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6/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders have been called for the fourth phase of the Central Expressway from Kurunegala to Dambulla;
 - (ii) if so, whether action has been taken to award that contract; and
 - (iii) the companies that submitted tenders to construct that road?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of the construction of the above road; and
 - (ii) the source from which funds were allocated to construct the above road?
- (c) If not, why?

7/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— 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?

(2)

12/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Investment Promotion,—(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?

13/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— 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?

39/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (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?

(3)

(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?

43/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Director General of Archaeology has lodged a complaint with Karadiyanaru Police Station to the effect that sites with ancient ruins situated near the Murugan kovil in Iluppachchena village in No.186 Pandakuweli Grama Niladhari Division of Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa district have been destroyed; and
- (ii) whether the relevant persons have been arrested in that regard; and
- (iii) if so, the legal action taken against those individuals?

(b) If not, why?

44/2022

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

(a) Will he 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 he 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?

(4)

45/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— 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?

254/2022

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (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?

257/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) 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;

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- (iii) the reasons for selecting the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for providing recommendations;
 - (iv) separately, 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?

258/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(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?

(6)

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 Environmental 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 Environmental 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 Environmental 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 Environmental 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?

569/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the objectives of establishing the Rural Capital Bank; and
- (ii) whether the said Bank is regulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

574/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and 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?

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?

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?

1022/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that the Batik Industry is done as a local industry in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the entrepreneurs who engage in the Batik Industry have been identified by now; and
 - (ii) the arrangement of the Ministry to encourage the aforesaid entrepreneurs?
- (c) Will he also admit that the old methodologies and styles are utilized by the aforesaid entrepreneurs in Batik production?
- (d) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prepare a guiding mechanism to enable Batik Production of modern styles using the new technology?
- (e) 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?

1030/2022

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) tourism industry in Sri Lanka must be developed; and
 - (ii) national heritage sites should be used to attract local and foreign tourists for that purpose?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a programme has been developed by now to attract tourists to the 04 locations of the ancient kingdoms in Kurunegala district; and
- (ii) whether Dambedini Raja Maha Vihara and Dambadeniya kingdom have been included in the tourist map?

(c) If not, why?

1181/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(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?

(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?

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?

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(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 in metric tonnes;
- (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?

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?

1189/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Investment Promotion,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the source from which money was obtained for the “Lotus Tower” project;
- (ii) the loan obtained for that project; and
- (iii) the total annual income expected to generate from this project?

(b) If not, why?

1192/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(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?

1196/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Investment Promotion,—(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?

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1319/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board supplies copper to industrialists for manufacturing; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of copper given during the period from 2015 to 2019 in each year, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether copper has been supplied to a company owned by Inshaf Ahamad, who has a connection to the Easter Sunday attack that occurred in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of copper that has been given to that company; and
 - (iii) the copper related products made by this company?
- (c) 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?

1467/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of unauthorized constructions are under way within the limits of the Anuradhapura city?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to prevent such constructions?
- (c) If not, why?

1477/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and 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?

1478/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) 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?

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?

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(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?

1736/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of farms which are under the control of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
- (ii) the names of the said farms;
- (iii) separately, the items and quantities of the items produced in each of the aforesaid farms from the year 2018 to date; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to further develop the above farms?

(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?

1948/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a hotel is being constructed without permission by making inroads into the Mahaweli river near the chain bridge that has been constructed across the Mahaweli river in the Gananoruwa area in Peradeniya, opposite the Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya; and
- (ii) if so, the action that has been taken by now to stop the aforesaid unauthorized construction?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of unauthorized constructions have been made in the forest reserve of the Mahaweli river situated at the left side of the Dodanwala new bridge in the Aniwatta area in Kandy (at the entrance of the of the road from Aniwattta to Haloluwa)
 - (ii) if so, the action taken by now against the aforesaid unauthorized constructions; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken in the future to avoid unauthorized constructions?
- (c) If not, why?

1960/2022

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

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

1995/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that minutes of the meetings of the Mahapola Trust Fund had not been properly maintained during the time of the previous government;
 - (ii) whether this situation has created the opportunity to defraud public funds; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been defrauded in that manner?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Mahapola Trust Fund has not been audited annually;
 - (ii) whether this situation has created the opportunity to defraud public funds; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been defrauded from the Fund?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that agreements that have no relevance to the Mahapola Trust Fund have been signed without obtaining the approval of the Fund;
 - (ii) whether the moneys of the Mahapola Trust Fund have been defrauded through such acts; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been defrauded in that manner?
- (d) If not, why?

