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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Registration of Documents (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Dangerous Animals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Wills (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Prevention of Frauds (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Small Claims Courts' Procedure Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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High Court of the Provinces (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Petroleum Products (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, September 09, 2022

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.

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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.

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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.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Extradition Law,— That the Order made by the President under Section 3(1) of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to Extradition Treaty between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/19 of 31st May 2022, which was presented on 29.08.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2291/44 of 05th August 2022, which were presented on 31.08.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Transport and Highways and Minister of Mass Media,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Section 126 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2273/76 of 31st March 2022, which were presented on 29.08.2022, be approved.

** Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2551/2022

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the name and tenure of each minister who had been in charge of the subject of Ports and Shipping from 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 adviser; and

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- (vi) the foreign tours each of the said adviser 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 tour?

(b) If not, why?

2565/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether ilmenite produced in Pulmuddai factory of Lanka Mineral Sands Ltd. is exported;
- (ii) if so, the amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting aforesaid ilmenite from the year 2015 up to now;
- (iii) whether any arrangement has been made to use ilmenite to manufacture goods within Sri Lanka;
- (iv) if so, the type of goods have been planned to manufacture; and
- (v) the amount of ilmenite stocks available in Pulmuddai factory as of now?

(b) If not, why?

2576/2022

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Puttlam district in which human - elephant conflicts are prevalent;
- (ii) the names of aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
- (iii) the number of wild elephants, wandering in aforesaid divisions by now;
- (iv) the number of officials, deployed to chase away those wild elephants; and
- (v) the measures, taken by the Ministry to resolve the shortage of officials?

(b) If not why?

2583/2022

Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara,— 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 concessionary loan scheme titled “Riya Shakti” had been launched for the benefit of drivers who transport school children;
- (ii) if so, the number of applications received to date to obtain the loan;

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- (iii) out of them, the number of persons who have already obtained the loan; and
 - (iv) whether the loan scheme will continue in future as well?
- (b) If not, why?

2587/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) number of no pay leave and employment desertions will drop when driver and conductor recruitments are made only from the permanent residents of the districts where vacancies are available in the depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) a productive and a quality service can be obtained from them with aforesaid measures; and
 - (iii) Sri Lanka Transport Board is able to provide an efficient and competitive passenger service with aforesaid measures?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House, reasons for not making recruitments only from the permanent residents of the districts where driver and conductor vacancies are available in the depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board?
- (c) If not why?

2602/2022

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the current progress of the project to convert the Polgahawela-Kurunegala railway line into a dual track line;
 - (ii) whether the feasibility reports of that project have been completed; and
 - (iii) separately, the dates for commencing and completing the work of that project?
- (b) If not, why?

2614/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a substantial income is generated through the zoological gardens in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) there is a shortage of food required for the animals in those zoological gardens at present?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of income that is currently being earned through the zoological gardens in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether a methodology will be proposed for providing the necessary facilities to the animals in those zoological gardens in disaster situations using the aforesaid income; and
 - (iii) whether the Department of Wildlife Conservation has an updated information system on wildlife in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

2621/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the prices of drugs (pharmaceuticals) have escalated by now;
 - (ii) whether duties are imposed when drugs are imported; and
 - (iii) if not, whether action would be taken to inquire about the exorbitant amounts charged on drugs?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that different amounts are charged by different medicine sellers for the same drug; and
 - (ii) the measures that would be taken against such sellers?
- (c) If not, why?

2629/2022

Hon. Sampath Athukorala,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tourist zones that have been established in Sri Lanka up to date;
 - (ii) the names of those zones; and
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority to develop each of the above tourist zones from the year 2018 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

2640/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land owned by the Land Reform Commission in each district, separately;

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- (ii) whether title deeds have been provided to the people who are currently residing in the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of title deeds that have been provided so far?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the lands owned by the Commission have been granted on a lease basis; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to grant lands on lease basis even in future as mentioned above?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 22, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/2022

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

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

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- (d) If so, will he also state the measures that will be taken to rectify this situation?
- (e) If not, why?

28/2022

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?
- (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?

296/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a canal from Hanthana to Suduhumpola;
 - (ii) unauthorized constructions have been done in certain locations blocking the canal; and
 - (iii) the houses of the residents of the area get flooded during the rainy season due to the blockage of the canal?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the permanent solution that will be given to the residents of the Suduhumpola area who get affected by floods due to the blockage of the aforesaid canal?
- (c) If not, why?

342/2022

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?

674/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) most of the families residing in Polonnaruwa district including Hingurakgoda engage in Ornamental Flower Plantation; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid community is faced with number of issues in finding soil needed for the industry and not having a fixed price for their flowers?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that would be taken to solve the said issues;
- (c) If not, why?

