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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, July 21, 2022)

3451/2022

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

- (a) Will he state separately, in relation to each State Bank—
 - (i) the number of leasing arrangements made for the service providers in the Tourism Industry on behalf of the relevant vehicles used by them from the year 2018 to date;
 - (ii) the financial value of the said arrangements;
 - (iii) out of the above leasing arrangements made, the number of arrangements for which the debt moratorium stipulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has been granted; and
 - (iv) the financial value, initial amount and the interest amount of the aforesaid leasing facilities?
- (b) Will he also state separately, in relation to each State Bank—
 - (i) the number of loan facilities with a value equal to or less than one million rupees, arranged for the service providers in the Tourism Industry from the year 2018 to date;
 - (ii) the financial value of the said arrangements;

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- (iii) out of the above loan arrangements made, the number of arrangements for which the debt moratorium stipulated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has been granted; and
 - (iv) the financial value, initial amount and the interest amount of the aforesaid loan facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, August 09, 2022
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

2579/2022

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

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

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2634/2022

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

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

2652/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted to identify the school buildings of the National and Provincial schools that are faced with the threat of collapsing owing to the risk of landslides;
 - (ii) if so, the schools with such identified buildings in each of the districts of Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Kegalle and Matara, separately;
 - (iii) the estimated amount of money to reconstruct each such building, separately; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that would be allocated to reconstruct each such building or construct new buildings in their place, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2656/2022

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the buildings in which the police stations in Kandy district are housed are so many years old; and
 - (ii) the barracks in the aforesaid police stations are difficult to be used?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to modernize the aforesaid buildings; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to provide a systematic service to the people who turn up at the aforesaid police stations to obtain services from them?
- (c) If not, why ?

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2687/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, name of each location where recent gas cylinder related domestic accidents were reported in Sri Lanka, the respective Police division, the administrative district, the damage caused from the accident and the financial loss incurred;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay compensation for the loss of life, injuries and for the damages caused to the property occurred due to the gas cylinder related accidents;
 - (iii) if so, separately, the amount expected to be paid for each accident; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to prevent such accidents in future?
- (b) If not, why?

2751/2022

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) thousands of Tamil people who lived in the North and East areas of Sri Lanka migrated to India owing to the situation of war that prevailed in Sri Lanka and stay within and outside camps there;
 - (ii) nearly 100,000 people out of the above people are unable to return to Sri Lanka, even though the war is over now; and
 - (iii) owing to the refusal of the Indian government to grant Visa to most of the people out of the above mentioned people who live in places outside the camps, they have to pay Visa charges for the entire period they lived in India when they return to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures to be taken to bring back the above-mentioned people to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

2774/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the outstanding tax payment which has been defaulted by the tax payers as at 30, June 2019 as per the accounts of the Inland Revenue Department is approximately Rs. 4,171,558 million;

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- (ii) the required steps have not been taken on time to rectify the outstanding balances of tax which exceeds Rs. 3500 million due to accounting errors, out of the tax balances;
 - (iii) more than 90% of the total balances of tax consist of Value Added Tax and income tax;
 - (iv) timely steps have not been taken to recover/ settle the outstanding tax payments by the Department of Inland Revenue; and
 - (v) the inefficiency of the said department has been made clearly explicit there?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the steps that have been taken to recover the outstanding tax income which the government has not received;
 - (ii) the legal measures that will be taken against the defaulters; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken against the incompetent officers of the department?
- (c) If not, why?

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?

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3056/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of National Schools in Gampaha district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that were converted into National Schools under Vistas for Prosperity and Splendour programme; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the methodology followed in selecting the schools mentioned in (a) (iv) above; and
 - (ii) the facilities provided to the schools that are converted into National Schools?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 10, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?
- (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;

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- (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/භෙදි/ඊ.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?

3157/2022

Hon. Udayana Kirindigoda,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(2)

(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?

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; and
- (ii) the number of schools out of them where work has been completed and has not been completed?

(c) If not, why?

