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**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

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

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) (Temporary Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Resolution under the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance,— That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rupees One Thousand Billion (Rs. 1,000 Billion) may, in addition to sums authorized by the resolution in that behalf, be borrowed by the issue in Sri Lanka, of Sri Lanka Government Treasury Bills and that, for such purpose, the Minister of Finance be granted all requisite authority under Section 2(1) of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 417).

(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.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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2224/43 of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021, which were presented on 08.06.2021, 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) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2224/44 of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021, which were presented on 08.06.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Lands,— Regulations under the Lands Acquisition Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands under Section 63(2)f of the Lands Acquisition Act, No. 09 of 1950 (Chapter 460) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2219/56 of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which were presented on 08.06.2021, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Friday, July 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.

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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,— Mitigating 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.

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P. 9/2020

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

P. 10/2020

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

P. 11/2020

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

P. 12/2020

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

P. 13/2020

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

P. 14/2020

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

P. 15/2020

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

P. 16/2020

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

P. 17/2020

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

P. 18/2020

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

P. 19/2020

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

P. 20/2020

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

P. 21/2020

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

P. 22/2020

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

P. 23/2020

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

P. 24/2020

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

P. 25/2020

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

P. 26/2020

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

P. 27/2020

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

P. 28/2020

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

P. 29/2020

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

P. 30/2020

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

P. 31/2020

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

P. 32/2020

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

P. 33/2020

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

P. 34/2020

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

P. 35/2020

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

P. 36/2020

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

P. 37/2020

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

P. 38/2020

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

P. 39/2020

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

P. 40/2020

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

P. 41/2020

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

P. 42/2020

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

P. 43/2020

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

P. 44/2020

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

P. 45/2020

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

P. 46/2020

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

P. 47/2020

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

P. 48/2020

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

P. 49/2020

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

P. 50/2020

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

P. 51/2020

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

P. 52/2020

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

P. 53/2021

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

P. 54/2021

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

P. 55/2021

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

P. 56/2021

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

P. 57/2021

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

P.58/2021

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

P.59/2021

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

P.60/2021

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

P.61/2021

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

P.62/2021

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

P.63/2021

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

P.64/2021

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

P.65/2021

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

P.66/2021

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

P.67/2021

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

P.68/2021

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

P.69/2021

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

P.70/2021

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice 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.

P.73/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Providing drinking water to the areas of Mahawilachchiya, Thanthirimale, Elayapaththuwa and Nochchiyagama after the expeditious development of the Kudawilachchiya Tank,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas other than the Mahawilachchiya project of the Mahawilachchiya divisional secretariat division in the district of Anuradhapura, the chena cultivations in the areas of Thanthirimale, Dunumadalawa and Kandurupitiya primarily depend on rain water ,whereas even small children have been victimized by kidney diseases and many other diseases owing to the lack of potable drinking water, whereas the approval has not hitherto been granted for the integrated water supply projects of “Wisal Anuradhapura - North” and “ Wisal Trincomalee” that have been planned by the National Water supply and Drainage Board as a solution for this problematic situation and whereas the water required for this water supply project can be procured through the development of the Kudawilachchiya Tank as stated by the Department of irrigation, a project be implemented by the government to provide drinking water to the areas of Mahawilachchiya, Thanthirimale, Elayapaththuwa and Nochchiyagama through the expeditious development of the Kudawilachchiya Tank.

P.74/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— Development of the tourism zone centering Habarana town,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas the Minneriya, Ritigala and Habarana forests can be recognized as the major tourist observation sites in the well-known Habarana town which is a world famous tourist attraction, whereas the possibility to watch wild elephant habitat here is a major contributory factor behind the tourist attraction, whereas 35000 of people belonging to 15000 families whose livelihoods are based on different fields related to tourism industry such as hotels, accommodation facilities, home stays, safari services, miscellaneous trade activities and three wheeler services, reside in this area and whereas a substantial amount of foreign exchange can be generated out of this industry to the country, an integrated tourism development project be initiated by the government in collaboration with the North central Provincial Council with a view to developing the tourism zone centred Habarana town.

