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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

250/2022

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

- (a) Will she inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of shunting drivers and locomotive assistants approved for the Sri Lanka Railway Department;
 - (ii) the number of shunting drivers and locomotive assistants currently serving; and
 - (iii) the number of vacancies currently existing in the above posts?
- (b) Will she also inform this House of the measures that will be taken to fill the above vacancies expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

1313/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of factories established around the Kelani river;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the waste water discharged from those factories are released to that river;
 - (iii) whether a test has been conducted in relation to the damages caused to the river water of the Kelani river by such waste water; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been adopted to prevent the release of waste water to the Kelani river?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

1471/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an Ayurveda hospital has been established in Anuradhapura town;
 - (ii) a large number of patients come to the aforementioned hospital daily for treatment; and
 - (iii) a certain group has encroached the rear side of the land where the hospital is situated by setting up a barbed wire fence?
 - (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken regarding the matter?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 09, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

251/2022

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National Schools established in Ratnapura district and their names in relation to each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately; and
 - (ii) the measures to be adopted to establish National Schools in an equitable manner in all Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Ratnapura district?
- (b) If not, why?

571/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a project to cultivate peanuts in Mahiyanganaya Divisional Secretariat Division within Badulla district has been commenced;
 - (ii) separately, of the total land area and number of families selected for the project; and
 - (iii) the subsidies that will be provided by the government to the aforesaid families?
- (b) If not, why ?

(3)

1024/2022

Hon. Shantha 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 admit the fact that the National Cadet Corps comes under the Ministry of Defense?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of battalions that comes under that Corps; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that had been allocated for the National Cadet Corps in 2021?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of schools platoons that comes under the National Cadet Corps at present; and
 - (ii) the number of such platoons in relation to Army, Air force, Navy and the Police, separately?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether new steps would be followed to formalize the activities of the school Cadet Corps; and
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to rectify the shortcomings in the Rantambe Training Center which is the main training center of the National Cadet Corps?
- (e) If not, why?

1314/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which vaccination was started in Sri Lanka to combat the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - (ii) the number of persons vaccinated so far and the number of doses administered in relation to each type of vaccine;
 - (iii) that number as a percentage of the total population of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the total amount of money spent on the vaccination drive in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, March 10, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

8/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is expected to impose new laws to control social media;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a discussion in this regard has been held with the government of Singapore by the Minister of Justice; and
 - (iii) the standpoint of the government regarding social media?
- (b) If not, why?

37/ 2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money allocated for improving the game of Carrom in Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
 - (ii) the amount allotted for schools out of the sum referred to in (i) above; and
 - (iii) the amount allocated for improving Carrom skills of children who have left school out of the sum referred to in (i) above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to guide school players to achieve international achievements in Carrom;
 - (ii) if so, the said steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka and its affiliated associations; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner that involvement takes place?
- (d) If not, why?

252/2022

Hon. Hesha 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 inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the ‘Lotus Tower’ project was commenced;
 - (ii) the date on which the work of that project was completed;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on that project;
 - (iv) the purpose of that project; and
 - (v) the date when the ‘Lotus Tower’ would be opened for public view?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of investments that have been made in the ‘Lotus Tower’ project at present;
 - (ii) the names of those investments; and
 - (iii) the manner in which it is expected to use that project for the economic development of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

572/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of establishing Dedicated Economic Centers;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the businessmen engaged in business activities and farmers who provide their products to the Dedicated Economic Centers are currently in a desperate situation; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that will be taken to support the farmers who provide their products to the aforesaid Economic Centers?
- (b) If not, why?

1025/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that the Co-operative Rural Bank system renders a yeoman service to the rural people?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Co-operative Rural Bank branches in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the loan schemes implemented by the Co-operative Rural Bank system at present;
- (iii) the total amount of money that has been deposited in the Co-operative Rural Bank system at present; and
- (iv) whether the deposited monies have been redeposited in state banks or private banks?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money available in the Co-operative common fund; and
- (ii) the manner in which such money is invested?

(d) If not, why?

1182/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Agriculture Research and Production Assistants serving in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the manner which those officers have been attached to the Grama Niladhari Divisions;
- (iii) the number of vacancies existing on that post at present;
- (iv) the steps that have been taken to fill those vacancies;
- (v) whether he is aware that such officers have not been appointed for the Northern Province; and
- (vi) the steps that have been taken to appoint those officers for the Northern Province?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the above officers do not have a service minute;
- (ii) if so, whether arrangements would be made to prepare a service minute; and
- (iii) if so, the date and manner in which it would be prepared?

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(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether he is aware that, when calculating the pension of some of the Agriculture Research and Production Assistants, their period of service as Samurdhi Animators and Agrarian Service Animators has not been taken into consideration;
- (ii) if so, the number of such officers; and
- (iii) the date and manner in which such service of those officers would be calculated?

(d) If not, why?