3189/2022

Hon. Sivanesanathurai Santhirakanthan,—To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(2)

(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?

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- (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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Friday, August 12, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

12/2022

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

- (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?

41/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted about edible mushrooms that grow naturally in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such mushroom varieties;
 - (iii) their names; and
 - (iv) the endemic mushroom varieties out of them?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether seeds required by farmers who cultivate mushrooms as a means of self-employment, are imported by now;
 - (ii) if so, the countries from where they are imported;
 - (iii) the amount spent annually for that;
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to promote local mushroom seeds among cultivators; and
 - (v) if so, the said measures?

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(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether the government has taken action to provide relief to mushroom cultivators; and
- (ii) if so, the said relief measures?

(d) If not, why?

259/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of complaints received by the Central 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?

576/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he accepts that establishment of an agro database is crucial for the development of agriculture;
- (ii) if so, the date such agro database was commenced by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (iii) the amount of money has been spent for it so far; and
- (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry if any fraud has occurred when establishing the agro database?

(b) If not, why?

1032/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there are wild elephant threats in the district of Kurunegala;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of those areas have been identified;
 - (iii) the said Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the number of deaths occurred in those areas due to wild elephant attacks in 2019 and 2020; and
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to pay compensation for the damages to the crops due to wild elephant attacks during the above years?
- (b) If not, why?

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?

1189/2022

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

- (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?

1313/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of factories established around the Kelani river;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the waste water discharged from those factories are released to that river;
 - (iii) whether a test has been conducted in relation to the damages caused to the river water of the Kelani river by such waste water; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been adopted to prevent the release of waste water to the Kelani river?
- (b) 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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.2/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.3/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pahthirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

P.4/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

P.5/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Preventing damages caused to cultivations by wild animals and paying compensation for damaged crops in order to enhance productivity of local agricultural production,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary action to prepare a national programme to implement a National Agricultural Production Protection Policy that is implemented jointly by all relevant ministries in order to prevent the damages caused by wild animals such as monkeys, wild boars, porcupines and elephants to permanent crops such as nutmeg, cloves, pepper, coconut and various fruits and to seasonal crops such as potatoes, onions, vegetables and paddy that are cultivated by farmers engaged in the agricultural sector as small-scale farmers and as home gardening, and also to implement an agro-insurance scheme to pay full compensation to farmers for the damages caused to cultivations by wild animals.

P.6/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Providing the physical resources necessary for developing Dhamma school education,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should implement a programme with the contribution of the private sector and the donors as well to provide students' desks, benches, teachers' tables, teachers' chairs, black boards and white boards that have become essential for the majority of the Dhamma schools, to provide book racks necessary for small Dhamma libraries and also to provide children who attend Dhamma schools with necessary clothes for half sarees and the national costume as most children tend to avoid going to Dhamma school to receive Dhamma school education because of the difficulties they face due to the lack of physical resources in Dhamma schools despite that Dhamma school education lays the foundation for building a virtuous society.

P.7/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishing a national development bank and building an economic leadership in order to promote small and medium scale entrepreneurs,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to create a Local Entrepreneurship Development and Economic Revival Task Force integrating all the public institutes that contribute to the entrepreneurship sector at present in order to establish a bank that offers long-term financial loan facilities on easy conditions and low interest rates to small and medium scale entrepreneurs, agricultural producers and service providing entrepreneurs who are engaged in innovative production and value addition businesses targeting the local and the global markets thereby protecting the small and medium scale entrepreneurs from the debt traps, namely microfinance loans, financial company loans, and leases that are offered in Sri Lanka at very high interest rates and to build an Entrepreneurial Economic Leadership that assists the economic development of the country, generation of employment opportunities, and to achieve the maximum productivity of the resources of the country.

