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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Annual Report of National Film Corporation (2013),— That the Annual Report of National Film Corporation for the year 2013 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2013 and presented on 20.02.2018 under Section 14(1) of Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and under Section 32(1) of National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka Act, No. 47 of 1971 amended by Act, No. 45 of 1980, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing,— Annual Report of National Film Corporation (2014),— That the Annual Report of National Film Corporation for the year 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2014 and presented on 20.02.2018 under Section 14(1) of Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and under Section 32(1) of National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka Act, No. 47 of 1971 amended by Act, No. 45 of 1980, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

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The Minister of Transport,— Annual Report of National Transport Commission (2016),— That the Annual Report of National Transport Commission for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 19.06.2019 under Section 14(2)(C) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Transport and Communication on 05.02.2020)

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The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Reports of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2013) and (2014),— That the Annual Reports and Accounts of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the year 2013 and 2014 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the years ended 31.12.2013 and 31.12.2014 and presented on 09.03.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

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The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 10.10.2018 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

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The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. (2016),— That the Annual Report of Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. together for the year 2016 with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 06.06.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

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The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (2015),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation for the year 2015 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2015 and presented on 21.02.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

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The Minister of Mass Media,— Annual Report of Selacine Rupavahini Institute (2016),— That the Annual Report of Selacine Rupavahini Institute for the year 2016 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2016 and presented on 22.02.2019 under Section 14(3) of Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media on 24.01.2020)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Saturday, November 13, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/2020

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— 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 state—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ratnapura District that were affected by the drought in year 2018; and
 - (ii) if Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division is not included in that list, the reasons for not including it?
- (b) Will he 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?

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767/2020

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

- (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?

1590/2021

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the water supply connected to a large number of residences in many hamlets in Hokandara North area in Kaduwela is disrupted in the morning and gets to normalcy only around 10.00 a.m. while the supply is disrupted again around 5.00 p.m. and does not get to normalcy until after 9.00 p.m.;
 - (ii) often water is not available for the whole of daytime on holidays;
 - (iii) this problem particularly affects households that have been constructed with at least one upper floor; and
 - (iv) although the Ministry of Water Supply has been informed of the matter, no solution has been given so far?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to solve this problem so that the people in the area concerned can receive water round the clock; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

1908/2021

Hon. Jagath Pushpakumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in the Department of Trade and Investment Policy during the period from year 2015 to 2019;

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- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in future?
- (c) If not, why?

1997/2021

Hon. Faizal Cassim,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total of arrears payable to Mrs. M.S.S. Ralina, Retired Assistant Teacher (Pension No. 01-1020485 and National Identity Card No. 498042872X) when calculating her pension based on the salary increment value (Rs. 645 x 2 = 1,290/-) that should be paid to her as at 01.11.2005 as per Cabinet Decision No. 1994 - 2014 අමුණ/16/0323/734/002 dated 02.03.2016 and as per the letter No. ගා/කලාප/ගු.අ./2/5විග්‍රාම dated 29.05.2017 addressed to retired teacher Mrs. Raleena sent her by the Zonal Director of Education;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Mrs. Ralina had informed the relevant institutions that an error has occurred in preparing the pension payable to her for the 154 months from 01.11.2005 to 01.08.2018 based on the salary step Rs. 198,660/- as per the above-mentioned decision;
 - (iii) if so, whether he will take steps to calculate Mrs. Ralina's salary increments accurately and grant her the pension to which she is entitled?
- (b) If not, why?
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Monday, November 15, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

778/2020

Hon. K. Kader Masthan,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

- (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 permits;
 - (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?

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 address this situation?
- (d) 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 amount locally produced and the amount imported, separately, to meet that demand;
 - (iii) the amount 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; and
 - (vi) the additional benefits received through that?
- (c) If not, why?

938/2020

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

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

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- (b) Will he state this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the foundation stone was laid for the construction of a building at Hameed Al Hussaini College, Colombo 12 under the aforesaid program; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in connection with the aforesaid construction work?
- (c) Will he also 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?

1670/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an illegal gravel mining is taking place at No.638 – Ranawarapitiya Grama Niladhari Division in Saliyawewa of Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (ii) separately, of the measures taken and expected to be taken by the Ministry to halt the aforesaid illegal gravel mining?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

274/2020

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

- (a) Will he 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?

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(b) Is he 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 he also state—

- (i) whether the government will take measures to upgrade the “Aurveda Sasthri” 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; and
- (iv) whether the government has taken a policy decision to terminate aforesaid course; and
- (v) if so, aforesaid date?

(d) If not, why?

