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199/2020

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

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

945/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, 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;

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- (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?

282/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that some artists have been recruited into Sri Lanka Army on special basis during the period from 2005-2014; and
 - (ii) if so their names, date of recruitment and designation, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) to which force out of the volunteer and regular forces those artists have been enlisted;
 - (ii) the training period and the name of the training camp, if they have been given army training; and
 - (iii) the duties assigned to each of those artists, the regiment each one was attached to and the salaries, allowances and benefits paid subsequent to training?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether the said recruitment is legal;
 - (ii) if not, the measures taken and expected to be taken against the parties involved in it?
- (d) If not, why?

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464/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the financial value of the weapons that were destroyed at the explosion at the Salawa Army camp in 2016;
 - (ii) the financial value of the damage caused to that Army camp owing to the explosion;
 - (iii) the financial value of the damage caused to the shops and houses close to the Army camp owing to the explosion, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a formal investigation was conducted on that explosion;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for that explosion according to that investigation;
 - (iii) whether legal action has been initiated against the perpetrators of that explosion, if they have been identified?
- (c) If not, why?

1283/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, 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?

755/2020

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of people with housing needs in the Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) the number of partly constructed houses on private lands in the district;
 - (iii) the number of housing projects constructed as model villages?
- (b) If not, why?

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85/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology adopted in granting Title Certificates to the people who resided in Mahaweli zones for a long period of time ;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the valuation amounts on certain lands in Walawa zone are unreasonable when Title Certificates are granted to the people who resided in aforesaid zone for a long period of time;
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken in that regard so far ;
 - (iv) the time taken to grant Title Certificates to the people who resided in Mahaweli zones for a long period of time, on a reasonable lease amount; and
 - (v) whether the performance of the institutions that are working on aforesaid matter is satisfactory?
- (b) If not, why?

671/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to how the money to be spent on the proposed remaining work of the Bingiriya, Kiniyama Irrigation Project of which the construction was recently commenced will be sourced;
 - (ii) the amount of money to be spent on the proposed remaining work components;
 - (iii) the time to be taken for the proposed remaining work components; and
 - (iv) the number of tanks to be revived by the said project?
- (b) 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;
- in Anuradhapura District?

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- (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?

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?

465/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent to print school text books in the years 2018 and 2019, in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) the number of text books printed in each of the above years, separately;
 - (iii) whether a colour photograph of the then Minister of Education had been printed in those text books; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that was spent to print that photograph in those text books?
- (b) If not, why?

543/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that employees were recruited to the non-academic staff of the national schools in Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2015 to 2018?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the job titles for which employees were recruited in each of the aforesaid national schools; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of employees recruited to each of the aforesaid national schools?
- (c) If not, why?

803/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a school by the name of Kili/ Wattakkachchi Central College in Karachchi Divisional Secretariat Division of the district of Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) the foundation stone has been laid to construct a new auditorium for the above school in 2017; and
 - (iii) the construction activities of the auditorium have been suspended due to not releasing the funds allocated for this purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the ministry which has allocated funds for the construction of the above mentioned auditorium; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not releasing the funds allocated for the same?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money needed to complete the construction of the above mentioned auditorium;
 - (ii) the date on which allocations will be made for this purpose; and
 - (iii) the time needed to complete the construction of the said auditorium and to provide it for the use of the students?
- (d) If not, why?

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?

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- (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?

510/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the quantity of Yellow berried Nightshades that have been imported to Sri Lanka in 2015;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) the quantity of Yellow berried Nightshades produced in Sri Lanka during the aforesaid period; and
 - (iv) the courses of action that will be taken to promote the Yellow berried Nightshade cultivation in Sri Lanka?
- (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?

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?

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 (b) (i) and (ii) above in a systematic manner?
- (d) 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?