P.8/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Standardize early childhood development programmes,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate steps to establish an early childhood development policy by formulating necessary policies laws to regulate the registration and proper standards of early childhood development centres, pre-schools and day care centres, to make NVQ certificate a mandatory requirement for the entrepreneurs and the staff of such centres, to legalize the recommendations on the space and infrastructure facilities of those places, to establish a contributory social security system to start such centres in each Grama Niladhari division and to provide loans at a concessionary rate, as these centres are of utmost importance to create an intelligent citizen in future.

P.9/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establish a Co-operative societies system to face the challenges faced in the third decade of the 21st Century,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take appropriate action to reform the co-operative movement completely by strengthening the powers of the co-operative shareholders who are the real owners of the co-operative movement, which was established as per the recommendations made by the co-operative restructuring commission appointed a half a century ago, to face the challenges in the third decade of the 21st century based on the principles of co-operative movement i.e self-help, mutual aid and thriftiness, with a view to win the new challenges in this century by developing the agricultural sector to complete with large scale trade networks and as successful alternative to the capital problem and market problem.

P.10/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Ensuring women's rights and progression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take action to formulate policies and laws to impose punishment through trial for discrimination against women and to make violence against women, women abuse and rape of under aged girls or women a Non-Bailable offence, to expand the powers of the women and child section in the police, to establish a proper judicial system speedily solve maintenance and divorce cases, to allocate a set of seats in buses for women to impose laws to write off the loans obtained from micro finance companies that exploit people to ensure low cost energy for household water supply and cooking needs, to provide banking facilities to obtain low interest loans, to make loans to ensure that the widow get the husband salary, to provide a dependency allowance to unemployed widows, to pay equal salary to equal work and to develop a proper sales network to sell women's products since ensuring women's physical, mental, social security and progression is one of the most important development needs in the country.

P.11/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Enhance the development of Gem and Jewellery field,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take necessary steps to formulate appropriate policies and laws to develop the interrelationship required to improve the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry by formulating a national policy including national priorities since the lack of inter relationship between the parties involved in the process starting from identifying the lands with gem deposits to the sale of gems in the market has become an obstacle to the progression and the development of the gem and jewellery industry, though many structures have their involvement, to provide tax relief and facilities to encourage value added gems or gem products, to introduce an insurance coverage to cover the lives of the miners and the damages caused to the environment, to legalize mining licences as a pre-condition, to expand the opportunities for the persons in the gem industry to re-invest their money, to remove the restrictions imposed upon foreigners who come to buy gems, to diversify the use of gems in handicrafts and cottage industry, to use new technology in every field in the process up to the sale.

P.12/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Establishment of an innovative industrial zone related to export agricultural crops including an Economic Centre for Minor Export Crops,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary measures be taken by the Government to set up innovative Industrial zones with a value addition to the minor export crops, including economic centres based on the districts with a substantial production of minor export crops, with a view to victoriously accessing the global market while rebuilding the glorious “Ceylon Spice” brand which was inherited by the Sri Lanka minor export crops in the past; to formulate a tax policy related to the enhancement of the export agricultural crops industry, having revised the tax policy currently applied to these exports; to grant loans to the cultivators of minor export crops as an encouragement, enabling them to pay back after selling the harvest and to establish a methodology for providing crop insurances to cultivators.

P.13/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Declaring upcountry dance, traditional arts, wood carving, sculptures and architecture as world heritages and their conservation,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to declare traditional upcountry dance and arts, art, wood carving, sculptures and architecture which depict historical arrogance and identity of Sri Lanka, as world heritages considering the fact that they are intrinsic, unique and rare forms of culture and arts inherent to our country, to ensure the conservation and development of the aforesaid heritages, to ensure the socio-economic development of the artisans who practice and protect the said forms of arts and to establish a statutory Foundation or a Board to guarantee the protection, promotion and proper control of the upcountry heritages.

