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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Orders under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 1),— That the Orders made by the Minister of Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/59 of 10th March 2022, which were presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to CESS Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2280/32 of 18th May 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/48 of 03rd March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2269/56 of 03rd March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/19 of 09th March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2273/01 of 28th March 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2275/02 of 13th April 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2280/31 of 18th May 2022, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/20 of 09th March 2022)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/21 of 31st May 2022, which were presented on 22.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/22 of 31st May 2022, which were presented on 22.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Essential Public Services Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Proclamation made and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2285/04 of 20th June 2022 and Schedule thereto, by virtue of the powers vested with the President in terms of Section 2 of the Essential Public Services Act, No. 61 of 1979, which was presented on 22.06.2022, be approved.

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/22 of 03rd July 2018 and the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2283/05 of 06th June 2022 prepared by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 for correcting the typographical errors in the said first Gazette, which were presented on 21.06.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

(4)

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 Disanayake,— 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?

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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?

2785/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of teachers who served as voluntary teachers and then appointed as teacher assistants in the government schools in the districts of Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu in the Northern Province;
- (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid appointments have been given;
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid appointments have been given; and
- (iv) the salary scale on which the said teacher assistants have been placed?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the above mentioned teacher assistants have been appointed to the grade 3 (I) (B) of the Teachers' service;
- (ii) the reasons for not including the period from 2013.07.01 to 2018.08.01, during which they served as voluntary teachers, to their service period when granting the appointments of teacher assistants; and
- (iii) whether arrangements will be made to consider the date on which the teacher assistant appointments have been given, as their first date of appointment to the teachers' service?

(c) If not, why?

2839/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an accountant has been appointed for the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat in Batticaloa district; and
- (ii) the reasons for the delay in appointing an accountant to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether steps have been taken by now to divide each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Eravur Pattu, Kalavanchikudi and Porathivu Pattu in Batticaloa district into two parts as there is a huge population in the aforesaid three divisions;
- (ii) if not, reasons for it; and
- (iii) the steps that will be taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

2973/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the daily quantity of coal needed to Norochcholai power plant to provide a continuous power supply;
- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that no bidders are there to supply coal due to the foreign exchange crisis existing at present;
- (iii) whether he is also aware of the fact that spot purchases have been made for coal because of the aforesaid matter; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken in this regard?

(b) 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?

3079/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Ayurvedic hospitals in Puttalam district that are administered by the North Western Provincial Ministry of Health;
- (ii) the places of those hospitals situated;
- (iii) separately, the number of vacancies that exist in each of the aforesaid hospitals; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies and to develop the Ayurvedic hospital system in Puttalam district?

(b) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

8/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is expected to impose new laws to control social media;
- (ii) whether he admits that a discussion in this regard has been held with the government of Singapore by the Minister of Justice; and
- (iii) the standpoint of the government regarding social media?

(b) If not, why?

37/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the sum of money allocated for improving the game of Carrom in Sri Lanka for the year 2019;
 - (ii) the amount allotted for schools out of the sum referred to in (i) above; and
 - (iii) the amount allocated for improving Carrom skills of children who have left school out of the sum referred to in (i) above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to guide school players to achieve international achievements in Carrom; and
 - (ii) if so, the said steps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government is involved in administration and development activities of the Carrom Federation of Sri Lanka and its affiliated associations; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner that involvement takes place?
- (d) If not, why?

253/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of eggs produced from the year 2010 up to now, separately, on per year basis;
 - (ii) the details of export of eggs during the period concerned, if any eggs had been exported;
 - (iii) the details of import of eggs during the period concerned, if any eggs had been imported; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to enhance egg production in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

573/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of mother hens that have been imported to Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date for breeding chickens; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that have been spent on the importation of mother hens?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to impose a limit on the importation of mother hens;
 - (ii) if so, the factors that influenced such decision; and
 - (iii) the impact that the aforesaid limitation will have on the prices of eggs and chicken in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1031/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that all island school sports competitions are conducted annually?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Provincial school sports meets have been conducted for the year 2020;
 - (ii) if not, the steps that will be taken for that;
 - (iii) whether all island school sports tournaments have been conducted in 2020; and
 - (iv) if not, whether steps will be taken to conduct those tournaments?
- (c) If not, why?

1185/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a massive financial fraud has taken place at Hewagam Korale Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited of Hanwella;
 - (ii) monies of the temples and the ordinary public of that area have been deposited at the rural banks attached to the said Cooperative Society; and
 - (iii) those depositors have not been able to get back any money?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount that has been defrauded by the said society;
 - (ii) the number of depositors who have not been able to get their money back;
 - (iii) whether the manner in which the said fraud has been committed would be explained; and
 - (iv) the names of the persons responsible for the said fraud, if they have been identified?

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(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether he is aware that the then Board of Directors of the said Society, officers of the Department of Cooperative Development and a private company are responsible for the said financial fraud;
- (ii) the legal action that has been taken against them, if that had been done; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to recover the monies from them and provide relief to the depositors?

(d) If not, why?

3087/2022

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the construction work of a building for the Technical Faculty of the Wesley High School of Ampara Education Zone, was commenced on the approval granted by the Director of the Technical Education Development Programme of the Ministry of Education through the letter dated 2020.06.25; and
- (ii) a building which was around 60 years old in the said school where the school computer unit and 05 class rooms were established had been removed for the purpose of the above construction, on the permission of the Director of Education of the Eastern province and the instructions of the technical officers of the Zonal Education Office?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the factors that contributed towards the suspension of the construction activities of the said technical faculty; and
- (ii) whether measures will be taken to restoring the aforesaid construction work?

(c) If not, why?

3176/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of community water supply projects commenced in Sri Lanka from 2015 to 2019; and
- (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now out of them?