519/2020

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

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

871/2020

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

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

971/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Depots and Sub-depots belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Ampara district;
 - (ii) the name of each Depot and Sub-depot mentioned above;
 - (iii) the number of buses that are in running condition at present in each Depot and Sub-depot mentioned above, separately; and
 - (iv) the number of vacancies exist in each Depot and Sub-depot mentioned above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the regional Sub-depot belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board located at Pottuvil in the Ampara district was made a Sub-depot in 2011 and it still remains a Sub-depot;
 - (ii) whether arrangements would be to upgrade that Sub-depot to a main Depot; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

67/2020

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

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

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; and
 - (iv) separately of the name and address of the person who undertook the contract to develop each of the aforesaid weekly fairs?
- (b) If not, why?

757/2020

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

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

76/2020

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the 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?

242/2020

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

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

832/2020

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (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?

1365/2020

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the operations of the Eyon Lanka Investment and Film Production International Company Private Limited financial institution located at “Saman Kekula”, Embalawa, Dematamaluwa, Kurunegala have been prohibited by the Central bank of Sri Lanka?

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- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason that led to the ban imposed on the aforesaid institution;
 - (ii) the names of the chief and the staff members of the institution;
 - (iii) the names of its branches, if any; and
 - (iv) separately the assets owned by the said institution and each of its branches?
- (c) Is he aware that the depositors of the aforesaid institution are facing immense inconvenience due to the loss of their money and the interests?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) separately the names of the depositors and the amounts deposited;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to settle the money deposited along with the relevant interests and the period of time that will be taken for this purpose;
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken against the perpetrators?
- (e) 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?

2264/2021

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a hotel is being constructed without permission by making inroads into the Mahaweli river near the chain bridge that has been constructed across the Mahaweli river in the Gananoruwa area in Peradeniya ,opposite the Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya; and
 - (ii) if so, the action that has been taken by now to stop the aforesaid unauthorized construction?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of unauthorized constructions have been made in the forest reserve of the Mahaweli river situated at the left side of the Dodanwala new bridge in the Aniwatta area in Kandy (at the entrance of the of the road from Aniwattta to Haloluwa);
 - (ii) if so, the action taken by now against the aforesaid unauthorized constructions; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken in the future to avoid unauthorized constructions?
- (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?

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?

355/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the quality of the water of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that provide drinking water has deteriorated; and
 - (ii) aforesaid water is unsuitable for human consumption as it contains toxic substances including E-coli ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the tanks situated in Anuradhapura district that are used to obtain drinking water;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to improve the quality of the water of the aforesaid tanks; and
 - (iii) if so, those measures are?
- (c) If not, why?

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?

308/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the profit earned/loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from year 2015 to 2020 on per year basis;
 - (ii) of the number of government institutions, boards, corporations and departments that are in debt to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and their names;
 - (iii) separately, of the amounts payable by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to each state bank; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to financially strengthen the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation?
- (b) 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?

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?

321/2020

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated to develop table tennis in Sri Lanka in 2019;
 - (ii) the amount, out of that amount, that has been allocated for government schools; and
 - (iii) the amount, out of the amount allocated in above (i), to develop table tennis skills among school dropouts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to prepare plans to train school children to get international victories in table tennis;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Sri Lanka Table Tennis Association and other affiliated organizations; and
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the government's involvement?
- (d) If not, why?

1829/2021

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is accepted that the people are inconvenienced due to the court backlog resulted by the delay in judicial proceedings in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the reasons that lead to the delay in providing legal instructions for the cases which are directed to the Attorney General's Department?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

72/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Local Authority Members that participated in the international training programmes on solid waste management in each year during the period from the year 2010 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) the name of each Local Authority Member along with the name of the relevant Local Authority, separately;
 - (iii) the country and the city in which each of the aforesaid programmes was held along with the duration of each programme, separately;
 - (iv) the amount spent for participating in each of the aforesaid programmes, separately; and
 - (v) the names of the local authorities that implemented programmes related to solid waste management subsequent to the aforesaid programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

176/2020

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

- (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?