P.14/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— Promotion of Sri Lankan Foreign Service Affairs,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be launched by the Government to establish an institution to train labourer in line with the foreign labour demand in view of promoting the sector, to enable the migrant citizens to exercise their franchise to establish a social protection system similar to a contributory pension scheme, to set up an insurance scheme to compensate the migrant workers during unavoidable misfortunes, accidents and disasters, to grant higher interests for their savings by the banks, to provide loans with subsidized interest rates enabling them to construct their houses to prioritize the children of migrant parents when granting government employment, to establish a proper methodology to solve the issues and injustices caused by Sri Lankan embassies and local and foreign employment agencies and to set up a pre and post emigration trust, having deducted contributions from labourer registration charges and the payments settled by the agencies at the departure of workers for domestic assistance services, considering the fact that the migrant labour force make a contribution of 8% to the gross national income of Sri Lanka.

P.16/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Properly giving transfers to officers in the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement a proper transfer policy for the officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as officers in this Service have become utterly helpless due to the unavailability of a proper transfer system in effect.

P.17/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Revision of the farmers' pension scheme based on the timely needs,— That this Parliament resolves that the farmers' pension scheme be reviewed by the government in order to provide more benefits to the farmers, as it has been difficult to attract the farmers to it, as the pension scheme for farmers in Sri Lanka remained unchanged, whereas even in developed countries various welfare programmes are implemented.

P.18/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Commencing a television channel exclusively for education,— That this Parliament resolves that a television channel exclusively for education that will be helpful for children's education be commenced speedily by the government as schools have been closed in the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

P.19/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Following a fair policy in providing jobs at local government institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be prepared by the government to distribute the jobs to cover every ward of the relevant local government institution as occasions of favouring the ward of the Head of the local government institution are often witnessed at present in granting appointments for minor employee, labourer etc. at the local government institutions that play a significant role for the public from birth to death.

P.20/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Eliminating physical punishment of children from Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to end the national crisis of child protection through speedy amendment of legislation and proper implementation of existing laws whereas a determination has been given on 12.02.2021 through Supreme Court Case No. SC/FR/97/2017 condemning physical punishment and mental harassment of children and for repealing Section No.341 (i) of the Penal Code, implementation of Sections No.19, 28 (2) and 37 of the UNCRC and implementation of Circular No.12/2016 of the Ministry of Education, whereas significant steps were not taken in relation to the killing of an 08 year old girl child by caning her at home on 01.03.2020, at least based on the said Supreme Court determination even though that incident was paid attention by national and international media, whereas the crisis situation in relation to child protection, specially putting an end to physical punishment, has been emphasized in the monitoring report of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on Sri Lanka dated 02.02.2018 highlighting the possible long term consequences for children and whereas it has been stated by the Minister of Education that the service rendered by the National Child Protection Authority was not satisfactory in relation to extensively increasing incidents of child abuse as per Hansard No.304/2020 dated 06.10.2020.

P.22/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Empowerment of small and medium scale rice mill owners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should set up an accelerated program immediately, in order to solve the host of issues that the small and medium scale rice millers who are capable of controlling the price of rice in Sri Lanka, are encountered with.

P.23/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Establishing all public institutions in Government owned buildings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to establish all public institutions in Government owned buildings only whereas a massive amount is unnecessarily spent as a result of establishing the public institutions maintained using tax monies of the public in private buildings whereas a huge amount can be saved by establishing such institutions in Government owned buildings.

P.24/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P.25/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P.26/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

P.27/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P.28/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P.29/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Manufacturing railway carriages locally,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made to manufacture railway carriages locally whereas the Department of Railways is replete with immense physical and human resources to avoid massive amount of money flow in to foreign countries when railway carriages required by the country are imported.

P.30/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Cultivation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to cultivate wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) locally should be implemented by the government to avoid the outflow of a huge amount of money from Sri Lanka to foreign countries for the importation of wild eggplant (Katuwel batu), as a huge amount of money drained out of the country in the last few years as a result of importing wild eggplant (Katuwel batu) to this country.

P.31/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Promoting ginger cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to promote the cultivation of ginger locally to stop the huge outflow of the country's foreign exchange as a huge amount of money drained out of the country as a result of importing ginger to this country in the past few years.