646/2020

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a feeder canal has been made to take water to the Kochchipathana tank from the Demata Wewa;
- (ii) cross roads have to be made to access the houses situated on either side of that canal owing to this; and
- (iii) water does not flow along this canal and the constructions of it are yet to be completed?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the estimated cost of the project of constructing the above canal;
- (ii) the total cost incurred to complete that project;
- (iii) whether the expected objectives of that project have been achieved; and
- (iv) if so, the volume of water that is released along this canal at present?

(c) If not, why?

802/2020

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/Irananadapuram Maha Vidyalaya in the Karachchci divisional secretariat division of the district of Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) the foundation stone to construct an auditorium for the above school, has been laid in 2018; and
 - (iii) the construction activities of the auditorium have been stopped 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 this auditorium;
 - (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?

1017/2020

Hon. Premalal Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(2)

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

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

1403/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the length of the Central Expressway that has been completed during the period from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent to complete that length?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the construction of the Central Expressway has not been started as planned by the previous government; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he can give a clarification in this regard?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether this road will be constructed as an elevated road over the places where it gets flooded, the way it has been planned previously; and
 - (ii) whether the construction work of this road is now being constructed according to the plan?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

246/2020

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the 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?

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

632/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kalawanchikudy base hospital in the Baticaloa district and Dehiattakandiya hospital in the Ampara district were upgraded under the provincial ministry at the same time; and
 - (ii) of them, arrangements are being made to take over the Dehiattakandiya hospital by the central government but the Kalawanchikudy hospital still remains under the provincial ministry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not taking over the Kalawanchikudy hospital by the central government so far;
 - (ii) the reasons for the prevalent shortage of human and physical resources in the Kalawanchikudy hospital; and
 - (iii) whether speedy steps would be taken to address those shortages?
- (c) If not, why?

735/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the construction activities of the Mannar Wind Power Station were commenced;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated as the cost of construction of the said power station;
 - (iii) amount of megawatts expected to be added to the main grid from the aforesaid power station; and
 - (iv) the date on which it is expected to complete the construction activities of the aforesaid power station?
- (b) If not, why?

1086/2020

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Foreign Minister,—(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 structure 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?

1280/2020

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(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) the measures that will be taken to increase the local production of the spices that are imported?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 19, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

312/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of projects received by the Ministry in regard to renewable energy during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020;
 - (ii) the number of projects that were approved out of the aforesaid projects;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid projects;
 - (iv) the projects of which work has been commenced and work has not been commenced by now out of the projects that have been approved, separately; and
 - (v) the courses of action taken by the Ministry to start expeditiously the projects of which work has not yet been commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

583/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Mause Division exists as a Division of the Bopitiya Estate belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board in the Deltota Divisional secretary's division in the Kandy district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land that belongs to the aforesaid Mause Division in Hectares;
 - (ii) out of that, the extent of land that has been cultivated at present;
 - (iii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the (i) above, the extent of land that has been abandoned without cultivating?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Line houses and Line rooms located at the aforesaid Mause Division of the Bopitiya Estate; and
 - (ii) the number of families living in those houses?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether lands have been given for those families living in the above mentioned Line houses to build individual houses;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (e) If not, why?

990/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the local Big Onion production of Sri Lanka in 2020;
 - (ii) separately, of aforesaid amount as per each district; and
 - (iii) the mechanism in place to purchase aforesaid Big Onion production?
- (b) If not, why;

1431/2021

Hon. Uddika Premaratne,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a tourists zone has been established in Habarana town of Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) whether a feasibility study has been conducted for the physical development of aforesaid tourists zone saving the forests and the roaming wild elephants;
 - (iii) whether programs are implemented to develop Habarana town as a tourists zone in a systematic and scientific manner, with the help of such a study; and
 - (iv) whether applicable plans have been made to implement aforesaid programmes?
- (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; and
 - (iii) if so, separately, the amount paid for each programme and the total amount paid for 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; and
 - (ii) if so, the said amount is?

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- (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); and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to recover the amount from the aforesaid officers?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Saturday, November 20, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

731/2020

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

- (a) Is he 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 he 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 he 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 he 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?

933/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the number of students having special needs from each of the five Districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavunia separately; and
 - (ii) what their special needs are?
- (b) Is he aware that the physical resources and the staff available at these schools at present are not adequate for these students?
- (c) Will he also inform the House whether steps will be taken to construct a building each consisting of modern facilities in each of the 12 educational zones belonging to the Northern Province for students having special needs?
- (d) If not, why?

1102/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) these are cultivators of Cardamom, Cloves and Pepper who earn significant foreign exchange to Sri Lanka among the cultivators of minor export crops;
 - (ii) an injustice is caused to the cultivators of the minor export crops such as Cloves, cardamom and pepper when the buying price of those crops drops; and
 - (iii) the cultivators of Cardamom, Cloves and Pepper quit the cultivation of those minor export crops when the buying price drops?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements would be made to provide the cultivators of Cloves, Cardamom and Pepper with some financial assistance when the buying price drops?
- (c) If not, why?