178/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the post offices and the sub post offices in the Killinochchi district are functioning properly according to the categorization;
 - (ii) separately of the number of post offices and sub post offices situated in the aforesaid district; and
 - (iii) separately of the number of post offices and sub post offices with permanent lands and buildings;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the need to construct sub post offices in Paradipuram, Punnainiravi and Pallikuda areas;
 - (ii) if so, as to why no action has been taken regarding the letter bearing reference PPS&MR/HR/09-182 dated 09.09.2016 that was sent to the Post Master General as per the letter submitted by me to the then Minister on 05.09.2016;
 - (iii) of the date on which permanent building facilities will be provided to the sub post offices in Kalmaḍunagar, Thirunagar, Konavi, Karaḍibokku, Thiruvaiyaru, Ambalkulam, Murasumottai, Darumapuram, Kaṇḍavalai, Puḷiyampokkanai, Kuṁjuparandan, Sivanagar, Muhamalai, Iyakkachchi, Kiḷali, Eludumattuval, Soranpattu, Tattuvankotti, Suṇḍikkulam, Settiyakuruchchi, Eranaitivu, Gaudarimanai, Pallavarayankattu, Nallur, Kiranji and Veravill; and
 - (iv) whether the four main post offices in the district, namely Killinochchi, Paranthan, Pachchilaipalli and Poonagari are functioning with modern computer facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

293/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Sri Lankan Brass manufacturers are abandoning the industry by now;
 - (ii) aforesaid manufacturers encounter issues regarding supplies of raw material and the sale of products; and
 - (iii) a huge amount of foreign exchange can be earned by aforesaid industry?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan Brass products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the foreign income earned by aforesaid exports in 2015;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to export Sri Lankan Brass products, if the same is not done by now; and
 - (iv) if so, of the dates on which such measures will be taken?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to expand the market for Sri Lankan Brass products; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

313/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which it was confirmed that there is a huge petroleum deposit near Mannar basin;
 - (ii) the date on which it was commenced to conduct researches in regard to that deposit;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions and organizations to which the task of conducting the aforesaid researches was assigned;
 - (iv) the amount that has been spent by now for conducting the aforesaid researches; and
 - (v) the courses of action that have been taken up to now and will be taken in the future in regard to making maximum use of the aforesaid petroleum and gas deposit, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

467/2020

Hon. Mohammed Muzammil,— To ask the minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of metric tons of chemical fertilizer imported to Sri Lanka per year;
 - (ii) the extent of arable lands in Sri Lanka in hectares;
 - (iii) the amount of chemical fertilizer applied per one hectare of arable land ?
- (a) Will he also inform this House,-
 - (i) whether researches have been conducted in regard to the damage that may be caused to the soil due to the application of chemical fertilizer ;
 - (ii) the courses of action taken to prevent the aforesaid damage ?
- (a) If not , why ?

605/2020

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

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

630/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of paddy lands in the Kurunegala district; and
 - (ii) the extent of cultivated paddy lands and barren paddy lands out of that;
- in respect of each divisional secretariat division separately?

(23)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the courses of action taken by the ministry to recultivate the barren paddy lands in the district of Kurunegala?
- (c) If not, why?

836/ 2020

Hon. Chandima Weerakkody,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an open warrant has been issued against Kasthuriarachchige Yasasiri and J. G. I. Udayanganie Kasturiarachchi residing at No. 282/C, Galle Road, Colombo 03 by the Galle additional magistrate on 06.08.2019 for not appearing before the court on 01.08.2019 for a case, bearing number 90661, filed in the Galle magistrate's court for not paying a gratuity of Rs. 201,337.50/- ;
 - (ii) they have not been arrested though one year and two months have passed since the warrant was issued;
 - (iii) OIC Galle has stated that the relevant police station should arrest them since summons and open warrants have been issued for about 20 cases filed against them in the investigation conducted on 02.10.2020 in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any influence from another party or negligence that prevents them from being taken into custody;
 - (ii) if so, whether legal action will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1736/2021

Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a person was appointed to the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Television Network during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the person, educational qualifications and other qualifications are;
 - (iii) the period he served at the Independent Television Network;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances paid and other facilities provided;
 - (v) therefore, the total amount paid to him during the period he served ?