1194/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the extent of land given to build the tyre factory started in Wagawatta area, Horana;
- (ii) the amount of money charged when the aforesaid land is given; and
- (iii) the name of the party who had the ownership of those lands; and
- (iv) the date of the Gazette Notification which the said lands were vested for constructing the above mentioned factory?

(b) If not, why?

1315/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether permission had been granted to a financial institution known as Central Investments and Finance PLC (CIFL), by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to engage in business activities;
- (ii) the money of the depositors has not been paid back to their depositors by that institution;
- (iii) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka conducted an investigation over the bankruptcy of that institution;
- (iv) the measures that have been taken in relation to the recommendations of the report of that investigation; and
- (v) whether steps would be taken to pay back the money of the above depositors?

(b) If not, why?

1472/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the extent of paddy land cultivated with paddy in Anuradhapura district in the Yala season of 2021;
- (ii) the extent of paddy land cultivated with paddy using organic fertilizer, out of the aforesaid extent;
- (iii) the relief provided to the farmers who cultivated paddy using organic fertilizer; and
- (iv) the measures taken to promote organic paddy cultivation in Anuradhapura district?

(b) If not, why?

1731/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it has been decided to increase the age of retirement of the private sector employees up to 60 years;
- (ii) if so, the factors that contributed towards the above decision;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the employees are deprived of the benefits of the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund to which they are entitled after completing 55 years, due to increasing the age of retirement up to 60 years; and
- (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to this matter?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, March 11, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Cabinet approval has been granted to amend the Sri Lanka Press Council Law;
- (ii) whether discussions in this regard have been held with the relevant stakeholders in the field of mass media; and
- (iii) the future course of action to be taken by the government in relation to amending the Sri Lanka Press Council Law?

(b) If not, why?

38/2022

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

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

253/2022

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of eggs produced from the year 2010 up to now, separately, on per year basis;
 - (ii) the details of export of eggs during the period concerned, if any eggs had been exported;
 - (iii) the details of import of eggs during the period concerned, if any eggs had been imported; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to enhance egg production in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

573/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of mother hens that have been imported to Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date for breeding chickens; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that have been spent on the importation of mother hens?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to impose a limit on the importation of mother hens;
 - (ii) if so, the factors that influenced such decision; and
 - (iii) the impact that the aforesaid limitation will have on the prices of eggs and chicken in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1026/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit the fact that the Lanka Salusala Limited has been established with the objective of enabling the local industrialists to sell their products?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the administrative structure of that institution;
 - (ii) the amount of money the institution has spent in 2019 and 2020 to purchase the products from the local industrialists; and
 - (iii) the profit made by the institution in 2019 and 2020 in relation to each year, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the objective of establishing the Lanka Salusala Limited has been achieved; and
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to achieve the key objective of the Lanka Salusala Limited and modernize it to suit the day?
- (d) If not, why?

1185/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a massive financial fraud has taken place at Hewagam Korale Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited of Hanwella;
 - (ii) monies of the temples and the ordinary public of that area have been deposited at the rural banks attached to the said Cooperative Society; and
 - (iii) those depositors have not been able to get back any money?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount that has been defrauded by the said society;
 - (ii) the number of depositors who have not been able to get their money back;
 - (iii) whether the manner in which the said fraud has been committed would be explained; and
 - (iv) the names of the persons responsible for the said fraud, if they have been identified?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the then Board of Directors of the said Society, officers of the Department of Cooperative Development and a private company are responsible for the said financial fraud;
 - (ii) the legal action that has been taken against them, if that had been done; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to recover the monies from them and provide relief to the depositors?
- (d) If not, why?

1195/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been invested in the project to construct the tire factory which has been commenced in Wagawaththa area of Horana;
 - (ii) the date on which the relevant agreement has been signed with the Sri Lanka Board of Investment; and
 - (iii) the number of employment opportunities generated by the above project?
- (b) If not, why?

(12)

1316/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the current progress of the Central Highway Construction Project;
- (ii) the date that was proposed for the completion of the said project;
and
- (iii) the date on which the project is expected to be completed?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money that has been spent for the above project so far;
- (ii) the amount of money to be further spent to complete the construction of the said project;
- (iii) the name of the company by which the construction work of the above project is undertaken; and
- (iv) whether any irregularities have happened in relation to the said project during the previous government?

(c) If not, why?

1473/2022

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) the number of persons residing in the inner city (Athulu Nuwara) of Anuradhapura;
- (ii) whether he is aware that they have not been granted legal occupation up to now; and
- (iii) if so, the measures taken to grant those persons legal occupation?

(b) If not, why?

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Polonnaruwa district at present;
- (ii) the number of patients who receive the monthly allowance provided by the government, out of the aforementioned patients;
- (iii) the number of patients in the waiting list to receive the aforementioned allowance; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to expedite the grant of the aforementioned allowance to the patients in the waiting list?

(b) If not, why?