2031/2021

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

- (a) Will she admit that—
 - (i) the salary scheme approved by the Management Services Department for Sri Lank Transport Board is implemented for the majority of the employees of that Board with effect from 01.10.2018;
 - (ii) the said salary scheme is not implemented for the executive and clerical and parallel grades from 01.10.2018 up to now;
 - (iii) those officers have been subjected to injustice as a result of that?

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- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to mete out justice to the officers of executive and clerical and parallel grades through the implementation of the said salary scheme for them;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to implement the said salary scheme for those officers with effect from 01.10.2018?
- (c) If not, why?

2177/2021

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of plantations from 2015 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
 - (iii) the name, age and educational and professional qualifications of each of the said advisers, separately;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser, separately;
 - (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers, separately; and
 - (vi) the foreign tours each of the said advisers had engaged in, the reasons for engaging in the said foreign tours, the expenditure borne in that regard and the benefits received by the Ministry through the said tours, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

Monday, November 22, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

177/2020

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

- (a) Is he 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 he 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?

313/2020

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

- (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?

506/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) out of the villages in the kurunegala district, the number of villages that have faced with the problem of finding clean drinking water; and
 - (ii) the number of community based water supply schemes in operation in that district at present;
 - (iii) their names; and
 - (iv) the number of villages and families that are covered by each of the above projects, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken to expand the capacity of the above mentioned community based water supply schemes further?
- (c) If not, why?

1735/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the amount spent to promote new logos of ITN and Lakhanda radio during the period from year 2015 to 2019?

- (b) Separately, will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of consultants appointed for ITN and Lakhanda Radio during the period from 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the names of each consultant, educational and other qualifications, monthly salary and allowances paid as well as other facilities provided and the total amount paid to each consultant?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the service rendered by the aforesaid consultants to the ITN and Lakhanda Radio?
- (d) If not, why?

1794/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of state universities in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of agricultural faculties affiliated to the aforesaid universities; and
 - (iii) the names of the universities in which the aforesaid agricultural faculties are established?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a university dedicated for agriculture; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it is intended to establish a university dedicated for agriculture?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

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

713/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the number of government-owned handloom textile centres situated within Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the areas where they are situated;
 - (iii) what local textiles are manufactured by these centres at present; and
 - (iv) what concessions have been given by the Government for handloom textile industry?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether such products are sold at markets in foreign countries; and
 - (ii) if so, what those countries are?
- (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?

1647/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) 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; and
 - (iii) the special measure taken to prevent the spread of Dengue disease in the urban dwellings of Colombo district?
- (b) If not, why?

1830/2021

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Services, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any allowance has been paid for the Members of Parliament who represented the government during the former regime during the years 2017 and 2018, in addition to the monthly salary paid for them;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid allowance is;
 - (iii) whether there is any legal basis for the aforesaid allowance; and
 - (iv) the name of the ministry/ office by which the aforesaid allowance has been paid?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any possibility to pay the aforesaid allowance to the present Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) if so, whether any measure has been taken by now with pertinence to the said matter; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures that will be taken in future in relation to the previously mentioned matter?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, November 24, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

74/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) 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?

742/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of temples located in the district of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that a substantial amount of shortages are available in the temples located in remote villages of the district;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to develop the said temples; and
 - (iv) if so, whether money has been allocated for this purpose already?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that are expected to be taken against the destruction of archeological sites in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1404/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the names of the local paddy varieties in Sri Lanka; and
 - (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; and
 - (ii) the course of action that has been taken to conserve and cultivate the old paddy varieties?

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- (c) Is he aware that kidney diseases and cancers are prevalent in Sri Lanka at present?
- (d) 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?
- (e) If not, why?

1421/2021

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the first ‘smart classroom’ pilot project was started on 13.01.2017 at the Sri Jayawardenepura Vidyalaya (Boys) in Kotte;
 - (ii) since then, the funds were allocated to expand this pilot project;
 - (iii) the aforesaid school was able to establish entire grades of ‘smart classroom’; and
 - (iv) other schools and government institutions have assessed the outcome of this program?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the grades, classes and students enrolled in ‘smart classroom’ at the said school;
 - (ii) plans to expand the ‘smart classrooms’ in this school; and
 - (iii) the amount of funds to be allocated for this programme?
- (c) Will he also inform this House, that the aforesaid school could be upgraded to a National School and converted it as the first smart school in Sri Lanka by the time of celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2022?
- (d) If not, why?