P.75/2021

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Properly giving transfers to officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement a proper transfer policy for the officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as officers in this Service have become utterly helpless due to the unavailability of a proper transfer system in effect.

P. 76/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Appointment of an Ombudsman to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that an ombudsman should be appointed by the government to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries as those employees face various difficulties in those countries and as minimal service is provided to those employees by the Sri Lankan embassies in those countries.

P.77/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting Anawilundawa wetland,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce an accelerated programme to protect Anawilundawa wetland which has been declared as a wetland by Ramsar International Convention, for the future generation .

P.78/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting mangrove eco-system in Puttlam District,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take immediate steps to protect mangrove eco- system in Puttlam district which makes a huge contribution to maintain the ecological balance, for the future generation .

P. 79/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Home quarantine for returning Sri Lankan foreign employees at their own houses,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a suitable programme to quarantine the returning Sri Lankan foreign employees who have spent a hard time in foreign countries due to loss of their jobs owing to Covid-19 pandemic, in their own houses as the quarantine mechanism that the government has introduced poses an unbearable financial burden on them at this time.

P.80/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathna,— Developing Anuradhapura, Vivekananda Tamil Vidyalaya,— That this Parliament resolves that, necessary decisions be taken by the government to develop Anuradhapura, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, which was established for the Tamil children and now is on the verge of being closed, in a context where separate schools exist for other ethnic groups and since there is a need to ensure the rights of the Tamil people in a setting where Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and other ethnic groups inhabited Anuradhapura in the past though a large number of Tamils who inhabited Anuradhapura fled the city due to the Black July in 1983 and other various disastrous situations.

P. 81/2021

Hon. Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasinghe,— Formulation of a Pensions Scheme for the government registered artists,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas the Sri Lankan artists who represent all the fields of arts including cinema, teledramas, stage dramas and music, contribute their effort, time and skills at a lower fee when compared with the other countries, whereas most of the artists spend the latter stage of their lives in a miserable, destitute and unfortunate plight, and whereas pensions are provided to many groups other than public servants in the form of Farmers' Pensions, and the Fishermen's pensions at present in Sri Lanka, a similar programme be expeditiously formulated by the government to provide a social security scheme with a pension to the artists, including the actors, directors, camera technicians, assistant directors and make-up artists who have provided their contribution to more than 10 films, or who are above the age of 60.

P.82/2021

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardena,— Acquiring the Batticaloa Campus (Pvt) Limited, which has been established in the Eastern Province and to be declared open shortly, to the government,— That this Parliament resolves the Batticaloa Campus (Pvt) Limited should be acquired by the government and it should take measures to provide opportunity for children belonging to all ethnicities and follow different religions to pursue their higher education as this institution has not obtained approval from the University of Grants Commission whereas courses related to Sharia law can produce extremists while establishing universities dedicated to a certain ethnicity or religion can pave the way for separatism and in its final report the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resource Development has also recommended that this illegal institution should be acquired by the government and expedited legal measures should be taken against all persons who are guilty.

P.83/2021

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayaka,— Preventing human-elephant conflict and damages being caused to crops by wild elephants in the Mahiyanganaya electorate of Badulla district,— That this Parliament resolves the government should take measures to provide a permanent solution to the human-elephant conflict or to set up an electric fence as crops cultivated by farmers amidst various difficulties are being destroyed from the invasions of wild elephants experienced in several Mahaweli villages including Agalaoya, Millannawa, Viranagama situated in Mahiyanganaya electorate of Badulla district and due to unfortunate loss of lives.

