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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the contract relevant to the third phase constructions of the Central Highway from Pothuhera to Galagedara has been awarded?
- (b) If so, will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the value of the contract;
 - (ii) the methodology followed with regard to awarding the contract;
 - (iii) the name of the contract company; and
 - (iv) the date proposed for the termination of the contract?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the financial methodology followed with pertinence to releasing money for the aforesaid contracts; and
 - (ii) the manner in which funds would be procured for the aforesaid payments?
- (d) If not, why?

33/2022

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

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

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of grape varieties found in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) the districts with a climatic condition suitable for grape cultivation?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) the amount of money spent for importing grapes in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year;
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports grapes; and
- (iii) if so, the income received through the export of grapes in 2018 and 2019, separately for each year?

(d) If not, why?

246/2022

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

(a) Is she aware that—

- (i) the number of passenger bus journeys conducted daily from Balangoda to Gurubewila, Meddekanda and Helawatta villages, have been reduced recently; and
- (ii) the people living in the aforesaid villages are facing immense difficulties as a result of it?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the number of passenger bus journeys conducted daily to aforesaid villages, separately; and
- (ii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of passenger bus journeys conducted to aforesaid villages?

(c) If not, why?

567/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of vehicles that belong to the Capital Cooperative Bank;
- (ii) the number of vehicles, out of the above vehicles, that have been deployed for the use of the above bank and its officers; and
- (iii) if vehicles belonging to the above bank have been given to outside persons, the name and address of each such person?

(b) If not, why?

1020/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people in the Bingiriya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala district suffer due to a severe dearth of drinking water; and
 - (ii) at present Bingiriya - Chilaw water supply scheme is being implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to provide water from the aforesaid water scheme to the people who reside in villages on both sides of the pipeline which carries water of the above water scheme; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to start another water supply scheme to provide water to the aforesaid villages?
- (c) If not, why?

1176/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Hingurana Sugar Factory (Pvt) Ltd 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, 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 in future?
- (c) If not, why?

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1190/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of solar power and wind power power plants owned by the Ceylon Electricity Board and the capacity of those power plants;
 - (ii) the number of solar power and wind power power plants that are being constructed at present and their capacity; and
 - (iii) the number of solar power and wind power power plants proposed to be constructed in future and their capacity?
- (b) If not, why?

1309/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of domestic gas consumers in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) separately, the price and the capacity of a domestic gas cylinder in year 2020 and 2021, according to each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the standard L.P.G. composition of a gas cylinder; and
 - (ii) the institution that determines the aforesaid composition?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the institution that declare the standard of the LP Gas content in a domestic gas cylinder; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the institution that test and verify the standard of the LP Gas cylinder?
- (d) If not, why?

1467/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that a number of unauthorized constructions are under way within the limits of the Anuradhapura city?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent such constructions?
- (c) If not, why?

1727/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of forest reserves situated within the Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the total extent of land belonging to those forest reserves; and
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the environmental organizations have pointed to various irregular acts that are harmful to the environment are committed within these forest reserves?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 23, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,—To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Treasury provides the Ministry of Highways with funds necessary for paying compensation for private lands acquired in constructing expressways and for administrative expenses?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House, separately,—
 - (i) the amount allocated by the Treasury for paying compensation;
 - (ii) the amount that has been paid as compensation by now;
 - (iii) the amount left to be paid as compensation;
 - (iv) if constraints exist in paying compensation, what those constraints are; and
 - (v) the date on which the amount left to be paid in compensation will be paid off;

in respect of each of the sections from Kottawa to Godagama, from Godagama to Hambantota and from Kottawa to Katunayaka of the Southern Expressway, and in respect of the Central Expressway and the Ruwanpura Expressway?
- (c) If not, why?

34/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Sri Lankan Bamboo related 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 Bamboo related 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 Bamboo related products, if the same is not done by now; and
 - (iv) if so, of the dates on which such measures will be taken?
- (c) Will he also state this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to expand the market for Sri Lankan Bamboo related products; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

247/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an extent of nearly 100 acres in the Alimankada (Elephant pass) area in Somawathiya is being cleared for Maize cultivation; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent that from happening?
- (b) If not, why?