P.32/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.33/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the problems faced by Betel Cultivators,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to mitigate the problems faced by betel farmers since a considerable number of families in the North Western Province who are engaged in betel cultivation have faced a number of problems at present.

P.34/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Cultivating the barren paddy fields in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that since food security is of utmost importance to the development of a country, an appropriate accelerated programme be implemented by the government to cultivate barren paddy fields in the North Western Province.

P.35/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Solving the human - elephant conflict in Kurunegala district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare a proper programme to provide a sustainable solution since the human-elephant conflict is intensified in many villages in Kurunegala district.

P.36/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reconstruction of small tanks in Kurunegala district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government do take steps necessary to reconstruct all small tanks in the North-Western Province expeditiously whereas a large number of people in the North-Western Province are engaged in agriculture-based occupations, and whereas water is an essential factor for the uplifting of the farming community concerned.

P.37/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the ancient places in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the Government to protect the ancient places in the North Western Province for the future generation, as the history of a country is very important for the future generation of that country and because several incidents of damaging the historic heritage of Sri Lanka have been reported.

P.38/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Protecting the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be launched by the government to protect the catchment areas and water springs of the North Western Province that form an invaluable resource, to safeguard the future of the considerable number of people of the North Western Province who engage in agriculture.

P.39/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Promoting the game of Elle,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be developed by the Government to further promote the game of Elle as it is the game played by the rural people of Sri Lanka.

P.40/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Relocating the Prisons away from cities,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to get the maximum use of Prison premises by relocating them away from cities since most of the prisons are located in the cities and a huge congestion prevails in Sri Lankan Prisons.

P.41/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Appointment of an Ombudsman to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that an Ombudsman should be appointed by the Government to look into the difficulties faced by the Sri Lankan employees in foreign countries as those employees face various difficulties in those countries and as minimal service is provided to those employees by the Sri Lankan embassies in those countries.

P.42/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting the Anawilundawa wetland,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should introduce an accelerated programme to protect the Anawilundawa wetland which has been declared as a wetland by Ramsar International Convention, for the future generation.

P.43/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Protecting mangrove eco-system in Puttlam district,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should take immediate steps to protect mangrove eco- system in Puttlam district which makes a huge contribution to maintain the ecological balance, for the future generation.

P.44/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— Home quarantine for returning Sri Lankan foreign employees at their own houses,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should introduce a suitable programme to quarantine the returning Sri Lankan foreign employees who have spent a hard time in foreign countries due to loss of their jobs owing to Covid-19 pandemic, in their own houses as the quarantine mechanism that the government has introduced poses an unbearable financial burden on them at this time.

P.47/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions with a focus on the development work undertaken by the relevant ministries,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal procedure be formulated by the government to make use of the research theses written by the students of the universities and the other tertiary education institutions to achieve the long-term, medium-term and short-term objectives of the relevant ministries when the future development processes are undertaken as it is of utmost importance to draft the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions functioning in Sri Lanka at present related to their courses of study, with a focus on the economic, social and cultural developments in Sri Lanka, and whereas an officer responsible for each ministry at ministry level is required to be appointed to coordinate between the thesis supervisor and the ministry concerned.

P.48/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking the initiative to protect the Buddhist places of worship worldwide,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government enabling Sri Lanka to initiate advocating the Buddhist leaders and organizations around the world with a view to establishing a strong organization to tighten the security of the Buddhist temples worshipped by the Buddhists living around the world to lobby on behalf of Buddhists at the international level.

P.49/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the Maintenance Boards for Elders island wide,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government enabling the expansion of Maintenance Boards for Elders functioning under the National Council and Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Health to the provincial, district and divisional secretariat levels with the objective of facilitating the elders, who spend the last stage of life, to lodge complaints regarding various injustices faced by them due to the discrimination caused by their family members and certain organizations.

P.50/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P.51/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Suppressing the drug rackets carried out through online marketing,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated and implemented by the government whereas substandard pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and beauty culture products are hugely sold online at present and this makes a huge threat to the safety of the lives of the people of our country.