(b) Will he also inform this House, separately—

- (i) the number of community water supply projects commenced in Hambanthota district during the said period, according to each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
- (ii) the number of projects that has been completed and that has not been completed out of them?

(c) If not, why?

3294/2022

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 that applications were called from internal graduates and external graduates when absorbing graduate trainees for public sector employments in year 2020;
- (ii) the reason for not absorbing the graduates who had graduated from foreign universities when absorbing the graduates as trainees;
- (iii) the reason for not highlighting this fact when calling for applications for public sector employments; and
- (iv) the solution that will be provided to the graduates who have graduated from foreign universities and have not been absorbed as trainees?

(b) If not, why?

3338/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that a Base Hospital has been established in Puttlam Town;
- (ii) the number of doctors approved for the above mentioned hospital;
- (iii) currently, the number of doctors serving in the said hospital;
- (iv) the measures taken regarding the current shortage of doctors in the aforementioned hospital; and
- (v) the measures that would be taken to fulfill the existing requirements of the above hospital?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the request made to take over the above hospital into the Central Government; and
- (ii) the current measures taken in this regard?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, July 21, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1198/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the estimated cost and the final cost of Deduru Oya reservoir project separately;
 - (ii) whether the work of that project has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the objectives of commencing that project; and
 - (iv) whether those objectives have been achieved by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the maximum amount of water planned to be released through the right bank canal and left bank canal of Deduru Oya reservoir separately;
 - (ii) whether water is released as planned through the right bank canal and left bank canal after the completion of that project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the structures of the right bank and the left bank have been constructed without a proper foundation or proper connections?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the expected benefits of the said project; and
 - (ii) the cost of acquisition of land for the project and payment of compensation for the lands submerged, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1322/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of public sector pensioners who receive their pension as at 31.12.2020;
 - (ii) separately, the total amount of money that was spent on paying their pensions from year 2015 to year 2019 on per year basis; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of pensioners that were added newly in each year from 2015 to 2019?
- (b) If not, why?

1472/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of paddy land cultivated with paddy in Anuradhapura district in the Yala season of 2021;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy land cultivated with paddy using organic fertilizer, out of the aforesaid extent;
 - (iii) the relief provided to the farmers who cultivated paddy using organic fertilizer; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to promote organic paddy cultivation in Anuradhapura district?
- (b) If not, why?

1731/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the factors that contributed to decide for increasing the age of retirement of the private sector employees up to 60 years;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the employees are deprived of the benefits of the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund to which they are entitled after completing 55 years, due to increasing the age of retirement up to 60 years; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to this matter?
- (b) If not, why?

1946/2022

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,—To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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?

1950/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a natural archipelago by the name of “Hathkinda” with an extent of approximately 59 hectares is found in the Warathenna area of Gannoruwa, adjacent to the Mahaweli River;
 - (ii) the aforesaid area which belonged to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority has been named as the “Waratha Hathkinda Environmental Protection Area” on 2017.06.13 as per the National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980, considering the significance of the bio diversity of the said ecosystem into consideration;
 - (iii) notices have been displayed by the Central Environmental Authority informing not to construct unauthorized buildings there;
 - (iv) arrangements are being made to construct private hotels causing a harmful impact on the above ecosystem; and
 - (v) the unauthorized buildings which have been constructed in the Kandy city limits have contributed towards the water pollution in the Mahaweli river?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of unauthorized buildings that have been constructed from Gannoruwa to New Dodamwala Bridge; and
 - (ii) the measures hitherto taken to remove the unauthorized buildings which have been constructed in the above eco system?
- (c) If not, why?

1962/2022

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— 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 National Co-existence Dialog and Official Languages 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?

1994/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that uniform vouchers were given instead of uniform material by the Ministry of Education during the former government;
 - (ii) whether public funds have been misused through the above practice;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money thus misused; and
 - (iv) the parties that should be held responsible in this regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that four photographs including a photograph of the then Minister of Education were printed on the aforesaid uniform vouchers;
 - (ii) whether the agreement of the then President and the Prime Minister had been received to print their photographs on the aforesaid uniform vouchers;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons concerned; and
 - (iv) the additional amount of money that has been spent to include the aforesaid photographs?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a colour photograph of the then Minister of Education had been printed in the school text books in the years 2018 and 2019;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that public funds have been utilized for the said purpose; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent on that?
- (d) If not, why?

2007/2022

Hon. (Dr.) (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 Rural Development Training and Research 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?

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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; and
- (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in the future?

(c) If not, why?

2015/2022

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) applications were called every two years consecutively to promote to the post of Assistant Manager of Peoples' Bank;
- (ii) the applicants who scored above 40 at the competitive examination were given promotions;
- (iii) after 31.12.2015, applications for the competitive examination held to offer promotions to the post of Assistant Manager of the Peoples' Bank were called on 30.06.2019;
- (iv) therefore, the relevant examination was held on 15.12.2019; and
- (v) the cut-off mark of the examination was raised to 50?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the reasons to raise the cut-off mark of the aforesaid examination to 50;
- (ii) the reasons to change the structure of the question paper in comparison to the previous examinations and to include theoretical questions in the paper; and
- (iii) whether the results of the aforementioned examination will be re-scrutinized and serve justice to 768 employees of the Peoples' Bank?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, July 22, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2026/2022

Hon. Madhura Withanage,— 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 Kidney 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 the future?
- (c) 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;
 - (iii) the number of Niwasa Gammana projects that have been completed by now out of the Niwasa Gammana 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 Gammana projects; and
 - (v) the reasons for not completing the work of the aforesaid Niwasa Gammana 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 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; and
- (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 made to upgrade that depot to a main Depot; and
- (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;
 - (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?

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?

(22)

(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?