568/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a financial institution known as the Capital Co-operative Society;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the approval of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was granted for that institution;

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- (iii) the number of branches of that financial institution at present; and
 - (iv) the measures to be adopted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to monitor the activities of that institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1021/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Co-operative Movement is implemented in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year on which the Co-operative Movement was initiated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the objective behind the initiation of the said movement; and
 - (iii) the number of Multi purpose Co-operative societies functioning in Sri Lanka at present?
- (c) Will he admit that it is possible to fulfill the needs of the rural customers to the maximum level through the Co-operative Movement?
- (d) if so, will he also inform this House whether a proper arrangement has been made to accomplish the said responsibility appropriately?
- (e) If not, why?

1177/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— 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 State Mortgage and Investment Bank 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, 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 in future?
- (c) If not, why?

1191/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Japan has produced a vaccine named “Avigan” which is still at clinical trial level to suppress the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) whether that vaccine has been imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if so, the amount spent on that;
 - (iv) whether that vaccine has been approved by the World Health Organization; and
 - (v) the steps taken to import to Sri Lanka only the vaccines approved by the World Health Organization for suppression of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- (b) If not, why?

1310/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of crude oil imported to Sri Lanka annually; and
 - (ii) the amount spent for the purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the annual LP gas requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid requirement, separately, the quantity produced within Sri Lanka and the quantity imported;
 - (iii) the amount spent to import LP gas to Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the companies that import gas; and
 - (v) separately, the quantity of gas imported by each company annually as a percentage, out of the total annual L.P. gas requirement of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1468/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which raids for 2021 were commenced by the Consumer Affairs Authority to locate the stocks of paddy stored by middlemen;
 - (ii) the number of raids carried out under that;

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- (iii) the amount of paddy located through such raids;
 - (iv) the number of persons questioned in those raids;
 - (v) the name and address of each of those persons, separately; and
 - (vi) the action taken by now and expected to be taken in future against those persons, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1728/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Mahaweli zones belonging to the Mahaweli Scheme located within Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) what their names are;
 - (iii) the villages belonging to such Mahaweli zones, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to develop the Mahaweli zones referred to above from the year 2019 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, February 24, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether tenders have been called for the fourth phase of the Central Expressway from Kurunegala to Dambulla;
 - (ii) if so, whether action has been taken to award that contract; and
 - (iii) the companies that submitted tenders to construct that road?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the current status of the construction of the above road; and
 - (ii) the source from which funds were allocated to construct the above road?
- (c) If not, why?

35/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of varieties of green leaves that are suitable for human consumption in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a systematic investigation has been conducted into the nutritional condition of the aforesaid varieties of green leaves;
 - (iii) if so, the name of that institution;
 - (iv) the number of varieties of endemic green leaves among the aforesaid varieties of green leaves; and
 - (v) the names of the aforesaid varieties of green leaves?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the nutritional and medicinal quality of the aforesaid varieties of green leaves is high;
 - (ii) the aforesaid varieties of green leaves have become rare due to the use of chemical fertilizer and the destruction of forests; and
 - (iii) some varieties of green leaves among the varieties mentioned above have become extinct by now?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any courses of action have been taken to popularize the varieties of domestic green leaves; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid courses of action?
- (d) If not, why?

248/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the address of the premises where the Labour Office is located in Ratnapura town;
 - (ii) the date on which the said office was established at that location;
 - (iii) whether a decision has been taken to shift that office to Avissawella;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to maintain the said office that provides a great service to the people of Ratnapura district, at the same location?
- (b) If not, why?

569/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of establishing the Rural Capital Bank; and
 - (ii) whether the said Bank is regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1022/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that the Batik Industry is done as a local industry in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the entrepreneurs who engage in the Batik Industry have been identified by now; and
 - (ii) the arrangement of the Ministry to encourage the aforesaid entrepreneurs?
- (c) Will he admit that the old methodologies and styles are utilized by the aforesaid entrepreneurs in Batik production?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prepare a guiding mechanism to enable Batik Production of modern styles using the new technology?
- (e) If not, why?