2645/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the economic impact made on Sri Lanka by the chemical fertilizer ban imposed in 2021 has been computed;
 - (ii) if so, the decrease in the produce of each crop such as paddy, tea, rubber, cinnamon, coconut and vegetables, separately;
 - (iii) whether farmers have given up farming due to the chemical fertilizer ban; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of said farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

2648/2022

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a programme known as ‘Agriculture Export Villages’ was successfully underway a few years ago; and
 - (ii) the said programme does not function properly at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that the Ministry would take to resuscitate the ‘Agriculture Export Villages’ programme?
- (c) If not, why?

2658/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people are very keen to obtain Solar Power Systems; and
 - (ii) but, owing to the very high prices of Panels and Inverters, they have faced difficulties in obtaining Solar Power Systems?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an arrangement has been made for the people to buy Solar Power Systems, and required equipment including Panels and Inverters at affordable prices;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that institutions that install Solar Power Systems make the installations at different rates;
 - (iii) if so, whether steps would be taken to determine a fixed price for the said Systems; and
 - (iv) whether an arrangement would be put in place to prevent the delay in Ceylon Electricity Board connections being given for the installed Solar Power Systems?
- (c) If not, why?

2669/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of teachers serving in the government schools in the district of Puttalam;
 - (ii) the number of teachers out of the above, who have been vaccinated against Covid-19 by now; and
 - (iii) whether the Covid-19 vaccination programme is implemented for the school children by now?
- (b) If not, why?

2689/2022

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a question for an oral answer on 23.08.2016 asked by me, about the steps taken regarding the persons responsible as per the order given by the Supreme Court for the lands belonging to Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and the then Apollo Hospital that had been privatized to be taken over by the government again;
 - (ii) as the answer for the said question it was stated that a file had been opened again in that regard by the Attorney General's Department under No. C.R.I./159/2016 as no step had been taken by the former government, that statements of 55 individuals had been recorded and that action would be taken to take legal action after recording the statements of a few more individuals; and
 - (iii) it was also stated that it had been informed by the Attorney General that further action would be taken once the excerpts of the information book were received after the conclusion of the investigations?
 - (b) If so, will he inform this House whether legal action has been taken by the Attorney General after that against the persons responsible?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, September 23, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

967/2022

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

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

1107/2022

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 date on which the Presidential Commission of Inquiry was appointed to probe the Central Bank Bond Scam;
 - (ii) the recommendations that have been prescribed by the above mentioned commission;
 - (iii) the names of the persons those who have directly got involved in the said Bond Scam; and
 - (iv) the course of action that has been taken on the said Bond Scam so far?
- (b) If not, why?

1514/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of field officers who served as Members of the Local Government institutions before the conduct of the Local Government Election of 2018;
 - (ii) the institutions in which each officer served, separately;

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- (iii) out of them, the number of officers who served as Chairman/ Vice Chairman/ Mayor/ Deputy Mayor and the names of those Local Government institutions;
 - (iv) out of the officers mentioned in (i) above, the number of Samurdhi Development Officers and Agriculture Research and Production Assistants who served as Members of the Local Government institutions; and
 - (v) out of them, the number of officers who served as Chairman/ Vice Chairman/ Mayor/ Deputy Mayor and the names of those Local Government institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the officers mentioned in (a) (iv) above faced an injustice owing to the laws formulated by the then government banning the field officers from contesting elections;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that would be taken to rectify that;
 - (iii) whether arrangements would be made to amend the Act relating to that; and
 - (iv) the date on which it would be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1526/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the government hospital of Kalaweva-Pennuma is one that has been run even before the commencement of the Mahaweli Scheme; and
 - (ii) the buildings of the hospital are in a dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to repair the buildings of the hospital concerned; and
 - (ii) if so, whether money has been allocated for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1672/2022

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) the number of families that receive the Smurdhi benefit out of the families living in the estate sector of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to provide the Smurdhi benefit to a larger number of families living in the estate sector?
- (b) If not, why?

1895/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that paddy harvest has decreased substantially in the Maha season of 2022 owing to the programme to promote organic fertilizer;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to provide compensation for that;
 - (iii) if so, the amount paid as compensation by now;
 - (iv) the number of farmers who have been provided compensation up to now, separately according to each district; and
 - (v) the methodology followed in providing compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

2000/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) by now there is a shortage of spare parts and tyres required for the vehicles used in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the vehicle owners are in difficulty owing to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the restriction imposed on the importation of vehicle spare parts and tyres has been the reason for the said shortage; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to import vehicle spare parts and tyres?
- (c) If not, why?

2042/2022

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a reform was brought about in the plantation sector in 1992;
 - (ii) state plantations were leased out to 22 Regional Plantation Companies, at that point; and
 - (iii) several companies among aforesaid companies have transferred their leases to other institutions by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Regional Plantations Companies which leased out the state plantations in 1992; and
 - (ii) the companies which manage aforesaid plantations now, on the basis of initial lease agreements?
- (c) If not, why?

