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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1/2022

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 then Minister of Justice; and
 - (iii) the standpoint of the government regarding social media?
- (b) If not, why?

26/2022

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 formulate plans to guide school players to achieve international achievements in Carrom; and
 - (ii) if so, the said steps?

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- (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?

294/2022

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?

340/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of children's homes established in Sri Lanka, which are managed by the government or some other institutions;
 - (ii) the number of boys and girls that receive protection in the aforesaid children's homes, separately; and
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to provide the necessary education to the aforesaid children?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a programme for the children in children's homes to be oriented towards jobs once they are integrated into the society;
- (ii) if such a programme is not available, does he admit that such a programme should be formulated; and
- (iii) if so, the time frames within which such a programme will be formulated?

(c) If not, why?

672/2022

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?

965/2022

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Co-operative Loan Societies (SANASA) operating in the Batticaloa district;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the Co-operative Loan Societies in the villages of Kurumanweli and Eruvil in the Batticaloa district function formally;
- (iii) the measures to be adopted to make the Co-operative Loan Societies located in the other areas of the district function formally; and
- (iv) the plan relating to the construction of permanent buildings for the above societies?

(b) If not, why?

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1104/2022

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?

1512/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, Sri Lanka's daily fuel requirement according to each type of fuel;
 - (ii) the amount being spent for the purpose in US Dollars;
 - (iii) separately, the volume of fuel imported to Sri Lanka in year 2019 according to each type; and
 - (iv) separately, the amount spent for the purpose according to each type of fuel in US Dollars?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the volume of fuel imported to Sri Lanka on a monthly basis from January to March 2022 according to each type of fuel;
 - (ii) separately, the amount spent for the purpose according to each type of fuel in US Dollars; and
 - (iii) separately, the basis Sri Lanka have imported fuel up to date (credit/outright purchase) from each country?
- (c) If not, why?

1524/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a security division functions at the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd.;
 - (ii) if so, the approved cadre of that Security division;
 - (iii) whether arrangements are underway to remove that Security division from the Lanka Phosphate Company Ltd. and give it to a Private Security Company;
 - (iv) if so, whether a decision of the Board of Directors has been taken for that; and
 - (v) the methodology adopted in giving that Security division to a private company?
- (b) If not, why?

1670/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and 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?

Wednesday, September 07, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1893/2022

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Prime Minister and 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 there is a tax called Cess;
 - (ii) the objectives of imposing the said tax;
 - (iii) the areas in which the aforesaid tax is charged;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been collected up to now from the year 2015 as Cess;
 - (v) whether the objective of imposing the aforesaid tax has been achieved by now; and
 - (vi) if not, the action that shall be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1998/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(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 that 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?

2039/2022

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) on 12.11.1989 the then government arrested Mr. Rohana Wijeweera, ex-leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, and published that fact in the media; and
 - (ii) Mr. Rohana Wijeweera died on 13.11.1989?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Rohana 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?

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2040/2022

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who have pipe-borne drinking water facilities residing within the Pahatha Hewaheta Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kandy district; and
 - (ii) the measures are to be taken to solve the drinking water problem prevailing within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

2058/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land given to build the tyre factory started in Wagawatta area, Horana;
 - (ii) the amount of money charged when the aforesaid lands are given;
 - (iii) the name of the party who had the ownership of those lands; and
 - (iv) the date of the Gazette Notification which the said lands were vested for constructing the above mentioned factory?
- (b) If not, why?

2168/2022

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?

2516/2022

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?

2531/2022

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?

Thursday, September 08, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2534/2022

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;

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- (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 actions that have been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no actions have been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether actions 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?

2550/2022

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

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- (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?

2563/2022

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of Ayurveda Hospitals in Sri Lanka that comes under the purview of the Central Government and the Provincial Councils;
 - (ii) the areas where the Ayurveda Hospitals owned by the Central Government are situated;
 - (iii) whether it has been planned to recruit doctors for Ayurveda Hospitals; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of aforesaid doctors?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to develop indigenous herbal gardens;
 - (ii) if so, the number of aforesaid herbal gardens;
 - (iii) the areas where they are located?
- (c) If not, why?

2575/2022

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acting principals serving in the government schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the methodology is in progress when offering permanent appointments to acting principals;
 - (iii) the date on which permanent appointments will be granted to the aforesaid acting principals;
 - (iv) whether required provisions have been allocated for that;
 - (v) if not, whether steps will be taken to get the required provisions allocated?
- (b) If not, why?

