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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

10/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and 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 (i) above; and
- (iv) if so, the date on which the said granting process will be completed?

(d) If not, why not?

(2)

42/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted regarding villages in Sri Lanka that produce products related to small bamboo (bata), cane, reeds and cantala (hana); and
 - (ii) if so, the number of villages that engage in each of the said industries and the number of families that engage in each of the said industries, separately?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the main issues faced by those industrialists;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to introduce new technology for the said industrialists;
 - (iii) if so, how it has been done;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to expand the market of those industrialists; and
 - (v) if so, the said steps?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether ornamental products out of bamboo (bata), cane, reed and cantala (hana) are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the countries to which they are exported; and
 - (iii) the income received through the export of products out of bamboo (bata), cane, reed and cantala (hana) in 2015 and 2016, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

255/2022

Hon. Hisha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(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?

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575/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(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 Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(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?

1180/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of homeless families among the Sri Lankan population; and
- (ii) the number of houses that were constructed, the number of houses for which financial grants were given and the number of houses for which loans were given by the National Housing Development Authority since its establishment to date, separately;
- (iii) the number of houses that were constructed and the number of houses for which financial grants were given by the said Authority during the years 2015 to 2019, separately; and
- (iv) the amount that was spent for the publicity activities in inaugurating the housing projects that were constructed during the above-mentioned period?

(b) If not, why?

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1195/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

(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?

3290/2022

Hon. Dharmalingam Sithadthan,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the construction activities of the Chunnakam post office and the Post Master's Quarters have not been completed though the then District Secretary of Jaffna had informed the Secretary to the Ministry that the said construction work is complete;
- (ii) the National Audit Office has pointed out that the procurement process relating to that is erroneous,
- (iii) even though the present District Secretary has informed the contractor that the above project would be stopped due to lack of funds, it is not correct; and
- (iv) there is no report on the loss incurred owing to the non completion of the above construction, the amount that was not deducted from the advance and on charging only a portion of the fine to be charged over the delay?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the steps taken in this regard;
- (ii) if not, the steps to be taken in the future; and
- (iii) whether the construction work of the above project would be completed as planned;

(c) If not, why?

3292/2022

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the circuit court in Kinniya in Trincomalee district, which was in operation up to 1970, was temporarily closed due to the conflict situation that prevailed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) although steps were taken last year to temporarily resume operation of the aforesaid court in a government building until permanent buildings are constructed, operation of the aforesaid court has not been resumed to date?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to resume operation of the circuit court in Kinniya in order to reduce the number of cases filed with the Trincomalee Court and to minimize the difficulties faced by the people of Kinniya area in travelling to Trincomalee for litigation?
- (c) If not, why?

3336/2022

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that—
 - (i) a flood occurred in Puttlam district in the year 2021; and
 - (ii) specially, the shrimp farms and saltans in Puttlam town were affected due to the aforesaid flood?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether steps have been taken to pay compensation for the victims of the flood; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to prevent such a flood situation in the future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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(6)

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1316/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (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 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?

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;
 - (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?

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?

2003/2022

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the work in respect of the “Muthukeliyawa Feeding Canal Project” commenced in the year 2003 associated with seven tanks within the Badalkumbura and Buttala Divisional Secretariat Divisions was completed in the year 2019; and
 - (ii) the total extent of cultivated land directly to which water is to be supplied from the Project and the number of beneficiary families?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the tanks which water has already been supplied from among the ones to be so supplied from the above-mentioned Project, viz. Kongaha Weva, Seru Gas Ara, Nagas Ara, Karavila Kanaththa, Nikamada Weva, Inguru Ara and Thammenna Ara;
 - (ii) the names of the grama niladhari divisions to which water has already been supplied from among the ones to be so supplied from the above-mentioned Project, viz. Muthukeliyawa, Katugahagalge, Dikyaya, Pettagamwela, Medagama, Waguruwela and Konketiya;
 - (iii) the constraints holding back the supplying of water to the grama niladhari divisions which have not yet been supplied water; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken to remove those constraints and when such steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

2005/2022

Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Grama Shakthi Bureau 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?

