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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

39/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institutions that print the lotteries of the National Lotteries Board; and
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to select the aforesaid institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount charged by the above institutions to print a lottery ticket;
 - (ii) whether any serious financial irregularity taken place with regard to the printing of lotteries as a result of the rates adopted by the above institution/institutions prior to 31.12.2014;
 - (iii) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in relation to that; and
 - (iv) the results of the said inquiry?
- (c) If not, why?

254/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which veteran actor Saumya Liyanage was appointed as the Dean of the faculty of Post Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo;
 - (ii) the date on which he was removed from that post; and
 - (iii) the reasons that led his removal from that post?
- (b) If not, why?

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574/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to establish a Land bank in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the objectives of establishing it; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to make the maximum use of the limited lands owned by Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1027/2022

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 state this House whether the Divisional Secretariats, which do not have adequate facilities, out of the Divisional Secretariats in Sri Lanka, have been identified?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the Divisional Secretariats of Alawwa and Narammala in Kurunegala district are run without adequate facilities?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the necessary steps would be taken to provide those two Divisional Secretariats with adequate building facilities?
- (d) If not, why?

1189/2022

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 source from which money was obtained for the “Nelum Kuluna” project;
 - (ii) the loan obtained for that project; and
 - (iii) the total annual income expected to generate from this project?
- (b) If not, why?

1317/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Japan – Sri Lanka Joint Comprehensive Partnership Secretariat had been functioning in the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Japan from the year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) separately, the objectives of maintaining the said Secretariat and the objectives accomplished through that; and
 - (iii) the benefits accrued by Sri Lanka as a result of maintaining the said Secretariat?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names of the staff and the advisors who served in the above Secretariat; and
 - (ii) separately, the expenditures borne on the salaries and allowances, overtime payments and local and international travel of the staff that served in the above office and the expenses made on purchasing the office equipment, in rupees?
- (c) If not, why?

1475/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a hospital called “Katiyawa Divisional Hospital” in Anuradhapura; and
 - (ii) the residential patients and the people who come to the hospital daily face difficulties due to the lack of water facilities in the aforesaid hospital?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the action that will be taken to solve the water problem in the aforesaid hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

1734/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the income that has been generated by the Sri Lanka Railway Department in each year from the year 2015 up to now through the freight transport;
 - (ii) the names of the goods thus transported; and
 - (iii) separately, the measures that have been taken and that are expected to be taken by the Ministry to popularize the freight transport through Railway?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, March 25, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

10/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) lands should be awarded to the persons who have lost their lands under the Land Reforms Act as per the statutory determination; and
- (ii) even so, lands have not been awarded to all those who should be awarded lands under the statutory determination?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who have been awarded lands under the statutory determination up to 31.12.2021;
- (ii) the extent of land in hectares that have been awarded to them;
- (iii) the number of persons to whom lands should be awarded under the statutory determination up to 31.12.2021; and
- (iv) the extent of land in hectares that should be awarded to them?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether lands are available with the Land Reforms Commission to be awarded to the persons who have not been granted lands under the statutory determination;
- (ii) if not, the methodology under which lands will be granted to such persons;
- (iii) whether the Land Reforms Commission has a proper plan to grant lands to the persons referred to in (c)(i) above; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which the said granting process will be completed?

(d) If not, why not?

40/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any research has been conducted on the traditional dwellings of the artisans who are engaged in manufacturing gold, silver and iron products;
- (ii) if so, the number of Grama Niladari Divisions to which the aforesaid areas belong; and
- (iii) the number of families that live in the said Grama Niladari Divisions and are traditionally engaged in the above crafts?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the major issues encountered by the aforesaid artisans have been studied;
- (ii) if so, the said issues;
- (iii) the manner in which new technology and training opportunities have been provided to them, if such measures have been taken;
- (iv) the manner in which relevant intervention has been made to assist the said artisans to find markets to sell their production, if such intervention has been made;
- (v) whether any programme is in place to grant foreign employment opportunities to them; and
- (vi) if not, whether such a plan will be formulated?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether the items manufactured by the aforesaid artisans are exported;
- (ii) if so, the names of such countries; and
- (iii) the income generated by the export of above items in the years 2015 and 2016 separately?

(d) If not, why?

255/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that Sri Lankan workers employed in Kuwait are inconvenienced owing to the closure of the Embassy in Kuwait due to the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (ii) the number of Covid-19 patients reported from the “Suraksha” center operated under that Embassy; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to safeguard the Sri Lankan workers employed in Kuwait from Covid-19 pandemic?

(b) If not, why?

575/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of establishing economic centres in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken in regard to the fact that the aforesaid economic centres are currently operating outside their original objectives; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to regulate all the economic centres in Sri Lanka under one institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1028/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that receive the Samurdhi benefit by now;
 - (ii) the number of Smurdhi Development Officers serving at present;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that an immense service is rendered by those Smurdhi Development Officers;
 - (iv) whether the professional issues of the Smurdhi Development Officers have been identified;
 - (v) the measures taken by now to address those professional issues; and
 - (vi) if not, how those issues would be addressed?
- (b) If not, why?

1181/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Sri Lanka's poverty as a percentage by year 1995 when the Samurdhi movement was launched;
 - (ii) the method followed to select Samurdhi beneficiaries;
 - (iii) the minimum income level eligible to receive Samurdhi allowance;
 - (iv) separately, the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries at present according to the value of each Samurdhi allowance paid to them;
 - (v) the amount spent annually to provide the Samurdhi allowance; and
 - (vi) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries removed from the Samurdhi movement annually due to death, increase in income level and other reasons?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that there are large number of eligible low income earners who are yet to receive the Samurdhi allowance; and
- (ii) whether a program will be implemented to provide the Samurdhi allowance to them?

(c) If not, why?

1196/2022

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 funds that were utilized for providing infrastructure facilities for the project to construct the Wagawatta Tyre Factory in Horana;
- (ii) the megawatt capacity of the electricity supply that has been provided to the said factory;
- (iii) the manner in which the water supply is provided to the aforesaid project; and
- (iv) the amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of the access road to the said project?

(b) If not, why?

1318/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of traffic accidents that happened in the years 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2019;
- (ii) the number of persons that died as a result of the said accidents; and
- (iii) the value of property damaged by the aforesaid accidents?

(b) If not, why?

1476/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of tanks in Anuradhapura district;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks;

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- (iii) the number of tanks that have been included into the list of the Tank Development Programme of the present government out of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iv) the names of the tanks mentioned above; and
 - (v) the action that will be taken to expeditiously develop the tanks that have not been included into the aforesaid programme?
- (b) If not, why?

1735/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total extent of paddy lands in Polonnaruwa district that have been cultivated during the Maha season of 2021/2022;
 - (ii) the volume of the expected paddy harvest for that season; and
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken by the Ministry by now for purchasing the aforesaid paddy harvest?
- (b) If not, why?
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