2040/2022

Hon. Marjan Faleel,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Transport from year 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, 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?
- (b) If not, why?

2059/2022

Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Strategies and International Trade, from year 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?

2071/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(2)

- (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; and
 - (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?

2114/2022

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current fleet of Busses 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?

2688/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the former government took action to implement a project under the then Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government to build bridges at village level to improve transport facilities for rural people?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, the name, Divisional Secretariat Division, estimated amount, date of commencement of work and the current progress of each bridge construction project carried out in Kurunegala district from 2016 to 2019 under the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately, the name, Divisional Secretariat Division, estimated amount and the expected date for commencement of work of each bridge project, if it has been planned to implement bridge construction projects in Kurunegala district under the aforesaid project?
- (d) If not, why?

2768/2022

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the methods of recruitment under which officers were recruited to the post of Revenue Inspector in the Western Province in year 2004;
 - (ii) separately, the educational qualifications required under each of the aforesaid methods;
 - (iii) the method of recruitment that was adopted in recruiting officers to the post of Revenue Inspector in local government bodies in the Western Province after 2015 in terms of circular No. 06/2006; and
 - (iv) the educational qualifications required under that method?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that there has been a reduction in the salary of the Revenue Inspectors who were recruited in 2004 as per circular No. 06/2006; and
- (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to rectify it?

(c) If not, why?

2971/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

(a) Will he state this House—

- (i) the number of fishing families residing in Iranavila village of Nattandiya in Puttlam district;
- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the fishing port used by the aforementioned villagers has been currently affected due to coastal erosion; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to solve this matter faced by the said villagers?

(b) If not, why?

3077/2022

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of employees serving on contract or casual basis by now at all the institutions under the North Western Provincial Council; and
- (ii) the steps taken to confirm those employees in service?

(b) If not, why?

3086/2022

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the people who use the main road lying across the Kittangiya River, which connects Kalmunai town and Gal Oya Colony in Ampara district, face severe difficulties during the monsoon season as this road submerges and gets more than five feet under water;
- (ii) a large number of people travel to the Ampara and the Bataloa districts along the aforesaid road; and
- (iii) as a bridge has not been constructed across the Kittangiya river, a large number of people have died and a lot of property has been destroyed in accidents while the aforesaid road was being used?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons for not constructing a bridge across the Kittangiya river on the aforesaid road up to now; and
- (ii) the date on which a bridge will be constructed across the Kittangiya river along the aforesaid road?

(c) If not, why?

3156/2022

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) applications were called for the recruitment of 200 investigation officers to the Bribery or Corruption Commission in the year 2018;
- (ii) about 10000 candidates sat for the recruitment examination held on 27.10.2018;
- (iii) an amount of 750 rupees was charged from each candidate as exam fees;
- (iv) 408 candidates selected from the aforesaid examination were called for the interview;
- (v) though security clearance reports have been obtained in regard to 200 candidates selected from the interview, the said candidate have not yet been recruited; and
- (vi) a period of more than 2 years has passed by now since the commencement of the aforesaid recruitment process and a period of 1 ½ years has passed since the conclusion of the activities related to the aforesaid recruitment process?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the aforesaid investigation officers will be recruited expeditiously; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

3157/2022

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Investment Promotion,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankans who have obtained the citizenship of a foreign country since 1980 up to date;
- (ii) whether there is information about the Sri Lankans who have obtained dual citizenship, out of them;
- (iii) if so, that number; and
- (iv) the measures to be taken to inform the government of Sri Lanka, when a Sri-Lankan obtains the citizenship of a foreign country?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of members of Parliament who represented Parliament since 1989 up to date, who possessed only the citizenship of a foreign country;
- (ii) their names;
- (iii) the number of members of Parliament who represented Parliament since 1989 up to date, who possessed the dual citizenship; and
- (iv) their names?

(c) If not, why?