P.84/2021

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Providing Dhamma School Education to all the Children,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the Dhamma school education compulsory by discontinuing tuition classes on the days on which the Dhamma schools are held, since there is a probability for the emergence of a society which is full of misconducts and crimes, instead of a civilized society due to not directing children to Dhamma school education, to provide physical resources to the Dhamma Schools in the remote areas and to ensure the welfare of the Dhamma School teachers.

P. 85/2021

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— Protection of the living standards of the employees in jobs related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formed by the government expeditiously to ensure safe living standards and job security of the self –employees who are employed in direct and indirect jobs related to three wheelers and motor bikes in Sri Lanka, considering the immense difficulties encountered by them owing to the high interest rates charged for the concessionary loans which were granted to them due to the Covid - 19 pandemic situation.

P. 86/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Establishing a Centre for Buying and Selling Vegetables,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take steps to get the land situated on the right after Yelakkaraya Junction along the Matale – Kurunegala Road, which is situated in the Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat Division, acquired by the Urban Development Authority and a centre for collecting and selling vegetables should be started there as Yatawatta Divisional Secretariat Division is an agricultural area in which tomato and vegetables are widely cultivated and as no proper arrangement is in place yet to collect the produce and sell it wholesale.

P. 87/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Eliminating the Human–Elephant conflict,— That this Parliament resolves that, as Matale District, too, is a district where the lives of wild elephants and lives and property of people are damaged due to the human-elephant conflict, and as this issue has not been resolved despite the construction of electric fences as a solution, the government should make arrangements to separate the areas that are specifically identified as wildlife parks and to catch all the wild elephants and to release them to those parks, to construct embankments instead of electric fences around those parks and to construct roads, plant trees and construct tourist centres on those embankments, to remove the electric fences constructed in other areas of the country, and to build tanks in the aforesaid parks and to supply irrigation water to those tanks.

P.88/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Preventing the release of cattle to lands coming under the Department of Forest Conservation and Department of Wildlife,— That this Parliament resolves that, whereas many issues have erupted between the farmers and the Wildlife officers due to the release of cattle to the reserved lands belonging to the Department of Wildlife and the Department of Forest Conservation, and whereas there is a possibility to induce these farmers who are constantly affected by the issue of wild elephants, towards cattle farming by allocating a separate section of these lands without removing the bigger trees which are remaining there and by providing irrigation water to the farmers, having constructed tanks in these allocated lands, and whereas there is no negative impact on the eco system out of this move, and whereas there is a possibility of preventing the annual outflow of a substantial amount of wealth to foreign countries as a result of promoting the local dairy production, steps be expeditiously implemented by the government to acquire a substantial economic progress in the country through the dairy production.

P. 89/2021

Hon. Rohana Dissanayake,— Avoidance of the damages caused by monkeys,—That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formed and implemented by the government swiftly to release monkeys to islands in the middle of the reservoirs like Moragahakanda and to islands in the coastal line ,to name such locations as Money parks, to sterilize and release the monkeys who are caught, to formulate a programme through the Environmental Organizations to provide the vegetables and fruits removed from the economic centres such as Dambulla and Manning markets to the aforesaid Monkey Parks, and to formulate an appropriate programme to enable these locations to be visited by visitors and to utilize the funds raised thus for the maintenance purposes of the parks, as a solution to the national requirement of preventing the harmful impacts caused by the stray monkeys such as destroying the vegetable, fruit and coconut cultivations, destroying houses and property, destroying the nests and burrows of animals including squirrels and parrots and eating eggs, eating the tender leaves of cultivations like bread fruit leading to a decline in the harvest .

**Wednesday, September 08, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

37/2020

Hon. Heshu 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?

275/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the grapes production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
  - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the grape production;
  - (iii) if so, what those measures are?