2265/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Teachers College of Aesthetic Education is situated in the Giragama area in the Yatinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of land and the number of buildings that belong to the aforesaid college, separately;
 - (iii) the number of student teachers that studied in that college 20 years ago from now; and
 - (iv) the number of student teachers studying in that college presently?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid college has been relegated to a state in which it is not used furthermore;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to establish a school in it; and
 - (iii) if not, whether the aforesaid land and the buildings will be abandoned furthermore?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 25, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

647/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it has been planned to take water via Upper Elahera dam without providing water to Kanthale and Kawudulla reservoirs;
 - (ii) water of Moragahakanda reservoir is channeled to Kanthale and Kawudulla reservoirs by pumping the water of Mahaweli river close to Janaranjana tank;
 - (iii) it costs approximately Rs.600 million per annum to pump water to nearly 2500 acres of agricultural lands fed by those reservoirs as Kanthale and Kawudulla reservoirs are situated at a height of about 25 metres and at a distance of about 60 k.m. from the pumping station; and
 - (iv) there is a delay in the project to construct the feeder canal from Wemedilla reservoir to North Western Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he can give an assurance that the water of the said feeder canal will reach the expected level; and
 - (ii) if not, whether this project will also be completed like the Deduru Oya reservoir project?
- (c) If not, why?

768/2020

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— 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; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to implement the teacher transfer policy properly to create a balance of teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

1401/2021

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the damage done to coconut cultivation by monkeys, rillow (toque macaque) and giant squirrels has a significant impact on the rise in coconut prices; and
 - (ii) the coconut smallholders in Southern and Uva Provinces have faced severe difficulties due the rapid spread of rillow population in those areas?
- (b) Will he state the steps that have been taken to control the aforesaid situation?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether sterilization method can be used;
 - (ii) whether attention has been paid to give hormones mixed with food;
 - (iii) whether any experiments have been done on vaccinations with air rifles?
- (d) If not, why?

1918/2021

Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in the Department of Samurdhi Development during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in future?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, November 26, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

804/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that Kilinochchi district does not have a main bus stand up to now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the construction of the Kilinochchi bus stand was started;
 - (ii) the reason as to why the construction was stopped halfway;
 - (iii) the amount allocated for the construction; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been used out of the amount allocated for the construction?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated to the Urban Development Authority to restart the construction of the above bus stand;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction work will be commenced with regard to the said allocation?
- (d) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the construction of the aforesaid bus stand is in conformity with the future plans of the Karachchi Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) if so, the expansion of the road, construction of the roundabout and the shopping complex will be done concurrent with the construction of the bus stand?
- (e) If not, why?

1394/2021

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) three board members of the Tangalle Multipurpose Cooperative society Ltd. has captured the power by force despite the fact that the Society's Board of Directors consists of twelve members; and
 - (ii) a Samurdhi Development officer attached to the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division has a hand in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a Police investigation has been initiated in this regard;
 - (ii) the measures taken by the Provincial Cooperative Development Commissioner (Southern Province) in this regard; and
 - (iii) the parties who are responsible for the money of the members and the customers of the Tangalle Multipurpose Cooperative Society?
- (c) If not, why?

1737/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Independent Television Network had rented private vehicles during the period from year 2015 to 2019 even though it possessed a large fleet of vehicles;
 - (ii) if so, the amount spent for the purpose is;
 - (iii) the names of the officers who should be held responsible for renting the said private vehicles are; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken against the said officers?
- (b) If not, why?

1987/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the development work of the land in the Boossa area that has been allocated for the Galle Regional Office of the National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering (Ocean University) has been commenced and is being implemented at present;

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- (ii) if not, whether the aforesaid development activities have been halted at present;
 - (iii) whether it has been planned to transfer an extent of 1.47 hectares of the aforesaid land to an institution for some other purpose; and
 - (iv) if so, whether that transfer is for an activity that is more important than development of the National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering?
- (b) If not, why?
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Saturday, November 27, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

864/2020

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

- (a) Will he 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 he aware of the fact that substandard and expired drugs were issued to the government pharmacies during the previous regime?
- (c) Will he 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 he 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?

975/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the “New Villages Development Authority for Plantation Region” had been established to implement the development projects carried out in the plantation areas in the up country; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid institution has been brought under the purview of the State Ministry of Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure ?
- (b) Will he state in regard to the aforesaid institution—
 - (i) administrative structure of it;
 - (ii) the objectives and the activities of it, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the persons who have been given appointments in it by now; and
 - (iv) the qualifications considered in providing appointments to each of the aforesaid persons?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made for the future activities of aforesaid institution;
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid plans will be explained; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it ?
- (d) If not, why?