2013/2022

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

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the name and the service period of each Chairman appointed to the Independent Television Network during the period from 2015-2019;
 - (ii) the educational and other qualifications of each of the aforesaid Chairmen;
 - (iii) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities paid for each of the Chairmen mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) out of the above Chairmen, the name of each Chairmen who have not served on full time basis and the other positions held by each of the aforesaid Chairmen in addition to the post of Chairman in the above institution?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the balance of fixed deposit of the institution as at the end of the year 2019, which was earlier Rs. 677,301,677.88;
 - (ii) the functions that were carried out utilizing the funds available in the fixed deposit;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent for each of the aforesaid function;
 - (iv) the benefits accrued by the institution out of the aforesaid projects; and
 - (v) if no benefit has been gained by the institution, whether money will be recovered from the responsible officers?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, June 23, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2024/2022

Hon. Madhura Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Shrama Vasana 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;
 - (iii) separately, the value of the money, 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 the future?

(c) If not, why?

2041/2022

Hon. Marjan Faleel,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Special Assignment - from 2015 to 2019;
- (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;
- (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser;
- (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers; 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?

(b) If not, why?

2044/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of houses constructed by the National Housing Development Authority in Moneragala district during the period from the year 2015 up to 2019;
- (ii) separately, the said number of houses in each Divisional Secretariat Division;

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- (iii) the number of Niwasa Gammama projects that have been completed by now out of the Niwasa Gammama projects commenced by the National Housing Development Authority in Moneragala district during the aforesaid period of time; and
 - (iv) if there are Niwasa Gammana projects that have not been completed yet, the names of the said Niwasa Gammama projects; and
 - (v) the reasons for not completing the work of the aforesaid Niwasa Gammama projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of houses that the National Housing Development Authority has commenced to construct in Moneragala district during the period from the year 2019 up to now; and
 - (ii) the number of houses that have been constructed by now and the number of houses that are being constructed at present, out of the aforesaid houses, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

2060/2022

Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, separately—
- (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Highways from 2015 to 2019;
 - (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;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser;
 - (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers; 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?
- (b) If not, why?

2072/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in the Colombo District Secretariat during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Secretariat; 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 the future?

(c) If not, why?

2096/2022

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Depots and Sub-depots belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Ampara district;
- (ii) the name of each Depot and Sub-depot mentioned above;
- (iii) the number of buses that are in running condition at present in each Depot and Sub-depot, separately?
- (iv) the number of vacancies exist in each Depot and Sub-depot mentioned above?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the regional Sub-depot belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board in Pottuvil was made a Sub-depot in 2011 and it still remains a Sub-depot;
- (ii) whether arrangements would be to upgrade that depot to a main Depot;
- (iii) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

2113/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who died due to the human-elephant conflicts in Sri Lanka in year 2020;
 - (ii) the amount of the compensation that is paid for a person who dies in that manner; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to prevent the human-elephant conflicts?
- (b) If not, why?

2261/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken not to grant maternity leave for the trainee graduates newly recruited to the public service;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the decision has caused immense injustice to them; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to reverse the aforesaid decision?
- (b) If not, why?

2457/2022

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign tourists who have visited Sri Lanka to date in 2022; and
 - (ii) the number of foreign tourists who are expected to visit in 2022; and
 - (iii) the income that is expected to be earned from foreign tourists in 2022?
- (b) If not, why?

2467/2022

Hon. Rohana Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of lands belonging to the Elkaduwa Plantation Company Limited;
 - (ii) separately, the aforesaid extent of lands as per each estate in the possession of the company;
 - (iii) separately, the extent of lands that has been and has not been cultivated, out of the lands belonging to the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) whether a plan has been prepared to cultivate the lands which have not been cultivated?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, June 24, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2565/2022

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estates in Sri Lanka managed by plantation companies by now;
 - (ii) whether the ownership of those estates remain with the government; and
 - (iii) if not, whether the ownership has been alienated from the government and fully transferred to the plantation companies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether permission has to be obtained from the relevant plantation companies when infrastructure facilities required by the people living in those estates are provided;
 - (ii) whether permission has to be obtained from the relevant plantation companies specially in obtaining drinking water facilities and electricity for houses;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that this situation is an obstacle for implementing development programmes of the government; and
 - (iv) if so, whether suitable steps will be taken to rectify the said situation?
- (c) If not, why?