(24)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) if the payments made to the aforesaid person during the period he served at the ITN are improper payments, whether measures will be taken to recover the amount from the officers who are responsible;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons are ?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 22, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

91/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of vehicle accidents took place in 2019 and the number of deaths occurred due to aforesaid accidents?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately, of the number of vehicle accidents took place in 2019 in comparison with the years 2017 and 2018 and the rise of the number of deaths occurred due to aforesaid vehicle accidents, comparatively?
- (c) If not, why?

294/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) Sri Lankan Reed manufacturers are abandoning the industry by now;
 - (ii) aforesaid manufacturers encounter issues regarding supplies of raw material and the sale of products;
 - (iii) a huge amount of foreign exchange can be earned by aforesaid industry ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan Reed products are exported;
 - (ii) if so , the foreign income earned by aforesaid exports in 2015;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to export Sri Lankan Reed products, if the same is not done by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the dates on which such measures will be taken?

- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to expand the market for Sri Lankan Reed products; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

316/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the pipeline system through which petroleum oil is transported from Colombo port up to Kolonnawa terminal is very old; and
 - (ii) a lot of frauds occur as a result of it?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to modernize the aforesaid pipeline system?
- (c) If not, why?

712/2020

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,—To ask the Minister of Wild Life and Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether an elephant census has ever been taken in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, in which year such census was conducted; and
 - (iii) the number of wild elephants living in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of wild elephants who die annually due to elephant-human conflicts;
 - (ii) what course of action has been formulated to protect wild elephants;
 - (iii) whether the erection of an elephant fence an effective measure to prevent wild elephants from rampaging through human settlements; and
 - (iv) if not, whether an alternative method has been identified?
- (c) If not, why?

767/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that a number of crops that can be cultivated in Sri Lanka are imported to this country;
 - (ii) whether the annual requirement of rice, maize, green gram, cowpea, ginger and turmeric has been identified by now;
 - (iii) if so, separately of the amounts of the aforesaid requirement; and
 - (iv) whether a programme has been prepared to cultivate the aforesaid crops in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

778/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the land situated in the village named Ahaththimurippu Alakkattu was set aside for resettlement purposes of the Musali Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mannar District and the then Prime Minister awarded permits for this purpose to respective families on 12.10.2014 at Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of permits prepared as per the Land Commissioner General's letter No. NP/28/04/03/169 dated 02.07.2013;
 - (ii) the names of the recipients of such licences;
 - (iii) the number of those among them who have received permits by now;
 - (iv) the number of those recipients referred to in (iii) above who have received lands;
 - (v) the date on which the recipients of permits who have not received lands so far will be given lands; and
 - (vi) the reasons why delays have occurred in granting land permits?
- (c) If not, why?

932/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people in the Vavunia District are afflicted with kidney disease as they have not been provided with clean drinking water; and
 - (ii) 2,048 families living within the Asikkulam Grama Niladhari Division consisting of 14 hamlets, which is located in the Vavunia District, suffer due to lack of clean drinking water?

(27)

- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the percentage of families having access to clean drinking water facilities living in the Vavunia District;
 - (ii) what steps will be taken to provide water facilities to the areas where clean water facilities are not available within the Vavunia District; and
 - (iii) whether quick steps will be taken to provide clean drinking water to the Asikkulam Grama Niladhari Division, which stands on land consisting of rock layers?
- (c) If not, why?

1366/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a project by the name of ‘Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project. ’;
 - (ii) the work from the Edirisinghe road, Nugegoda to Kattiya Junction has not been completed under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not hitherto completing the work of the aforesaid extent; and
 - (ii) the date on which the work of the aforesaid area will be completed?
- (c) If not ,why?