1209/2020

Hon. Waruna Liyanage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) there is a severe shortage of tea inspectors in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) there are no tea inspectors in 08 out of the 25 tea inspector ranges situated in Rathnapura district;
 - (iii) a tea inspector has to cover duties of several tea inspector ranges preventing him performing his work properly;
 - (iv) the subsidy of five hundred thousand rupees provided per hectare for tea replanting is inadequate;
 - (v) the subsidy of Rs.25/- provided per plant when planting saplings had been increased up to Rs.100/- by the previous government; and
 - (vi) there is a serious delay in providing the increased amount and the subsidy for tea replanting to the tea cultivators ?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether the subsidy mentioned in (iv) above will be increased?
- (c) If not, why?

1291/2020

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

- (a) Will she inform the House—
 - (i) how many depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are located within the Polonnaruwa District;
 - (ii) what their names are;
 - (iii) how many buses are in running condition at each such depot separately; and
 - (iv) how many employee vacancies are prevailing at each such depot separately?
- (b) Will she also inform the House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to make transport facilities available to difficult villages of the Polonnaruwa District using buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (c) If not, why?

2197/2021

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Lands from 2015 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
 - (iii) the name, age and educational and professional qualifications of each of the said advisers, separately;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser, separately;
 - (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers, separately; and
 - (vi) the foreign tours each of the said advisers had engaged in, the reasons for engaging in the said foreign tours, the expenditure borne in that regard and the benefits received by the Ministry through the said tours, separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Monday, November 29, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

294/2020

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

- (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; and
 - (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?

874/2020

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the 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?

981 / 2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House how many farmers are engaged in cattle farming in each of the 05 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Mannar District separately?
- (b) Is he aware that cattle die of starvation due to scarcity of food on account of the unavailability of adequate grazing lands for cattle farming within the Mannar District?
- (c) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the other areas to which farmers engaged in cattle farming can take their cattle because grasslands are lost for cattle grazing during the periods in which paddy farming activities are carried out in the Mannar District;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to set aside lands for grazing lands within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Mannar District; and
 - (iii) if so, the timeframe for implementing it?
- (d) If not, why?

1281/2020

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families residing in permanent and temporary houses in the Sevanagala divisional secretariat division, Monaragala;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have been provided with the deeds or permits, out of the said occupants; and
 - (iii) out of the lands in (ii) above, the amount of lands in the possession of the Ministry of Lands?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that certain families reside in permanent or temporary houses constructed in lands for which deeds or permits have not been granted;

- (ii) if so, out of the lands in which the aforesaid families reside, the amount of lands in the possession of the Ministry of lands;
 - (iii) whether any arrangement has been made to provide permits for the lands without permits; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the aforesaid permits will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?

1928/2021

Hon. H. Nandasena,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in National Arts Council during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in future?
- (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 30, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

819/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the North Western Irrigation Project has been commenced with the intention of providing irrigation water to the North Western Province;

- (ii) the estimated cost of the aforesaid project;
- (iii) the source of funding for that project;
- (iv) whether the aforesaid project has been planned so that water can be supplied through that project to the Siyambalangamuwa tank in Polpithigama; and
- (v) if so, whether the additional provisions required for that have been allocated?

(b) If not, why?

1428 / 2021

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the 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 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;
- (ii) estimates were prepared for construction of 14 cultural centres out of the centers 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?

1594/2021

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Gazette Extraordinary No.2192/36 of 10.09.2020, subjected to expedite the issuance of legal documents to those who have acquired and developed state lands without any document was nullified in 12 days by the Gazette Extraordinary No.2194/28 of 22.09.2020?

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- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of applications received district-wise under the Gazette Extraordinary No.2192/36 of 10.09.2020;
 - (ii) the number of applications proceeded out of them;
 - (iii) the number of deeds, permits, and other legal documents issued, from 10.09.2020 to 22.09.2020; and
 - (iv) the name, the addressee, and the extent of the land allotted to each beneficiary?
- (c) If not, why?

1689/2021

Hon. Kumara Welgama,—To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of families residing in lands that do not possess title deeds in each divisional secretariat of Kalutara district;
 - (ii) if a mechanism has been prepared to provide titled deeds to the aforesaid families, the said mechanism is?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the extent of land owned by the Land Reforms Commission in Kalutara district but yet to be utilized;
 - (ii) whether a programme has been prepared to provide the aforesaid extent of land for a common purpose or to allocate among the people who do not own a land or to lease; and
 - (iii) if so, the said programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

2975/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of employees serving on contract or casual basis by now at all the institutions under the North Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the steps taken to confirm those employees in service?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 01, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

316/2020

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

- (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?

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?

1293/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) the number of government paddy granaries that are available in the Polonnaruwa District;
 - (ii) the places where they are located;
 - (iii) the quantities of paddy stored in each such granary in each of the years from 2015 up to now; and
 - (iv) whether steps had been taken to turn the paddy stored in the above-mentioned granaries into rice and release the rice to the market when price of rice had gone up?
- (b) If not, why?