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- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of grape varieties found in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for grape cultivation?
- (c) Will he further state—
  - (i) the amount of money spent for importing grapes to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
  - (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports grapes;
  - (iii) if so, the income received through the export of grapes in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

446/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) how many locomotives the Sri Lanka Railways owns;
  - (ii) how many of them have been deployed in running operations;
  - (iii) how many of them have not been deployed in running operations;
  - (iv) of the reasons why such locomotives are not deployed in running operations; and
  - (v) what steps the Ministry will take in order to use such locomotives in running operations expeditiously?
- (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; and
  - (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)(i) 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, September 09, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

12/2020

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

- (a) Will he 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?

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- (b) Will he also 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 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 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?
- (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, aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

444/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the existence of an organization named Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency;
  - (ii) what the vision, mission and functions of that Agency are;
  - (iii) whether he is aware that the said organization commits fraud and corruption in distributing foreign employment opportunities; and
  - (iv) what measures are taken by the Ministry in order to prevent such fraud and corruption?
- (b) 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?
- (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?

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?
- (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?

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- (c) Will he also state 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?

1428 / 2021

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) that approval was given in the year 2019 by the then Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs on my request to construct 16 cultural centres covering areas associated with estates for the use of people living associated with estates for their religious, cultural, welfare and other activities and 100 million rupees was allocated for this purpose;

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- (ii) estimates were prepared for construction of 14 of the 16 cultural centres referred to above; and
  - (iii) the construction work of these cultural centres has, however, been stopped?
  - (b) Will he inform the House—
    - (i) whether the District Secretary, Badulla has been provided with 20.5 million rupees for the initial work of the construction of these cultural centres; and
    - (ii) whether allocations necessary for the construction of these 16 cultural centres will be provided?
  - (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, September 10, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

74/2020

Hon. Heshu 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?

276/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the banana production in Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
  - (ii) whether measures have been taken to increase the banana production; and
  - (iii) if so, what those measures are?

- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of banana varieties found in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names of the districts in Sri Lanka with a climatic condition suitable for banana cultivation?
- (c) Will he further state—
  - (i) whether Sri Lanka imports bananas;
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money spent for importing bananas to Sri Lanka in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
  - (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports bananas; and
  - (iv) if so, the income received through the export of bananas in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?
- (d) If not, why?

447/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) how many railway carriages the Sri Lanka Railways owns;
  - (ii) how many of them have been deployed in running operations;
  - (iii) how many of them have not been deployed in running operations;
  - (iv) of the reasons why such railway carriages are not deployed in running operations; and
  - (v) what steps the Ministry will take in order to use such railway carriages in running operations expeditiously?
- (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; and
  - (iii) whether that invitation for tenders was referred to the then relevant Ministerial procurement committee?

- (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; and
  - (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?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

76/2020

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance,—(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; and
  - (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?

227/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(3)

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

347/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of houses with no deeds for the lands, situated within Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) whether there is a programme to provide deeds for those lands; and
  - (iii) if so, how that programme is implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

356/2020

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

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

493/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the length of the roads that belong to the central government, the provincial council and the local government institutions in the Bandarawela electorate in kilometers, separately;
  - (ii) out of the above roads, the length of the roads that are in dilapidated condition at present, in relation to each of the above mentioned institutions, separately; and
  - (iii) the measures, the Ministry intends to take to develop all roads that belong to the Bandarawela electorate soon?
- (b) If not, why?

620/2020

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

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

(b) Will she also inform this House—

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

(c) If not, why?

754/2020

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

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

1203/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) there are 14 tanks under the major irrigation schemes of which the cultivation extent is approximately 126,242 acres;

- (ii) there are 83 tanks under the medium irrigation schemes of which the cultivation extent is approximately 29,775 acres;
  - (iii) there are 3019 tanks under the provincial irrigation schemes of which the cultivation extent is approximately 106,185 acres; and
  - (iv) the water capacity of most of the above tanks has decreased due to the deposition of silt and as a result of being infested with various aquatic weeds such as Salvinia and Water Hyacinth?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the measures taken as of now for the renovation of abovementioned tanks; and
  - (ii) the measures taken for manufacturing organic fertilizer using Salvinia and Water Hyacinth?
- (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?
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