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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?
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Thursday, May 05, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1731/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the factors that contributed to decide for increasing the age of retirement of the private sector employees up to 60 years;
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

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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?

1947/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) rock quarrying is done in Kandy district as a large scale industry; and
 - (ii) massive destruction has been caused to the environment in Digana, Heepitiya, Ahaspokuna and Malpana in Kundasale, Alagalle in Yatinuwara and Elugoda and Handapana in Udunuwara owing to rock quarrying in those areas and that complaints have been lodged with the relevant institutions?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of licenses issued by now for rock quarrying in Kandy district;
 - (ii) whether such rock quarrying is done on lands owned by the Land Reform Commission; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of licenses issued for rock quarrying on those lands?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken regarding public nuisance caused in quarrying such as spread of dust, fly rock, destruction of roads etc.; and
 - (ii) the measures taken regarding the destruction of water sources in Yatinuwara, Nawalpitiya, Udunuwara and Kundasale due to rock quarrying?
- (d) If not, why?

1959/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of plantation industries 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?

1993/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that employees were recruited to the non-academic staff of the national schools in Sri Lanka during the period from the year 2015 to 2018?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of employees with job titles recruited to each of the aforesaid national schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2002/2022

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— 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) of the existing legal state with regard to the ownership of the lands with deeds such as Swarnabhoomi, Jayabhoomi, Isurubhoomi and Ranbhoomi after the death of their owners;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that many problems have arisen owing to the fact that the post ownership of those lands lies only with the eldest child of the family;
 - (iii) the legal protection the other brothers/sisters are entitled to, if the eldest brother refuses to share it with them;

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- (iv) whether steps would be taken to amend the laws relating to that;
 - (v) if so, the current progress of that;
 - (vi) the obstacle that remains to prepare those deeds in a manner that the ownership of those lands will be distributed among the children of the family in an equal manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the distribution boundaries in relation to dry and mud lands of the lands mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a number of problems have arisen owing to those distribution boundaries;
 - (iii) if so, the solutions for them?
- (c) If not, why?

2004/2022

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 Small and Medium Enterprise Venture Capital Company 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 money, 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 the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2012/2022

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

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the number of approved positions at present in the officer of Agriculture Research and Production Assistant and the Agrarian Development Officer in Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the number of officers already serving in the aforesaid positions currently; and
 - (iii) the number of vacancies existing in the aforesaid positions?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Agrarian Service Centres established in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) whether a programme has been prepared to provide technical advice to farmers by them;
 - (iii) whether a programme has been prepared to provide varieties of seeds to farmers by them;
 - (iv) if so, the varieties of seeds that can be obtained?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent annually for the importation of seeds; and
 - (ii) the programme formulated for developing and conserving local seeds?
- (d) If not, why?

2023/2022

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 Employees' 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; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the money, 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;

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- (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 the future?
- (c) If not, why?

2040/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Transport 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?

Friday, May 06, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2043/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of houses constructed in the Moneragala District under the Indian Housing Project within the period of year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the names of the areas in which the aforesaid houses have been constructed;

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- (iii) whether the basic facilities required for residence are available in those houses;
 - (iv) whether it had been decided to award the aforesaid houses only to the employees working under the Janatha Estate Development Board; and
 - (v) if so, the name of the party who took that decision?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a programme to construct houses for the people living in estates and estate related areas in the Moneragala District under Indian Housing Project or under some other programme;
 - (ii) if so, the number of houses that will be constructed under that programme;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid houses will be constructed; and
 - (iv) the basis on which those houses will be awarded to the beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

2059/2022

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; 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?

2071/2022

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) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of consultants appointed for ITN and Lakhanda Radio during the period from 2015 to 2019;
 - (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?

2084/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether it is expected to purchase paddy through the Paddy Marketing Board in Maha season of 2022?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the expected paddy harvest in Maha season of 2022;
 - (ii) the amount of paddy expected to be purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board out of the said harvest;
 - (iii) the said amount of paddy separately, according to each district;
 - (iv) the amount of paddy expected to be purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in Maha season of 2022, as a percentage of the total harvest of that season; and
 - (v) the amount of money allocated for purchasing paddy in Maha season of 2022?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the capacity of the warehouses owned by the Paddy Marketing Board separately according to the districts where they are located; and
 - (ii) whether there is a balance of paddy stocks purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board in the previous seasons?
- (d) If not, why?

2094/2022

Hon. Ajith Rajapakse,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the photograph of Mr. Ranjith Keerthi Thennakoon was displayed in the government institutions of the Southern Provincial Council during his term as the governor of the Southern Province; and
 - (ii) the expenditure related to the above matter was borne by the Southern Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether certain legal authority is vested with the governor or a government officer in accordance with financial regulations or any other formal institutional law, to bear the expenditure to display the above mentioned photographs;
 - (ii) if so, whether a certified copy of the written law which has thus legally permitted will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?

2114/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current fleet of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) the number of employees currently serving at the Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of SLTB buses deployed for commuting in highways;
 - (ii) separately, the income earned from the buses deployed for highways up to now from the opening of highways and the expenditure incurred in those buses; and
 - (iii) separately, the annual income and expenditure of the Sri Lanka Transport Board since year 2015 up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

2260/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of National Schools and Provincial Schools established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, the number of existing teacher vacancies in the aforementioned National and Provincial Schools; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2456/2022

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken in response to the demands of the Railway Station Masters who engaged in trade union actions recently; and
 - (ii) whether there is any possibility of taking steps against such flash trade union action resorted to, without any prior notice?
- (b) If not, why?

2564/2022

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) approval was granted in 2019 by the then Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs for construction of 16 cultural centres to be used for religious, cultural, welfare and other purposes of estate communities covering the estate areas in Badulla district and Rs.100 million was allocated;
 - (ii) estimates were prepared for the construction of 14 cultural centres out of them; and
 - (iii) that programme for construction of those cultural centres has been stopped by now despite that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Rs.20.5 million has been provided to the District Secretary of Badulla for the preliminary work of the said construction of cultural centres; and
 - (ii) whether the provisions required for the construction of those 16 cultural centres will be made available?
- (c) If not, why?

2568/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of university lecturers for whom research grants have been approved from the year 2015 to date; and
 - (ii) separately the name and the workplace of each of the aforesaid lecturers?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid lecturers separately for each year—
 - (i) the grant approved;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been utilized for research purposes, out of the approved research grant; and
 - (iii) the amount of money, out of the approved research grant that has not been utilized;from the year 2015 to date?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House the steps that will be taken in relation to the lecturers who have not made use of the grant that has been approved for research purposes?
 - (d) If not, why?
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