1623/2021

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

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

2273/2021

Hon. D. Weerasingha, — To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Mass Media from 2015 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
 - (iii) the name, age and educational and professional qualifications of each of the said advisers, separately;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser, separately;
 - (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers, separately;
 - (vi) the foreign tours each of the said advisers had engaged in, the reasons for engaging in the said foreign tours, the expenditure borne in that regard and the benefits received by the Ministry through the said tours, separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, December 02, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

460/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Public Relations Officers and Advisors had been recruited to the Road Development Authority from 2015-2019;
 - (ii) if so, the number of Public Relations Officers and Advisors so recruited, separately;
 - (iii) whether approval had been received for those recruitments;
 - (iv) whether the above officers were recruited based on a list issued by some other party;
 - (v) if so, the name of the party that issued that list; and
 - (vi) the total of the salaries and transport allowances paid to the above officers, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

714/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) what extent of lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission is situated within the Kandy District;
 - (ii) the areas in which they are situated; and
 - (iii) how many family units are resident on those lands?
- (b) Will he also inform the House —
 - (i) whether lawful deeds have been given to the above-mentioned family units;
 - (ii) if so, how many such deeds have been given;
 - (iii) how many family units, out of those who should be given deeds, have not received deeds; and
 - (iv) what is the courses of action formulated for giving deeds to family units who do not have deeds for lands?
- (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) aforesaid Police Station and the quarters of the same, 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?

992/2020

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— 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) whether he is aware that the stocks of goods to be distributed among the people are kept back in the divisional secretariat divisions of the Anuradhapura district without being distributed;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1938/2021

Hon. (Dr.) Upul Galappaththi,— To ask the and Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in General Treasury during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

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- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future;
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, December 03, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

77/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the mobile marketing programme called “Gamata Saviya –Sathosa Badiya” commenced by the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment is operative at present;
 - (ii) whether a proper feasibility study was done before the aforesaid programme was commenced; and
 - (iii) if not, the requirement of commencing the aforesaid programme?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles deployed for the aforesaid programme;
 - (ii) the period during which the aforesaid programme was operative; and
 - (iii) the total cost incurred on that programme?
- (c) If not, why ?

616/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— 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 inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of dates that the Security Council meetings were conducted from January 2015 to November 2019;
 - (ii) the names of the participants in those meetings; and
 - (iii) the officers and politicians who are ex-officio members of the security council?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that during the aforementioned time period, various people have participated in the security council meetings, breaking the tradition; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

976/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Theldeniya town was submerged when the Victoria tank was constructed under the Victoria Hydro Electricity Project
 - (ii) as an alternative for it Digana Raja Wella new town was established in the Grama Niladhari division No. 696 of Raja Wella North in Digana; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid town later on underwent different expansions and changes?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of business establishments constructed in the aforesaid town at the inception of the establishment of the aforesaid town;
 - (ii) the number of business establishments existing in the aforesaid town at present;
 - (iii) the number of business establishments to which licences have been granted out of the aforesaid number of establishments;
 - (iv) the number of business establishments which do not have licences;
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to grant licences to the business establishments which do not have such licences; and
 - (vi) if not, the reasons for it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1405/2021

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Urban Development & 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;

(44)

(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?

2598/2021

Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana, —To ask the Minister of Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Strategies and International Trade - from 2015 to 2019, separately;

(ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;

(iii) the name, age and educational and professional qualifications of each of the said advisers, separately;

(iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser, separately;

(v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers, separately;

(vi) the foreign tours each of the said advisers had engaged in, the reasons for engaging in the said foreign tours, the expenditure borne in that regard and the benefits received by the Ministry through the said tours, separately?

(b) If not, why?

Saturday, December 04, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

972/2020

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife & Forest Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the cultivations of the people who engage in agricultural activities in the P/17 Grama Niladhari division in Pottuvil Divisional Secretary's division in the Ampara district are constantly destroyed by wild elephants;
 - (ii) the school children who live in the above areas are reluctant to go to school owing to the threats from wild elephants;
 - (iii) the electric fences in the area have been destroyed by the wild elephants;
 - (iv) the requests made to the relevant officials to fix the electric fences have fallen on deaf ears; and
 - (v) owing to this situation, the people in the area have no option but to leave for other areas leaving the area inhabited by them at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1088/2020

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the total number of Covid-19 infected cases reported from the prisons, at present;
 - (ii) the number of Covid-19 infected prisoners and the number of Covid-19 infected prison officers; and
 - (iii) the number of persons who died of Covid-19 within the prisons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 within prisons;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for that purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1103/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a grace period of 6 months from March, 2020 was offered to the people who obtained vehicles on Lease basis to pay their lease rentals owing to Covid – 19 pandemic;
 - (ii) Leasing companies charged a very high interest from the people who obtained vehicles on lease basis for that grace period; and
 - (iii) yet another grace period of 6 months from October 2020 has been offered to pay lease rentals owing to the spread of the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps would be taken to prevent an interest being charged from the lessees from the period mentioned in (a)(iii) above as in the first instance; and
 - (ii) whether the injustice caused owing to an interest being charged for the former grace period would be rectified?
- (c) If not, why?

