ii) the building complex for children and maternity clinics;
 - (iii) the emergency treatment unit;planned to be constructed under Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) aid?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, July 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

194/2020

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Youth & Sports,—(2)

- (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?

771/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that hundreds of individuals have been arrested and detained in respect of the Easter Sunday attack, since 21.04.2019?

- (b) If so, will he inform this House separately in respect of the period from 21.04.2019 to 16.11.2019 and the period from 17.11.2019 to date of the number of individuals—
 - (i) taken into custody for inquiry;
 - (ii) detained by extending the detention order; and
 - (iii) produced in the court with charge sheet?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the individuals who have been released and granted bail or acquitted;
 - (ii) whether the government is satisfied with the current investigation process; and
 - (iii) whether the government take necessary action to release the individuals detained for minor charges and produce the suspects in the court who are under extended detention orders?
- (d) If not, why?

826/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a project titled “Wayamba Cultural Square” had been implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons who had been employed under the project in 2015;
 - (ii) of the number of employees who had been removed from the project after year 2015;
 - (iii) of the basis they were removed;
 - (iv) of the number of persons who were employed after year 2015;
 - (v) of the basis they were employed ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that persons who had been employed under the project had been removed due to political reasons?
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to serve justice to the aforesaid employees?
- (c) If not, why?

876/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Government of Sri Lanka has repeatedly stated that Sri Lanka had been maintaining an unblemished history since Independence of repaying debt; and
 - (ii) Moody's credit rating agency has downgraded repayment ability of Sri Lanka by two levels from B2 to Caa1?
- (b) Will he inform this House relating to Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the total value of interest and amortization payments for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (ii) the total forecast budget deficit for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
 - (iii) the government's revenue for the first, second and third quarters of the year 2020; and
 - (iv) the total forecast revenue for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures to be taken by the government of Sri Lanka to avoid default; and
 - (ii) the impact on the economy of Sri Lanka if the government defaults on its debt?
- (d) If not why?

947/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the road leading to Kurikattuwan via Valukkiyaru-Arali-Velanai and Punguduthivu is the main road in the Velanai Divisional Secretariat Division in Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid road was last renovated;
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid renovations; and
 - (iv) the funding source for such renovation?

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- (c) Is he also aware that people in the above named areas are facing difficulties as the aforesaid road, which is a major transport route, has not been repaired?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not renovating the aforesaid road for a long time; and
 - (ii) the date on which that road will be renovated?
- (e) If not, why?

1020/2020

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

- (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?

1081/2020

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

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

1201/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of dairy cows imported to Sri Lanka during the previous government;
 - (ii) the names of countries from which such dairy cows were imported;
 - (iii) the amount spent on importing one dairy cow; and
 - (iv) accordingly, the amount spent on importing dairy cows?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the area in which the aforementioned dairy cows were corralled;
 - (ii) the number of dairy cows given to farmers;
 - (iii) the number of dairy cows died; and
 - (iv) the loss incurred by the government as a result of importing the said dairy cows?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

773/2020

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

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

941/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools in the Colombo District that conduct classes in the Technology stream for G.C.E (Advanced Level); and
 - (ii) of the number of teachers required for those schools to teach the subjects in the Technology stream, the number of teachers available at present and the number of teacher vacancies that is currently existing in that stream separately on per school basis?

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(b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons that led to the shortage of teachers to teach the subjects in the Technology stream at G.C.E (Advanced Level)?

(c) If not, why?

1083/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there are safe houses under the purview of the Sri Lanka embassies maintained in middle east countries;
- (ii) the space in the aforesaid safe houses is not sufficient; and
- (iii) the housewives that come to the aforesaid safe houses seeking protection become helpless due to that reason?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankan housewives staying in each of the aforesaid safe houses at present ,separately; and
- (ii) the steps that have been taken to bring the aforesaid housewives to Sri Lanka again?

(c) If not, why?

1202/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that-

- (i) the sub postmasters who served in the Department of Posts on contract basis were absorbed into the public service from the year 1996; and
- (ii) they were recruited into Grade II of the Management Assistant Service in terms of Public Administration Circular 06/2006 and in terms of the new recruitment procedure implemented since the year 2012?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for not granting privileges such as maternity leave, annual leave, overtime allowances and office facilities accorded to other officers who serve in the Grade II posts of the Management Assistant Service and other officers who serve in the Department of Posts, to the officers referred to in (a) (ii) above; and
- (ii) the measures taken in that regard as of now?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, July 08, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

828/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of Sri Lankans are working in South Korea?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankans workers serving in South Korea at present;
 - (ii) of the employment quota received by Sri Lanka from South Korea for year 2021;
 - (iii) whether suitable persons have been selected for the aforesaid employment quota;
 - (iv) if so, the mechanism followed for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

832/2020

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

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

868/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sinhala medium teacher vacancies that exist in government schools in the Trincomalee North and Kantale education zones separately on per subject basis;

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- (ii) whether he is aware that the students studying in government schools in the aforesaid education zones have to face many difficulties due to such shortage of teachers; and
- (iii) whether the Ministry will take immediate action to address this shortage of teachers as the Eastern Provincial Council is not functioning at present and the administration of that provincial council is carried out directly under the Governor of that province?

(b) If not, why?