1178/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— 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 Institutions coming under the Revival of Underperforming Enterprises or Underutilized Assets Act vested to the Secretary to the 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;
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, 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 in future?

(c) If not, why?

1192/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted seeking permission to rent a building for the Ministry of Justice for the period from January 2021 to January 2022;
- (ii) if so, the address of the place where the aforesaid building is located;
- (iii) the amount of money that will be spent on renting the aforesaid building; and
- (iv) whether renting of buildings in this manner at a time when Sri Lanka is in a financial crisis due to Covid-19 pandemic is appropriate?

(b) If not, why?

1311/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the interest rate charged for the loans granted by the Sri Lankan banks in the year 2021;
- (ii) the interest rate applied for micro finance loans;
- (iii) whether legitimate approval is given by the government for granting micro finance loan facilities; and
- (iv) if so, the institutions to which such approval has been hitherto granted?

(b) If not, why?

1469/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of minor irrigation schemes and the number of major irrigation schemes maintained under the Ministry of Irrigation in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the name of each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes; and
 - (iii) the number of families that are benefited from each of the aforesaid irrigation schemes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken to further develop the irrigation system in Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

1729/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who have obtained permits from the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau for mining sand within Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) what their names and addresses are; and
 - (iii) the criteria considered in granting them permits; and
- (b) Will he also inform this House what courses of action are taken to mitigate the damage caused to the ecosystem including rivers, canals and streams when mining sand?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, February 25, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

7/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has given approval to formulate a new national agricultural policy;
 - (ii) if so, the date that approval was given;
 - (iii) the present progress in the formulation of the new national agricultural policy; and
 - (iv) the date on which it will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

36/2022

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

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

249/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the annual coconut production in Sri Lanka from year 2010 up to date;
 - (ii) the fluctuations of coconut prices in the local market during the above period;
 - (iii) the factors that have contributed towards the increase of the prices of coconut in the local market by now; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to increase the coconut production in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

570/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the Lanka Mineral Sands Limited sold 85,000 metric tonnes of mineral sand;
- (ii) the name and the address of each company that had applied for purchasing the mineral sand concerned and the price quoted by each of them separately;
- (iii) the names and the address of each company which obtained the mineral sand concerned and the price quoted by each such company; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry regarding the allegations levelled to the effect that a financial loss has occurred during the transaction concerned?

(b) If not, why?

1023/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Cadet training is conducted in the government schools in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the number of schools in which Cadet training activities are conducted; and
- (iii) whether the said number of schools are adequate?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits the fact that there are schools expecting to commence Cadet training;
- (ii) whether the obstacles existing for Cadet training in those schools have been identified; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide the school students with Cadet training by providing the teachers with the required training?

(c) If not, why?

1179/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— 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 State Resources Management Corporation 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, 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 in future?
- (c) If not, why?

1193/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land owned by the Puttalam Cement Factory;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid lands, of the extent of lands that have been illegally acquired by various individuals and institutes at present; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to settle those lands?
- (b) If not, why?

1312/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the tense situation that occurred in Digana area in Kandy on 05.03.2018;
 - (ii) whether a formal investigation has been conducted in that regard; and
 - (iii) if so, the recommendations made by the report of the aforesaid investigation to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the persons responsible for the aforesaid incident have been identified;
 - (ii) if so, whether action has been taken against them according to the law; and
 - (iii) the action that has been taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?
- (c) If not, why?

1470/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions without clean drinking water in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the names of the said Grama Niladhari Divisions and the number of families without clean drinking water in each of the said divisions, separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to address the drinking water problem in Anuradhapura district?
- (b) If not, why?

1730/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of agrarian service divisions located in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the names of the said divisions;
 - (iii) the number of paddy farmers who have applied for fertilizer for the Maha Season of 2021 separately in respect of each agrarian service division; and
 - (iv) the number of paddy farmers to whom fertilizer has been issued by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken to solve the problems prevailing in Polonnaruwa district pertaining to issuing of fertilizers?
- (c) If not, why?
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