1334/2020

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

- (a) Will he state in regard to the Anuradhapura district—
 - (i) the number of Ayurvedic hospitals situated in that district ;
 - (ii) the number of Ayurvedic doctors approved for the aforesaid hospitals, the number of doctors working in the said hospitals at present and the number of vacancies of doctors; and
 - (iii) vacancies of other positions existing in the aforesaid hospitals?
- (b) Will he also state this House—
 - (i) the number of registered traditional Ayurvedic doctors in the district ;
 - (ii) the programme formulated for the enhancement of their knowledge and skills ;
 - (iii) the courses of action that have been taken to register new traditional Ayurvedic doctors; and

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- (iv) whether plans have been made to establish medical colleges to teach traditional Ayurvedic medicine;
- (v) if so, the said plans?
- (c) Will he further state this House—
 - (i) the number of Ayurvedic herbal gardens situated in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the number of new Ayurvedic herbal gardens expected to be established in Anuradhapura district;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to manufacture varieties of local drugs and to do researches about it ;and
 - (iv) if so, the said programme?
- (d) If not, why?

1989/2021

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara,— 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 state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in the Department of Immigration and Emigration during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future;
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in the future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Monday, December 06, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

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?

1440/2021

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

- (a) Will she 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 she 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?

1441/2021

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— 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)

- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of the Army or Police officers in the active service or retired, who work as;
 - (i) secretaries to the Ministries;
 - (ii) chairmen of State Corporations;
 - (iii) department heads of the government;
 - (iv) working directors of government institutions;
 - (v) chairmen of State enterprises; and
 - (vi) chief executive officers of government institutions by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately, of the names of each aforesaid Secretary to the Ministries, Chairman of State Corporations, Department head of the government, working director of government institutions, Chairman of State enterprises and the Chief Executive Officer of the government institutions, as per the Ministry, Corporation, Department and the institution where he serves?
- (c) If not, why?

1795/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agricultural Innovation Project is implemented under the world bank assistance by the Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (ii) the amount of grants that have been received for the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the programmes that have been implemented under the project;
 - (iv) the names of locations where the aforesaid programmes have been implemented;
 - (v) the progress of the aforesaid programmes;
 - (vi) the future plans related to the aforesaid programmes?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, December 07, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

466/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of new employment opportunities that got generated in Sri Lanka in each of the years from 2015 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) the unemployment rate in Sri Lanka in each of the above years, separately;
 - (iii) the difference of the unemployment rate in Sri Lanka in comparison to 2014; and
 - (iv) the difference of the long-term production capacity of Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2020?
- (b) If not, why?

794/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number villages where drinking water problem prevails out of the villages in Matale district;
 - (ii) the names of those villages;
 - (iii) the measures taken to solve the drinking water problem in Matale district?
- (b) If not, why?

841/2020

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tile factory situated at Mandur area in Batticaloa district has become inoperative for a long period of time; and
 - (ii) employment opportunities can be created for the unemployed people living in Mandur area by commencing the production activities of the aforesaid tile factory ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to recommence the production activities of the aforesaid tile factory ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1104/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the work of the project to carpet the Mawathagama-Barandana road was commenced;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of that project;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that implements the said project;
 - (iv) the current situation of the said project;
 - (v) the date by which the said project would be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

2610/2021

Hon. Marjan Faleel,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Transport and Civil Aviation - from 2015 to 2019, separately;
 - (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
 - (iii) the name, age and educational and professional qualifications of each of the said advisers, separately;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser, separately;

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- (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers, separately;
 - (vi) the foreign tours each of the said advisers had engaged in, the reasons for engaging in the said foreign tours, the expenditure borne in that regard and the benefits received by the Ministry through the said tours, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 08, 2021
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

514/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a new circular has been issued regarding the appointment of Vice Chancellors of the universities of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether some controversy has emerged among the university academics regarding that circular; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to that circular?
- (b) If not, why?

807/2020

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of principals who serve in the schools island wide on the basis of acting principals;
 - (ii) out of the above principals, of the number of principals who serve in the Northern and Eastern provinces ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not granting the salary increments, promotions and transfers to the aforesaid principals who have been appointed on acting basis;
 - (ii) the dates on which the salary increments, promotions and transfers will be given to the aforesaid principals;
 - (iii) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service at present, in spite of the fact that under the general procedure, the acting principals are absorbed to the permanent principals service?
 - (iv) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service?
- (c) If not, why?