2582/2022

Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Mediation Boards established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of disputes that have been resolved through the said Mediation Boards;
 - (iii) whether the Mediation Board System is currently being supervised by the Ministry;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to appreciate the service of Mediation Board officers;
 - (ii) the programme that has been put in place to timely upgrade the process of Mediation Boards;
- (c) If not, why?

2586/2022

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to implement a project to modernize railway stations with the objective of expanding facilities for passengers; and
 - (ii) if so, separately, the railway station, the district where the aforesaid railway station is located, estimated cost of the project, the expected time period to begin the work of the project and the work plan according to the project plan?
- (b) If not, why?

2601/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amounts of domestic and foreign loans borrowed by Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to 2022 on per year basis;
 - (ii) Separately, the institution/country from which each of those loans has been borrowed; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of installment and the interest paid for each of those loans?
- (b) If not, why?

2613/2022

Hon. Anupa Pasqual,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons to whom the rabies vaccine has been administered by the government hospitals in Sri Lanka during the period from 2019 up to now;
 - (ii) whether the patients who contracted rabies have died during the aforesaid period of time due to the non-availability of the rabies vaccine;
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid number of patients;
 - (iv) the number of rabies vaccines imported during the aforesaid period of time; and
 - (v) the total amount of money spent for it?
- (b) If not, why?

2620/2022

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) whether the primary objective of establishing it has been achieved by now; and
 - (iii) the number of factories owned by Cey-Nor Foundation Ltd; and
 - (iv) the areas in which they are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether boats, nets and other fishing gear will be provided to the fisherfolk free of charge or at concessionary prices; and
 - (ii) the action that has been taken by now to enhance the annual income and promote the products of the fisherfolk?
- (c) If not, why?

2628/2022

Hon. Sampath Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of maternity clinics established under Local Government Institutions in Sri Lanka, separately according to each Local Government Institution; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the Ministry to develop the physical and human resources of those clinics?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, September 09, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the body that manages the lands that are acquired under the Land Acquisition Act for expressway construction projects;
 - (ii) whether an approval has been granted by the Cabinet of Ministers to establish a company to manage such lands;
 - (iii) if so, whether the aforesaid company has been established by now;
 - (iv) if not, the date on which the aforesaid company will be established;
 - (v) the name of the authority by whom lands will be transferred to the aforesaid company; and
 - (vi) the title of the Act under which authority has been granted to transfer such lands?
- (b) If not, why?

27/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any research has been conducted on the traditional dwellings of the artisans who are engaged in manufacturing gold, silver and iron products;
 - (ii) if so, the number of Grama Niladari Divisions to which the aforesaid areas belong; and
 - (iii) the number of families that live in the said Grama Niladari Divisions and are traditionally engaged in the above crafts?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the major issues encountered by the aforesaid artisans have been studied;
 - (ii) if so, the said issues;
 - (iii) the manner in which new technology and training opportunities have been provided to them, if such measures have been taken;
 - (iv) the manner in which relevant intervention has been made to assist the said artisans to find markets to sell their production, if such intervention has been made;
 - (v) whether any programme is in place to grant foreign employment opportunities to them; and
 - (vi) if not, whether such a plan will be formulated?

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(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether the items manufactured by the aforesaid artisans are exported;
- (ii) if so, such countries; and
- (iii) separately, the income generated by the export of above items in the years 2015 and 2016?

(d) If not, why?

295/2022

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?

341/2022

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of police constables who have completed 20 years and 10 years of service in Sri Lanka Police; and
- (ii) the number of police sergeants who have served in the Police for 10 years or more at present?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of police officers who have fulfilled the qualifications to receive promotions out of the aforementioned officers;
 - (ii) the reasons for not granting promotions to the aforementioned officers to date;
 - (iii) whether it has been planned to grant promotions to all the officers of Sri Lanka Police who have fulfilled the required qualifications; and
 - (iv) if so, the date it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

673/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Mahaweli zones in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid Mahaweli zones;
 - (iii) the number of playgrounds situated in the aforesaid Mahaweli zones; and
 - (iv) the action that will be taken to develop the aforesaid playgrounds?
- (b) If not, why?