P.52/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.53/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Establishing the Sri Lanka Grama Niladhari Service,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate steps be taken by the Government to formulate a Service Minute and establish a service known as “Sri Lanka Grama Niladhari Service” for the Grama Niladharis who render an enormous service by representing the government and working closely with the rural people.

P.54/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Making the Samurdhi subsidy available to the people who deserve it,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate steps be taken by the government to conduct a formal survey about the recipients of Samurdhi subsidy as well as low income earners who do not receive Samurdhi subsidy, in order to select the people who really deserve it and make the subsidy available to them.

P.55/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Filling the teacher vacancies in schools,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by government to fill the teacher vacancies existing in schools by giving priority to those who complete the formal teacher training at Colleges of Education.

P.56/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Giving a milch cow instead of the Samurdhi subsidy,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary arrangements be made by the government to provide a milch cow each, to the low income families selected in the rural areas instead of the Samurdhi subsidy, with a view to uplifting their economy.

P.57/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Strengthening the country's economy through exports,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken by the government to strengthen the economy through exports instead of imports by providing all the infrastructure facilities and services with the intervention of the government to the farmers, helping them to increase the local food production since our nation is an agricultural country.

P.58/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— Preparing a National Transfer Policy for the officers attached to Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that expedited measures be taken by the government to make the National Transfer Policy for Teachers and Principals effective as soon as possible and to prepare a National Transfer Policy for the officers attached to the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service as they have faced immense hardships due to the unavailability of a National Policy regarding transfers although the Ministry of Education has prepared a specific transfer policy for the positions in the education sector including Sri Lanka Teachers service and Sri Lanka Principals service.

P.59/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Reviving egg industry of the country,—That this Parliament resolves that expedited measures be taken by the government to revive the egg industry by addressing the issues faced by the persons involved in the sector due to the rising poultry feed prices.

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1473/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons residing in the inner city (Ethulu Nuwara) of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that they have not been granted legal occupation up to now; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures taken to grant those persons legal occupation?
- (b) If not, why?

1732/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of kidney patients reported from Polonnaruwa district at present;
 - (ii) the number of patients who receive the monthly allowance provided by the government, out of the aforementioned patients;
 - (iii) the number of patients in the waiting list to receive the aforementioned allowance; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to expedite the grant of the aforementioned allowance to the patients in the waiting list?
- (b) If not, why?

1949/2022

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(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?

2008/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Social Security Board during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Department;
- (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

(a) Will he also state—

- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
- (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
- (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future;
- (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts of corruption in future?

(a) 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?

2024/2022

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

(a) Will he state—

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

2041/2022

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

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Special Assignment - from 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) the number of advisers appointed by each of the said ministers during his/her tenure;
- (iii) the name, age and educational and professional qualifications of each of the said advisers;
- (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities that had been provided to each adviser;
- (v) the responsibilities assigned to each of the said advisers; and
- (vi) the foreign tours each of the said advisers had engaged in, the reasons for engaging in the said foreign tours, the expenditure borne in that regard and the benefits received by the Ministry through the said tours?

(b) If not, why?

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?

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2062/2022

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

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

2074/2022

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 Kalutara 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 resources, 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 of corruption 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?
- (c) 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?
- (c) Will he further inform this House, the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies mentioned in (b) (iii) above?
- (d) 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?

2566/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of government estates situated in Badulla district that have been provided on lease to private companies by now;
 - (ii) the number of tea factories situated in those estates ;
 - (iii) the number of tea factories that are functioning by now out of the said factories; and
 - (iv) the current situation of the factories that are not functioning by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether tea industry has been affected as a result of those factories not being functional; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to resume operations of the tea factories that are not functioning by now and uplift the tea industry?
- (c) If not, why?

2571/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of courses conducted by the National Colleges of Education, in relation to each medium of instruction, separately; and
 - (ii) the names of those courses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a dearth of students for teacher training at the Colleges of Education; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that would be taken to solve that problem?
- (c) 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?
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