858/2020

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

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

1420/2021

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr.Sashikumar who served as the acting Principal of Kan/Tel/ Namagal Tamil Vidyalaya was transferred to a remote school as an ordinary teacher;
 - (ii) after an inquiry in this regard, Mr.Sashikumar has been reappointed as the acting Principal of Navanagal Tamil Vidyalaya at Teldeniya upon being recommended to be reinstated;
 - (iii) duties have not been assigned and the office not handed over to him so far; and
 - (iv) steps have not been taken to solve the above issue despite the fact that nearly a year has lapsed by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to deliver justice to Mr.Sashikumar over the prejudice caused to him?
- (c) If not, why?

2001/2021

Hon. Nimal Piyatissa,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Security and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in the future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, December 09, 2021

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

821/2020

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Sri Lanka earns a large amount of foreign exchange through the citizens of Sri Lanka who are employed in foreign countries;
 - (ii) women who have migrated as domestic workers are facing various problems at present; and
 - (iii) it would be more appropriate to send skilled male workers for foreign employment instead of sending unskilled women?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total number of women who have migrated as domestic workers by now;

- (ii) the measures that have been taken to send skilled male workers for foreign employment; and
 - (iii) the areas of foreign employment that have been identified for sending skilled male workers?
- (c) If not, why?

1233/2020

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of archaeological sites situated in the Northern Province separately in respect of each District; and
 - (ii) the total extent of lands in the Northern Province acquired by the Department of Archaeology through Gazette notifications and the areas in which they are situated separately in respect of the year of acquisition?
- (b) Is he aware that —
- (i) hindu devotees have been performing religious rites since ancient times at the Adilinkeshwar Kovil situated on the Vedukkunari Hill in Nedunkeni area belonging to the Vavunia North Divisional Secretariat Division within the Vavunia District; and
 - (ii) the Department of Archaeology has been maintaining a ban on conducting of the annual feast of this Kovil for two years or so?
- (c) Will he state whether the conducting of the annual feast of the above-mentioned Kovil will be allowed in future?
- (d) If not, why?

1648/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of small scale maternity hospitals functioning in Colombo district according to each divisional secretariat;
 - (ii) whether the programme to provide Thripasha to pregnant mothers and children who come for the clinics of the aforesaid maternity hospitals in order to improve their nutritional level is being carried out successfully;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons are; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to carry out the programme successfully in the future are?
- (b) If not, why?

1860/2021

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— 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) applications were called for the recruitment of 200 investigation officers to the Bribery or Corruption Commission in the year 2018;
- (ii) about 10,000 candidates sat for the recruitment examination held on 27.10.2018;
- (iii) an amount of 750/- rupees was charged from each candidate as exam fees;
- (iv) 408 candidates selected from the aforesaid examination were called for the interview;
- (v) though security clearance reports have been obtained in regard to 200 candidates selected from the interview, the said candidate have not yet been recruited;
- (vi) a period of more than 2 years has passed by now since the commencement of the aforesaid recruitment process and a period of 1 ½ years has passed since the conclusion of the activities related to the aforesaid recruitment process ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid investigation officers will be recruited expeditiously;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why ?

2011/2021

Hon. Madhura Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in National Insurance Trust Fund during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department;
- (iii) separately, the value of the financial resources, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future;
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in the future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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325/2020

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

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

833/2020

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

- (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?

1082/2020

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Foreign Minister,—(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?

2266/2021

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a big building, which belongs to the Department of Textile Industries, in Giragama area in Pilimathalawa;

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- (ii) whether the ownership of that building which belonged to the government has changed;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid building has been leased out to a private party;
 - (iv) if so, the annual lease amount of it;
 - (v) the date on which the aforesaid building and the properties that belong to it were leased out to the private sector; and
 - (vi) the name of the Minister who held the Portfolio of Industries when the aforesaid building was leased out?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the reasons for not taking action by the government to reacquire the aforesaid building and the properties that belong to it;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that employment opportunities can be created to thousands of youths that suffer from unemployment in Yatinuwara area through the aforesaid centre of textile industry; and
 - (iii) if so, the steps that will be taken to develop the field of textile industry in Yatinuwara area having reacquired the aforesaid building by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

2485/2021

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,—To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) on 12.11.1989 the then government arrested Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, ex-leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, and published that fact in the media; and
 - (ii) Mr. Rohana Wijeweera died on 13.11.1989?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether Mr. Wijeweera's death is a natural one;
 - (ii) or else whether it is an assassination;
 - (iii) if the death is an assassination, whether there is a verdict given by a court of law in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) whether a member or a leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna has taken steps to institute legal action regarding the death?
- (c) If not, why?
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