2060/2022

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 the land that was given for the construction of Hambantota Cement Factory;
 - (ii) the value of the investment that have been made in the project to construct the aforesaid factory; and
 - (iii) the date on which the investment agreement for the aforesaid project was signed?
- (b) If not, why?

2170/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Onion has been cultivated in large scale in the areas of Getalawa, Dutuwewa, Tisawewa and Mailgaswewa in Galebindunuwewa; and
 - (ii) a large volume of stocks of Onion is stored in the houses of the farmers as there is no proper price for Onion?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps to be taken to enable the farmers of the above mentioned villages to sell the Onion they have stored?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, October 04, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2518/2022

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there was a huge controversy regarding the demolition of Buwaneka Hotel in Kurunegala which had historical and archaeological value; and
 - (ii) a case is pending in court in that regard by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount spent by the Municipal Council of Kurunegala for that case;

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- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that audit queries have been referred regarding that amount;
- (iii) if so, the matters questioned through those audit queries; and
- (iv) separately, the measures taken up to now and to be taken in due course regarding those matters?

(c) If not, why?

2533/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the people living in the villages of Sorikkalmunai-2 in the Navithanveli Divisional Secretariat Division, Mailaithivu in the Samanthurai Divisional Secretariat Division and Panankadu, Kannagi Kiramam and Aligambe in the Alayadiwembu Divisional Secretariat Division in Ampara district are faced with a scarcity of drinking water;
- (ii) out of the families living in the aforesaid villages, the number of those that are faced with the scarcity of drinking water; and
- (iii) whether immediate steps will be taken to solve the drinking water problem that exists in those villages?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the water tanks that have been constructed at Navidanveli, Central Camp, Mandur, Ganeshapuram, Wakkiela, Namal Oya, Inginiyagala and Thottama have not been used for a long time;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the people living in the aforesaid villages are facing severe difficulties in obtaining drinking water as a result; and
- (iii) whether immediate steps will be taken to solve the drinking water problem that exists in those villages?

(c) If not, why?

2536/2022

Hon. Madhura Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and 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 Kidney Fund during the period from year 2015 to 2019;

- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid fund; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?
- (c) If not, why?

2552/2022

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and 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 President's 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?

2567/2022

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the arrangements pertaining to the establishment of the Railway Museum in Sri Lanka Railways have been completed by now;
 - (ii) the amount that will be spent to establish the said museum;
 - (iii) whether a proper document is being maintained regarding the artifacts that have been kept in the said museum; and
 - (iv) if so, whether that document will be presented?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the said museum will be declared open for local and foreign tourists; and
 - (ii) whether there is any difficulty in opening the aforesaid museum for public exhibition?
- (c) If not, why?

2584/2022

Hon. Lalith Varna Kumara,— 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 monthly financial assistance provided to a kidney patient;
 - (ii) the total number of kidney patients who have applied for financial assistance by now;
 - (iii) the number of kidney patients on the waiting list by now who have applied for financial assistance; and
 - (iv) separately, as per each district, of the number of kidney patients who receive the financial assistance in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

2588/2022

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that boy/girl scouts are trained at government schools;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such schools;
 - (iii) whether he will admit that there are schools that expect to offer boy/girl scout training;
 - (iv) whether the existing constraints in the aforesaid schools in providing such training have been identified; and

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- (v) whether steps will be taken to provide teachers with the necessary training to train scouts, and to provide scout training to school children through those teachers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the manner in which scouts will be assigned in providing social welfare services;
 - (ii) the facilities provided for that to boy scouts and to girl scouts separately;
 - (iii) whether the facilities that are currently provided to boy/girl scouts are adequate;
 - (iv) if not, whether plans have been made to increase those facilities in future; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

2603/2022

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that political victimization has been taking place at the depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board from January 2020 up to now;
 - (ii) the measures taken regarding the transfers and interdictions of employees done on the basis of political victimization; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to safeguard the political rights of the employees of Sri Lanka Transport Board and ensure their job security?
- (b) If not, why?

2615/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of large tanks situated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of tanks which are desilted and renovated at the moment, out of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for the said purpose; and
 - (iv) separately the number of tanks, of which the renovation activities have hitherto been completed and which are yet to be renovated, out of the tanks mentioned in (ii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the sharp increase in the selling price of a litre of liquid milk; and
 - (ii) whether a programme has been developed to promote the consumption of liquid milk and to sell it at a discounted price?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a programme to provide dairy farmers with milch cows;
 - (ii) the number of milch cows imported to Sri Lanka from 2015 to the present; and
 - (iii) the areas where the said milch cows were distributed?
 - (c) If not, why?
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