877/2020

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Attorney General's advice was sought prior to issuing debt in excess of constitutional and legal limits in the year 2020;
- (ii) if so, the actions taken on the basis of the Attorney General's advice; and
- (iii) whether the debt issued in excess of the constitutionally and legally stipulated borrowing limit in 2020 will be treated equally with all other debt issued by the Government of Sri Lanka in the event of default?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the Attorney General's advice was sought on National Budget Circular No. 01/2020; and
- (ii) if so, whether action was taken on the basis of Attorney General's advice?

(c) If not, why?

1064/2020

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that pomegranate is cultivated in the Kalpitiya peninsula, which belongs to Puttalam district;
- (ii) if so, the extent of land in which pomegranate has been cultivated by now; and
- (iii) the number of farmers that engage in the cultivation of pomegranate there?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid farmers encounter the problems such as the lack of proper technological knowledge and the difficulty in marketing their produce; and
- (ii) if so, the action that will be taken to solve the aforesaid problems?

(c) If not, why?

1109/2020

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Iyon Lanka Financial Institution which is operated in Pallandeniya in Kurunegala has been brought under the purview of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware the fact that most of the depositors of the aforesaid financial institution are retired war heroes;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have deposited money in the aforesaid financial institution; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to payback the deposits of the aforesaid depositors?
- (b) If not, why?

1281/2020

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families residing in permanent and temporary houses in the Sevanagala divisional secretariat division, Monaragala;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have been provided with the deeds or permits, out of the said occupants;
 - (iii) out of the lands in (ii) above, the amount of lands in the possession of the Ministry of Lands?
 - (a) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that certain families reside in permanent or temporary houses constructed in lands for which deeds or permits have not been granted;
 - (ii) if so, out of the lands in which the aforesaid families reside, the amount of lands in the possession of the Ministry of lands;
 - (iii) whether any arrangement has been made to provide permits for the lands without permits;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the aforesaid permits will be provided?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, July 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

869/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Kurinjakkeni bridge in Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Trincomalee District was destroyed due to the floods that occurred in year 2014, and the people living in those areas have been using a temporary bridge since then; and
 - (ii) tenders were called by the Road Development Authority in year 2019 for the construction of the aforesaid bridge, and the then Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the person to whom the tender for the construction of the aforesaid bridge was awarded;
 - (ii) the value of the aforesaid tender;
 - (iii) the date on which the construction work of the aforesaid bridge will be commenced; and
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work is expected to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

934/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Post Office which covers 22 Grama Niladhari Divisions belonging to the Mulliyawalai Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullativu District is run in a temporary building;
 - (ii) a monthly rental of Rs. 20,000/- is paid for that building; and
 - (iii) people in the area and public organizations have submitted requests for constructing a permanent building for the aforesaid post office?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a permanent building will be constructed to house the aforesaid post office in order to provide a quality postal service for the people living in the Mulliyawalai area; and
 - (ii) if so, of the time frame within which the aforesaid building will be constructed?
- (c) If not, why?

948/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that sea transportation is the main mode of transport on the island of Neduntivu, which is a Pradeshiya Sabha area in Jaffna district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of crew members serving on the passenger vessel “Neduntharakai” operating on the aforesaid island; and
 - (ii) separately of the designation, date of appointment and the basis of employment of each of the aforesaid crew members?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the authority that has given appointments to the aforesaid crew members on contract basis;
 - (ii) whether the crew members William Yesudasan Anthony Raj, Sindakulam Melkiyas Milan, Alfred Mariadayalan, Anthony Amaladasan, and Andrews Rakeemlione will be given permanent appointments based on their educational and professional qualifications;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which permanent appointments will be given to the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for not giving such permanent appointments?
- (d) If not, why?

1282/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual maize production of Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) of the districts that record a bountiful maize production; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual maize production recorded in each district in metric tons ?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) annual quantity of maize imported to Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (ii) of the countries from where they are imported; and
 - (iii) names of the companies which imported maize into Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) of the amount spent annually to import maize is?
- (c) Whether he admits that Sri Lanka's annual maize production is insufficient to cater to the local consumption?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to increase the local maize production; and
 - (ii) if so, those measures are?
- (e) If not, why?

1336/2020

Hon. K.P.S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the approved number of Samurdhi Development Officers for Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi Development Officers serving in that district by now;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies that exists accordingly;
 - (iv) the total number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in that district; and
 - (v) the number of new Samurdhi beneficiaries in that district who were provided Samurdhi assistance by the former government?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the criteria used in selecting Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

1364/2020

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. J.M. Kelum Jayasundara who was holding a position of grade IV in the Badulla regional head office of the Sri Lanka Transport Board contested for the General Election, 2020 as a candidate representing the Moneragala district;
 - (ii) a letter dated 2020.03.17 has been sent by him addressed to the Regional manager, Badulla, requesting leave to contest for the election;

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- (iii) in the meantime, two monthly salaries have been credited to his personal account by the Wellawaya Depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (iv) he was interdicted, in spite of the fact that he tried to reimburse the said salaries to the regional office Badulla;
 - (v) the delay in settling the said salary was resulted by the Covid 19 pandemic?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that Mr. Jayasundara has to face severe injustice due to the interdiction; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to reinstate him?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, July 20, 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?

- (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?
- (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;

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- (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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