3174/2022

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) three board members of the Tangalle Multipurpose Cooperative society Ltd. has captured the power by force despite the fact that the Society's Board of Directors consists of twelve members; and
- (ii) a Samurdhi Development officer attached to the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division has a hand in this regard?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a Police investigation has been initiated in this regard;
- (ii) the measures taken by the Provincial Cooperative Development Commissioner (Southern Province) in this regard; and
- (iii) the parties who are responsible for the money of the members and the customers of the Tangalle Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.?

(c) If not, why?

3189/2022

Hon. Sivanesathurai Santhirakanthan,—To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total extent of land in Batticaloa district owned by the Land Reform Commission; and
- (ii) the areas where the above lands are situated?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land owned by the Commission which has been distributed among the people living in Batticaloa district under the present Government;
 - (ii) areas that the above lands are situated; and
 - (iii) the purposes for which the aforesaid lands have been distributed?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the lands owned by the Land Reform Commission are being encroached;
 - (ii) if so, the legal action taken in relation to this;
 - (iii) whether a new system of distribution of lands owned by the Commission is in place; and
 - (iv) if so, the details of the aforesaid system?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, July 05, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2784/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of principals who serve in the schools island wide on the basis of acting principals; and
 - (ii) out of the above principals, the number of principals who serve in the Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not granting the salary increments, promotions and transfers to the aforesaid principals who have been appointed on acting basis;
 - (ii) the dates on which the salary increments, promotions and transfers will be given to the aforesaid principals;
 - (iii) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service at present, in spite of the fact that under the general procedure, the acting principals are absorbed to the permanent principals service; and
 - (iv) the date of absorbing the aforesaid principals to the permanent service?
- (c) If not, why?

2838/2022

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current situation of the Valaichchenei paper factory;
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to recommence the production activities of the aforesaid factory;
 - (iii) the amount of money invested for it and the date on which the money was invested; and
 - (iv) the number of employment opportunities created by it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether he is aware of the fact that frauds and corruption occur in the aforesaid factory?
- (c) If not, why?

2972/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Consulate General's Office established in Cyprus has been closed down;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons caused for that;
 - (iii) whether he admits that closing down of the aforementioned office has led to severe difficulties in the welfare activities of Sri-Lankan workers serving in Cyprus; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

3078/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Vocational Training Centers that have been established in Puttalam district under the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of locations of those centers;
 - (iii) the vocational training courses conducted at those centers; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to further develop the Vocational Training Centers established in Puttalam district?
- (b) If not, why?

3085/2022

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families that are in need of houses;
 - (ii) the number of houses that have been partially constructed on private lands under the assistance of the National Housing Development Authority; and
 - (iii) the number of housing projects that have been constructed as model villages;in relation to Ampara district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the National Housing Development Authority will pay the outstanding amounts pertaining to the housing construction programme that was implemented for the war victims in the Thirukkivil, Navithanveli, Alayadiwembu and Sammanthurai Divisional Secretariat Divisions during the period from year 2018 to 2020; and
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid programme will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

3155/2022

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Wasantha Mallawaarchchi a staff nurse who worked at Lady Ridgeway Hospital went on retirement on 01.04.1985;
 - (ii) in terms of 2/2012 of the Pension Circular, she has submitted applications to the above hospital for Widows'/Widowers' and Orphans' Pension (W&OP) on 18.12.2012;
 - (iii) confirmation of the said submission has been acknowledged the letter issued by the Director of the hospital, dated 19.01.2013 No. EBB/pp/බෙදි/ජී.ඩී.;
 - (iv) the pension file has been taken to the Pensioners' Department from Panadura Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (v) the aforementioned nurse's Widows'/Widowers' and Orphans' pension (W&OP) has still not been paid to her spouse Mr. Dayapala Halpage, after her death on 20.12.2017, although he has made the request with all the documents needed?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that not paying the said W&OP is an offence caused by the Department of Health Services;
- (ii) whether steps would be taken to pay the said pension; and
- (iii) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

3158/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the years in which issuing motor vehicle permits on concessionary rates for public officers, Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Councils was commenced;
- (ii) whether those permits have been issued to the public officers from 2001 up to now;
- (iii) separately, the public services and posts that are entitled to the said permits;
- (iv) the criteria considered when the said permits are granted to the officers holding the said posts; and
- (v) how often those permits are issued?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether issuing those permits has been stopped by now;
- (ii) if so, the date on which it was stopped;
- (iii) the reasons for that; and
- (iv) the date on which issuing those permits will be recommenced?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) the amount of tax lost to the government within the last 20 years as a result of issuing the said permits to the public officers; and
- (ii) whether the public officers who were issued the said permits have been provided government vehicles for performing their duties?