1404/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the local paddy varieties in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the indigenous paddy varieties sown in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that fertilizer and agro chemicals are not needed to cultivate old paddy varieties;
 - (ii) the course of action that has been taken to conserve and cultivate the old paddy varieties; and
 - (iii) Is he aware that kidney diseases and cancers are prevalent in Sri Lanka at present?

- (c) Will he further inform this House whether research has proved that the cause of the above diseases is the use of food produced by genetically modified paddy and seeds that are alien to Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not why?

1669/2021

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a Consular General is yet to be appointed for the Consular General's Office of Sri Lanka at Milan in Italy; and
 - (ii) the Sri Lankan migrant workers who are serving at Milan and in suburbs are facing various difficulties as a result of it?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to appoint a Consular General to the aforesaid Consular General's Office?
 - (c) If not, why ?
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Thursday, September 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

295/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Sri Lankan Cane manufacturers are abandoning the industry by now;
 - (ii) aforesaid manufacturers encounter issues regarding supplies of raw material and the sale of products; and
 - (iii) a huge amount of foreign exchange can be earned by aforesaid industry?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan Cane products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the foreign income earned by aforesaid exports in 2015;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to export Sri Lankan Cane products, if the same is not done by now; and
 - (iv) if so, of the dates on which such measures will be taken?

(29)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to expand the market for Sri Lankan Cane products; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

439/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of departments, corporations and other institutions that come under the purview of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs;
 - (ii) the names of those institutions;
 - (iii) separately, the addresses of buildings where each department, corporation and other institutions are housed at;
 - (iv) the names of the institutions housed in private buildings out of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (v) the amount paid as monthly rent is; and
 - (vi) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to establish all the institutions coming under the aforesaid Ministry in government buildings?
- (b) If not, why?

469/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amount allocated for innovation and research in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020; and
 - (ii) the amount allocated for innovation and research in each year mentioned above as a percentage of the total budget of the said year;
 - (iii) the number of innovations registered in each year mentioned above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology that should be adopted in obtaining a patent licence;
 - (ii) whether a programme has been formulated to minimize the financial difficulties faced by the innovators;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid programme?
- (c) If not, why?

673/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Youth and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the name of each person that functioned as the coach of the Sri Lanka National Cricket Team during the period from the year 2010 up to now and the period during which he served;
 - (ii) the salaries and other allowances paid to each coach mentioned above;
 - (iii) the number of test and one day international matches that the Sri Lanka National Cricket Team won and lost under each of the aforesaid coaches?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the methodology adopted in selecting a coach to the Sri Lanka National Cricket Team?
- (c) If not, why?

833/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of licensed liquor manufacturing plants being run in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those plants; and
 - (iii) the addresses of the places where those manufacturing plants are run?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) out of the liquor manufacturing plants mentioned in the (a)(i) above, are there any liquor manufacturing plants that have been closed down after 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those manufacturing plants;
 - (iii) whether liquor manufacturing has been resumed in the liquor manufacturing plants which have been so closed; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons that led to such resumption?
- (c) If not, why?

840/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Batticaloa district is well known for Handloom Textile Industry;
 - (ii) more investment opportunities are available in Handloom Textile Industry ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to establish some Handloom Textile factories in Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide aforesaid investment opportunities, stated in a(ii), to the individuals who are directly involved in the industry?
- (c) If not, why ?

1086/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of refugees who have come to Sri Lanka from Pakistan and Afghanistan through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees(UNHCR);
 - (ii) the places where those refugees are housed at present;
 - (iii) the facilities offered to those refugees?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the socio-economic fabric of Sri Lanka has to bear a burden owing to accepting refugees from other countries; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1440/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to each of the Depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Polonnaruwa District —
 - (i) the number of employees;
 - (ii) the number of long distance buses and short distance buses that are operated at present; and
 - (iii) the income earned during the period from 2015 to 2020 on per year basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are sub-depots under Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Polonnaruwa District; and
 - (ii) whether the Diyasenpura sub-depot will be upgraded as a main depot?
- (c) If not, why?