966/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in Batticaloa district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that most of the people in Batticaloa district, who are below the poverty line as per the monthly income, have not been provided with the Samurdhi benefit;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for it; and
 - (iii) the course of action that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

1105/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of garbage dumps that have been created as a result of garbage disposal by the local government institutes of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the names of the places where such garbage dumps have been created;
- (iii) out of the aforesaid garbage dumps, the number of those that are connected to forest areas;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the ecosystem has been seriously damaged due to that; and
- (v) if so, the measures that will be taken to solve the problems that have arisen due to those garbage dumps?

(b) If not, why?

1513/2022

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 through 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?

2639/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the progress of the expressway constructed from Kahathuduwa to Pelmadulla via Rathnapura;
- (ii) whether the relevant surveying has been completed by now;
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to compensate the people who lose lands due to the construction of the said expressway; and
- (iv) separately, the dates on which the construction work of the aforesaid road would be commenced and completed?

(b) If not, why?

2644/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether it is admitted the fact that considerable influence has been made by the trade union movement of Sri Lanka towards the socio-economic advancement of the country;
- (ii) the number of registered trade unions in Sri Lanka;
- (iii) their names;
- (iv) whether he is aware that a regulatory mechanism is adopted globally to maintain the trade union activities without making them an impediment on the advancement of a particular country; and
- (v) whether arrangements will be made to introduce such a regulatory mechanism to Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.1/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— 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.2/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— 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.3/2022

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.4/2022

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.5/2022

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.6/2022

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.7/2022

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.8/2022

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.9/2022

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.10/2022

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of elderly communities through a loan scheme,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make a suitable arrangement to implement a loan scheme through the banking system for those who are above 60 years of age, whereas the contribution of the elderly community over 60 years can be obtained to enhance the development in the entire Sri Lankan economy by strengthening their livelihood, and whereas they are discriminated against in the society as that elderly community is not granted loan facilities through the banking system.

P.11/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— Conferring Posts of Justice of the Peace for retired Grama Niladharies,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to confer the posts of Justice of the Peace based on the qualifications, for retired Grama Niladharies and after the retirement for those who would go on retirement in due course, in order to secure their respected service further as a government officer who renders a closer service to the public.

P.12/2022

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.13/2022

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.14/2022

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.15/2022

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.16/2022

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.17/2022

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.18/2022

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.19/2022

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.20/2022

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.21/2022

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Establishing 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.22/2022

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 grant 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.

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1525/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) houses belonging to the “Ranajayapura” housing scheme are used to run the Ipalogama Police station in Anuradhapura district as there is no permanent building to house that Police station;
 - (ii) 33 Grama Niladhari Divisions fall under the purview of the above-mentioned Police Station; and
 - (iii) the official vehicle that has been provided to that Police Station is not in running condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a permanent building for that Police Station;
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to provide a new official vehicle for the use of that Police Station; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it would be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1671/2022

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; andto provide housing facilities to the families living the estate sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1894/2022

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that it is mentioned in the Policy Statement of “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor” that 30% of the total power requirement of the country will be fulfilled out of the power generated by renewable energy sources by 2030;
 - (ii) the number of renewable energy projects that are being carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the details of the aforesaid projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the renewable energy projects are being carried out in a sluggish manner; and
 - (ii) the action that will be taken to accelerate the aforesaid projects?
- (c) If not, why?

1999/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Prime Minister and 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 “Nila Sevana” 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?

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- (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 “Nila Sevana” 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 “Nila Sevana” residences?
- (c) If not, why?

2041/2022

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of estates that have pipe borne drinking water supply according to the specified standard situated within the Pasbage Korale and Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kandy district;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the estates as per aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (iii) Separately, the number of beneficiaries who are supplied with pipe borne water as per each aforesaid estate?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the measures to be taken to solve the acute drinking water problem prevailing in the estates referred to above?
- (c) If not, why?

2059/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of funds that were utilized for providing infrastructure facilities for the project to construct the Wagawatta Tyre Factory in Horana;
 - (ii) the megawatt capacity of the electricity supply that has been provided to the said factory;
 - (iii) the manner in which the water supply is provided to the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of the access road to the said project?
- (b) If not, why?

2169/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons residing in the inner city (Athulu 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?

2517/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of University Lecturers selected to follow Post Graduate Programmes from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) their names; and
 - (iii) the amount of allocations provided for that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the Lecturers who have dropped out from the Post Graduate Programmes by now;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) the amount of money wasted as a result; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ministry to control this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

2532/2022

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 5 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?

2535/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in National Health Development Fund during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Fund; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
 - (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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