(d) If not, why?

3175/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount allocated for the “Nearest School is the Best School” programme from year 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the number of schools developed under the said programme?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of National schools and Provincial schools developed in Hambanthota district under that programme;
 - (ii) the number of schools out of them where work has been completed and has not been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

3293/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of labourers were recruited to the local government institutions on casual basis by the former government from 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the number of labourers serving up to now out, of the said labourers?
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that those labourers have not been confirmed in service up to now; and
 - (iv) the date on which they will be confirmed in service?
- (b) If not, why?

3337/2022

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps taken for the request made by me to establish a Technical College in Puttlam Town;
 - (ii) the time duration needed to establish the said Technical College; and
 - (iii) whether facilities will be provided to conduct Tamil medium courses in the above mentioned college?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 06, 2022
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) payment of compensation and other administrative expenses for the lands that are acquired for statutory bodies of the government under the Land Acquisition Act should be borne by the relevant institution; and
 - (ii) whereas, the allocations made by the treasury for the aforesaid institutions are being utilized for the purpose?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the method followed to transfer the private lands to the aforesaid institutions that are acquired for statutory bodies utilizing the allocations of the treasury; and
 - (ii) the relevant law in this regard?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Ministry of Lands has instructed the Divisional Secretaries to transfer the private lands, that are acquired for statutory bodies utilizing the allocations of the treasury to the aforementioned institutions, from a transfer certificate in terms of the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act; and
 - (ii) Giving such advice is against the provisions of the aforesaid Act, Land Acquisition Orders and the Circulars?
- (d) If so, will he also state the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (e) 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?

252/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Investment Promotion,—(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 said 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 Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(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, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

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

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- (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?
- (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?

1197/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(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?

Thursday, July 07, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

1949/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the work relevant to the renovation of the Kandy Good Shed bus stand will be completed;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for the renovation of the said bus stand;
 - (iii) whether the Kandy Railway Station too would be renovated parallel to the renovation of the Good Shed bus stand; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated for the said purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to construct a tunnel crossing close to the Fire Brigade Head Office, Kandy;
 - (ii) the amount of money expected to be spent over that;
 - (iii) whether an environment impact assessment report has been obtained in relation to the construction of the aforesaid tunnel; and
 - (iv) whether a cost- benefit analysis would be presented pertaining to the said matter?
- (c) If not, why?

1961/2022

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

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Irrigation and Water Resources Management from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
- (iii) the name, age, 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, 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?

(b) If not, why?

1996/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Anti-Corruption Committee Secretariat that was established in 2015 is a legal institution;
- (ii) if not, the reasons for that;
- (iii) whether there is authority to establish such an institution in accordance with the Constitution;
- (iv) if not, the name of the persons who are responsible for that; and
- (v) the structure and the composition of the aforesaid Committee?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on the aforesaid office from year 2015 to June 2017;
- (ii) the areas in which the aforesaid expenditure has been incurred;
- (iii) whether he is aware that the aforesaid institution is a non-governmental institution;
- (iv) if so, whether public funds can be utilized for that office;
- (v) if not, whether public funds have been misused by granting permission to spend money on the aforesaid office; and
- (vi) if funds have been allocated for the aforesaid office, the persons who are responsible for that?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether salaries or allowances have been paid to the members of the Anti-Corruption Committee;
- (ii) if so, the amount that has been paid; and
- (iii) whether the aforesaid amount of money will be recovered?

(d) If not, why?

2006/2022

Hon. (Major) Pradeep Undugoda,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

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

(c) If not, why?

2014/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Directors of the Board of Directors of the Independent Television Network during the period year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid Directors; and
- (iii) the name of the Working Director of the aforesaid institution during the period of time mentioned above?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money spent for telecasting the programmes named “Over Shoulders”, “Mahacharya Yavvanaya” and “Sanchare” which were produced by a private institution related to the aforesaid Working Director, separately;
- (ii) the amount of money spent for telecasting the programme named “Dambadiva”, which was produced by a institution related to the brother of the Chairman of the Independent Television Network instead of telecasting the programme named “Savanak Ras”, which was produced by the said institution;
- (iii) the total amount spent for these undue transactions;
- (iv) the names of the officers responsible for it;
- (v) whether the aforesaid money will be collected from the officers who are responsible for it; and
- (vi) if not, the action taken against the aforesaid officers?