1647/2021

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Dengue patients identified in the urban dwellings of Colombo district during year 2020;
 - (ii) separately, the number according to each divisional secretariat;
 - (iii) of the special measure taken to prevent the spread of Dengue disease in the urban dwellings of Colombo district ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1734/2021

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the programme, which was telecast on ITN during the period from 2015 to 2019, personally sponsored by a Motor Racing Champion of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the ITN had paid the same amount to the aforesaid person subsequently for the said programme series;
 - (iii) if so, separately, the total amount paid for each programme and all the programmes to the said person ?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a payment has been made for telecasting the programme titled “Anoma’s Kitchen” during the aforesaid period;
 - (ii) if so, the said amount is?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names of the officers responsible for making payments for the two programmes mentioned in a(i) and b(i);
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to recover the amount from the aforesaid officers?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, September 24, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

177/2020

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

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

324/2020

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

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

569/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the demurrage paid to the relevant shipping companies by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the delays in unloading the petroleum shipped to Sri Lanka, separately for each year from 2015 to 2020;
 - (ii) the reasons that led to the payment of such demurrage; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to minimize the delays in unloading the petroleum shipped to Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

674/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of local authorities in Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) the value of the stamp duties that should be received by each of the aforesaid local authorities from the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council from the year 2010; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to pay the aforesaid value of stamp duties to the relevant local authority?
- (b) If not, why?

768/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandula,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that the Central Expressway is an essential road to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the first and the second phases of the aforesaid road has been completed;
 - (ii) if not, separately of the date on which construction work of each of the aforesaid stages will be completed;
 - (iii) the date on which the third phase of the construction work of the aforesaid road will be commenced; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to allocate funds for the construction of the third phase of the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

793/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of students studying in the government schools of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number teachers serving in the governments schools by now;
 - (iii) the teacher – pupil ratio on Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the measures taken to implement the teacher transfer policy properly to create a balance of teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

907/2020

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask Minister of Public Service , Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the buildings of the Thalawa Bus Stand of Anuradhapura, are of a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) the bus stand is in an improper condition for the use of passengers in a rainy day?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps have been taken to repair aforesaid Bus Stand?
- (c) If not, why?

1405/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses constructed by the government;
 - (ii) the amount spent for each house constructed by the government;
 - (iii) the number of housing projects (Uda Gam) that have been completed;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for the opening ceremony of each of the housing project (Uda Gam); and
- during the period of 2015 to 2019?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent for the memorial plaques for the housing projects that have been given to the people;
 - (ii) the number of cement bags that have been distributed by the National Housing Authority;
 - (iii) the basis on which the cement bags were distributed by the National Housing Authority; and
- from 2015 to 2019?

(c) If not, why?

1422/2021

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that the ‘Suraksha Student Insurance Scheme’ initiated by the previous government in October 2017 for all school children has once again been activated by the present government in 2020?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which this insurance scheme come once again into effect;
- (ii) whether this insurance scheme was not available for a particular period of time;
- (iii) separately, the name of company and the date of validity of each contract awarded since the inception of this insurance scheme;
- (iv) separately, the manner how and each contract was awarded; and
- (v) separately, the value of each contract awarded?

(c) Will he also inform this House whether any major deviations had occurred in terms of incidents covered from the ‘Suraksha Student Insurance Scheme awarded in 2020?

(d) If not, why?

1623/2021

Hon. Uddika Premarathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of Urban Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a development programme under the title of “Pujya Maduluwawe Sobhitha Gama” was implemented in Elapathgama of Mahawilachchiya Divisional secretariat of Anuradhapura?

(37)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the source from which the money was allocated for aforesaid programme;
- (ii) as to who spent the money, allocated for aforesaid programme;
- (iii) the manner in which, aforesaid money was spent;
- (iv) whether a report on the physical and the financial progress of that programme will be submitted;
- (v) whether the programme which has been stalled by now , will be recommenced; and
- (vi) if so, of the aforesaid date?

(c) If not, why?
