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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

7/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

(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?

44/2022

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

(a) Will she inform this House—

(i) the number of island wide power outages that occurred in each year during the period from the year 2015 up to 2020, separately;

(ii) the main reasons for each of the aforesaid power outages, separately; and

(iii) the amount of money spent for restoring the aforesaid power outages in each year mentioned above, separately?

(b) Will she also inform this House—

(i) whether necessary action has been taken to prevent the aforesaid power outages; and

(ii) if so, the aforesaid action?

(c) If not, why?

257/2022

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 state—

(i) of the number of officers of the Three Forces of Sri Lanka and the Police that has been deployed for the operations of the United Nations Peace Keeping missions from 2010 to 2019, separately;

(ii) whether it has been ordered that a recommendation of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka is required in relation to the officers who are selected for the Peace Keeping force;

(iii) the reasons for selecting the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for providing recommendations;

(iv) separately, of the number of files that have been submitted to the aforesaid Commission requesting clearance reports and the number of files for which clearance reports have been issued from year 2010 to date; and

(v) whether he is aware that, only 07 clearance reports have been issued out of the 400 files that were submitted in March 2018?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) the number of officers of the Three Forces and the Police deployed in the above Peace Keeping missions, has been reduced at present; and

(ii) if so, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

574/2022

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

(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?

1023/2022

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

(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?

1183/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the annual rice demand in Sri Lanka;

(ii) the rice production in Sri Lanka out of the aforesaid demand;

(iii) the volume of rice imported annually;

(iv) whether rice was imported in the period 2016 to 2018; and

(v) if so, the said volume?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) the quantity of paddy harvested in the year 2014 in metric tonnes;

(ii) the weight of the above paddy harvest in metric tonnes after converted into rice;

(iii) the surplus paddy production in the year 2014;

(iv) the yearly paddy harvest and the quantities of rice produced in Sri Lanka in the years 2015 to 2019 separately;

(v) if a surplus of rice prevailed in these years, the said quantities in each of the years, separately; and

(vi) whether rice was imported during these years?

(c) If not, why?

1192/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(3)

(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?

1320/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the varieties of gems that have been discovered in Sri Lanka;

(ii) the extent of land identified as suitable for the gem industry;

(iii) the number of people engaged in the gem industry; and

(iv) the annual revenue generated by this industry, in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

1477/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of local government institutions in Anuradhapura district;

(ii) the names of aforesaid local government bodies;

(iii) separately, of the number of employees serving on casual, substitute and contract bases at each local government body; and

(iv) the measures that will be taken to grant permanent appointments to the aforesaid employees?

(b) If not, why?

1733/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of newspapers/magazines published by Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. from the year 2015 to up to now;

(ii) their names;

(iii) separately, the profit/loss of the aforesaid institution for the aforesaid period, for each year;

(iv) the number of employees, recruited to the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd during the aforesaid period; and

(v) the name, address and designation of each of the aforesaid employees, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the manner in which the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, is expected to be used to establish a free media art?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, April 21, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— 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 who had applied for dual citizenship each year, from year 2015 to year 2020, separately;

(ii) separately, of the number of persons who have been granted dual citizenship; and

(iii) whether there is a specific period for the entire process from applying for dual citizenship and being granted?

(b) If not, why?

45/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) unemployment has gone up in Sri Lanka due to the mismatch between the job market and the educational methodologies;

(ii) the purely academic courses conducted in universities should be converted into job oriented courses; and

(iii) academic education and vocational education should run in parallel?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether relevant action has been taken by now in regard to the aforesaid matters;

(ii) if so, the said action;

(iii) if not, whether action will be taken to convert the purely academic courses conducted in universities into job oriented vocational courses;

(iv) if so, the manner in which it will be done; and

(v) the date on which it will be put into action?

(c) If not, why?

258/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of students who were granted the Mahapola Higher Education scholarship out of the students enrolled to the state universities during the last five academic years; and

(ii) the monthly sum that is paid for a Mahapola scholarship recipient at present?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the methodology of selecting students for granting Mahapola scholarships on merit basis; and

(ii) the number of students who were granted Mahapola scholarships on merit basis for Bio science, Mathematics, Commerce and Arts streams in the above mentioned years, in relation to each stream, separately?

(c) If not, why?

577/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the volume of fertilizers imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date, separately in respect of each variety of fertilizer;

(ii) the companies that imported these fertilizers; and

(iii) the sums of money spent for importing fertilizers during the period referred to above, separately in respect of each year?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the number of companies accused of importing substandard fertilizers during the period referred to above;

(ii) the said companies; and

(iii) the measures have been taken so far and measures that are to be taken in future against the companies referred to above?

(c) If not, why?

1031/2022

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

(a) Will he admit that all island school sports competitions are conducted annually?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether Provincial school sports meets have been conducted for the year 2020;

(ii) if not, the steps that will be taken for that;

(iii) whether all island school sports tournaments have been conducted in 2020; and

(iv) if not, whether steps will be taken to conduct those tournaments?

(c) If not, why?

1184/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the acreage of paddy fields in which paddy farming is conducted and the number of families engaged in paddy farming in Sri Lanka at present;

(ii) the number of families who departed from paddy farming from the year 2015 to the year 2019; and

(iii) the amount that was spent for granting fertilizer subsidy to paddy farmers during that period?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the total fertilizer requirement in the year 2020 in respect of each crop, separately; and

(ii) what amount of money was spent for importing fertilizer and what quantity of fertilizer was imported in the year 2020, separately?