(d) If not, why?

2025/2022

Hon. Madhura Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in National Health Development 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 Fund; 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 future?

(c) If not, why?

2042/2022

Hon. Marjan Faleel,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Social Empowerment and Welfare, from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
 - (iii) the name, age 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?

2045/2022

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks and anicuts situated in Moneragala district, which come under minor irrigation works;
 - (ii) the names of the areas in which the aforesaid tanks and anicuts are situated;
 - (iii) the number of tanks and anicuts that were reconstructed during the period from the year 2015 up to 2019, out of the aforesaid tanks and anicuts; and
 - (iv) the names of the aforesaid tanks and anicuts?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks and anicuts that have been identified by now to be renovated, out of the tanks and anicuts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the number of tanks and anicuts that were renovated in the year 2020, out of the aforesaid tanks and anicuts;
 - (iii) the names of the of those tanks and anicuts;
 - (iv) the number of tanks and anicuts that have been proposed to be renovated in the year 2021; and
 - (v) the names of the tanks and anicuts mentioned above?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, July 08, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2061/2022

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

- (a) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Higher Education, from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
 - (iii) the name, age, 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?

2073/2022

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

2097/2022

Hon. S. M. M. Muszhaaraff,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the cultivations of the people who engage in agricultural activities in the P/17 Grama Niladhari Division in Pottuvil Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara district are constantly destroyed by wild elephants;
 - (ii) the school children who live in the above areas are reluctant to go to school owing to the threats from wild elephants;
 - (iii) the electric fences in the area have been destroyed by the wild elephants;
 - (iv) the requests made to the relevant officials to fix the electric fences have fallen on deaf ears; and
 - (v) owing to this situation, the people in the area have no option but to leave for other areas leaving the areas inhabited by them at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (a) If not, why?

2115/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of government schools situated in Anuradhapura district?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the approved teacher cadre;
 - (ii) the number of teachers serving at present; and
 - (iii) the number of existing vacancies at present;
- according to each subject taught at aforesaid schools?
- (b) Will he further inform this House, the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies mentioned in (b) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

2262/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the measures taken by now; and
- (ii) the measures that will be taken in future; to provide housing facilities to the families living the estate sector of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

2458/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total extent of roads that have been developed by now under the project to carpet and develop 100,000 km of roads;
- (ii) whether he is aware that it has become a huge problem that side drains of many roads have not been developed when developing such roads; and
- (iii) whether attention will be paid to the aforesaid issue when preparing estimates for development of roads?

(b) If not, why?

2468/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of tea factories under the Elkaduwa Plantation Company Ltd.;
- (ii) the locations of aforesaid tea factories;
- (iii) separately, the names of each tea factory which are in working condition and the factories which are not in working condition;
- (iv) the reasons that the tea factories which are not in working condition, to be in such a state; and
- (v) the names of the applicants who have forwarded applications with the view to produce tea in the tea factories which are not in working condition by now?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether Elkaduwa Plantation Company Ltd. has transferred its tea factories to the private sector; and
- (ii) if so, the names of aforesaid factories?

(c) If not, why?

2573/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the malnutrition ratio of the Sri Lankan school children from year 2015 to date according to each year; and
 - (ii) the measures taken by the Ministry to eradicate malnutrition among the school children?
- (b) If not, why?

2580/2022

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the kinds of items that have been declared as essential goods by the Consumer Affairs Authority at present; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the prices of many commodities have been increased arbitrarily by traders at present without any control?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the methodology that is adopted by the Authority at present with regard to controlling of the market price of goods;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the relevant Act is not being properly implemented by the Consumer Affairs Authority;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the prices of commodities in the market are determined by market forces; and
 - (v) if so, the nature of the role of the Consumer Affairs Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

2635/2022

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 avenues through which Sri Lanka receives Dollars;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that Sri Lanka is faced with a problem related to Dollars at present; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to solve that problem?
 - (b) If not, why?
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