2569/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tamed elephants-tuskers currently living in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of persons that own the aforesaid tamed elephants-tuskers; and
 - (iii) the name and address of each of the aforesaid persons, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a systematic program or a system of laws has not yet been formulated for the welfare of the tamed elephants-tuskers; and
 - (ii) if so, the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2579/2022

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of courts in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of cases currently pending in those courts;
 - (iii) whether an analysis of the time that has been taken for those cases will be submitted; and
 - (iv) the methodology that is expected to be followed in order to expedite the settling of cases that have been pending over a long period of time?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a methodology has been prepared to reach a final decision expeditiously regarding Stay Orders; and
 - (ii) whether a methodology has been prepared to further expand the Mediation Board system, which is implemented at present to settle minor cases, and to make that system more efficient?
- (c) If not, why?

2634/2022

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of the inception of the Colombo Port City project;
 - (ii) the amount of direct and other foreign investment that has been received for that project;
 - (iii) the value of those investments; and
 - (iv) the manner in which that project is scheduled to be used for the future economic development of this country?
- (b) If not, why?

2649/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to absorb Dharmacharya qualified candidates to fill the existing teacher vacancies for the subjects Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam in government schools based on the results of Dharmacharya Examination held on 25.05.2019 and recruit them for Grade 3-II of Sri-Lanka Teachers' Service;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which these teaching appointments would be offered to fill the existing vacancies in national and provincial schools;
 - (iii) the candidates who sat for Dharmacharya examination were subjected to a massive injustice as a result of not giving the appointments at the right time and subsequently, exceeding the maximum age limit considered to be qualified to enter the public service; and
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to appoint the qualified candidates in order to fill the aforementioned vacancies;
- (b) If not, why?

2654/2022

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the programme to offer one hundred jobs mentioned in the policy manifesto titled 'Vistas of Prosperity' is currently in progress;
 - (ii) the procedure followed to offer the aforesaid jobs;
 - (iii) the number of jobs offered up to now under the aforesaid programme;
 - (iv) the nature of aforesaid jobs; and
 - (v) the workplaces where the aforesaid job recipients are attached?
- (b) If not, why?

2689/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the name of each Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariat Division in Kurunegala district in which Nila Sevana residences were constructed under the Nilasevana project implemented by the then Ministry of Home Affairs during the period from the year 2016 up to 2019; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent for the construction of each Nila Sevana residence?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid project has been implemented in the years 2020 and 2021;
 - (ii) if so, the name of each Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariat Division in which the aforesaid Nilasevana residences are expected to be constructed; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that is expected to be spent for the construction of each of the aforesaid Nilasevana residences?
- (c) If not, why?

2750/2022

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) even though there are 7 bus depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Northern province, they have not been able to provide a proper service to the people of the province owing to the shortage of buses and vacancies prevailing on the staffs;
 - (ii) it has resulted in public servants, teachers and students being unable to reach their places of work and schools on time; and
 - (iii) people in some areas have to incur huge costs to meet their transport needs, as there are no transport services to those destinations?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures to be taken to provide the people of the Northern province with a quality transport service?
- (c) If not, why?

2771/2022

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether maintenance of a special rice buffer stock of 8000 MT of rice as per the Colombo Declaration of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and its 16th Conference as well as maintenance of 100,000 MT of rice buffer stock at the island wide Food Commissioner's Department warehouses as per the cabinet decision dated 27th of April, 2008 have been identified as prime tasks of the aforesaid department; and
- (ii) separately, the volume of rice stocks maintained according to each buffer stock of rice mentioned in (a)(i) above from year 2009 to 2019 according to each year?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether required volume of rice was maintained in the stocks mentioned above;
- (ii) if not, the reasons are; and
- (iii) whether he is aware that the expected outcome of having a buffer stock has not been achieved due to not maintaining volume of rice in the aforementioned stocks?

(c) If not, why?

3055/2022

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that paddy harvest has decreased substantially in the Maha season of 2022 owing to the programme to promote organic fertilizer;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to provide compensation for that;
- (iii) if so, the amount paid as compensation by now;
- (iv) the number of farmers who have been provided compensation up to now, separately according to each district; and
- (v) the methodology followed in providing compensation?

(b) If not, why?