(c) If not, why?

1197/2022

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 the land that was given for the construction of Hambantota Cement Factory;

(ii) the value of the investment that have been made in the project to construct the aforesaid factory; and

(iii) the date on which the investment agreement for the aforesaid project was signed?

(b) If not, why?

1321/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether an institution has been established by the name of "Batticaloa Campus Pvt. Ltd.";

(ii) whether a university is being run under that name;

(iii) whether that university has been approved by the University Grants Commission; and

(iv) the names of the courses conducted by that university?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the manner in which the money was obtained to construct that university;

(ii) the manner in which the money is being obtained to maintain that university;

(iii) whether any fees are levied from the students enrolled at the university; and

(iv) if so, the amount of money charged from one student?

(c) If not, why?

1478/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of sacred places in the Anuradhapura district which are governed by the Central Cultural Fund;

(ii) the names of those sacred places;

(iii) the amount of money that was spent to develop those sacred places from 2015 up to date; and

(iv) the measures to be taken to develop the other Buddhist sacred places in the manner the sacred places governed by the Central Cultural Fund are developed?

(b) If not, why?

1737/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware of a cattle disease which is reported from most of the areas in Sri Lanka at present;

(ii) if so, the number of cattle that has become victims of the said disease by now; and

(iii) the measures that will be taken to control the said disease?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, April 22, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

13/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of government hospitals that perform heart surgeries; and

(ii) separately, the number of heart surgeries performed in each aforementioned hospitals daily?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether there is a shortage of doctors who perform heart surgeries;

(ii) if so, the shortage is; and

(iii) the doctor-patient ratio with regard to performing heart surgeries?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

(i) the number of patients in the waiting list of heart surgeries by 31.12.2021; and

(ii) the number of patients dying annually due to cardiovascular diseases?

(d) If not, why?

46/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether there is a government institution to regulate the standard of the institutions that conduct tuition classes;

(ii) if so, the name of that institution;

(iii) the role of that institution; and

(iv) whether the steps will be taken to establish an institution, if such institution has not yet been established?

(b) If not, why?

259/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of complaints received by the Central Environment Authority with regard to environmental pollution in Ratnapura district in 2019;

(ii) the type of complaints received most according to the categorization of complaints;

(iii) the number of complaints received with regard to the institutions that have been granted full approval of the Central Environment Authority out of the complaints mentioned in (i) above; and

(iv) whether the aforesaid institutions have acted according to the rules and regulations of the Central Environment Authority?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) whether investigations have been carried out on the environmental pollution taking place due to the factories established within the Ratnapura municipality;

(ii) the institutions that have been scrutinized by the Central Environment Authority with regard to contamination of water with heavy metal, air pollution and sound pollution;

(iii) the conclusions reached upon the said examinations; and

(iv) the number of institutions prosecuted on the charges of violating the National Environmental Act?

(c) If not, why?

578/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) in what volumes urea fertilizer was imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date and what amount of money was paid for it, separately in each year;

(ii) whether steps have been taken to manufacture urea fertilizer in Sri Lanka; and

(iii) if so, the present progress of it?

(b) If not, why?

1032/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he admits that there are wild elephant threats in the district of Kurunegala;

(ii) if so, whether the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of those areas have been identified;

(iii) the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

(iv) the number of deaths occurred in those areas due to wild elephant attacks in 2019 and 2020; and

(v) whether steps have been taken to pay compensation for the damages to the crops due to wild elephant attacks during the above years?

(b) If not, why?

1198/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) the estimated cost and the final cost of Deduru Oya reservoir project separately;

(ii) whether the work of that project has been completed by now;

(iii) the objectives of commencing that project; and

(iv) whether those objectives have been achieved by now?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) the maximum amount of water planned to be released through the right bank canal and left bank canal of Deduru Oya reservoir separately;

(ii) whether water is released as planned through the right bank canal and left bank canal after the completion of that project; and

(iii) whether he admits that the structures of the right bank and the left bank have been constructed without a proper foundation or proper connections?

(c) Will he further state—

(i) the expected benefits of the said project; and

(ii) the cost of acquisition of land for the project and payment of compensation for the lands submerged, separately?

(d) If not, why?

1322/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of public sector pensioners who receive their pension as at 31.12.2020;

(ii) separately, the total amount of money that was spent on paying their pensions from year 2015 to year 2019 on per year basis; and

(iii) separately, the number of pensioners that were added newly in each year from 2015 to 2019?

(b) If not, why?

1479/2022

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) Onion has been cultivated in large scale in the areas of Getalawa, Dutuwewa, Tisawewa and Mailgaswewa in Galebindunuwewa; and

(ii) a large volume of stocks of Onion is stored in the houses of the farmers as there is no proper price for Onion?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps to be taken to enable the farmers of the above mentioned villages to sell the Onion they have cultivated?

(c) If not, why?

1738/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of large scale rice mills situated in Polonnaruwa district; and

(ii) the name and address of each of the aforesaid rice mill owners, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) the number of small and medium scale rice mills situated in Polonnaruwa district, separately;

(ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the small and medium scale rice mill owners are currently faced up with severe financial difficulties; and

(iii) if so, the action that will be taken for the uplift of the small and medium scale rice mill owners?

(c) If not, why?

1946/2022

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 this 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?