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4/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatilleka,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of persons who had applied for dual citizenship each year, from year 2015 to year 2020;
 - (ii) separately, 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?

5/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Separately, the number of Sri Lankan workers who were subject to temporary incapacity, permanent disability and death due to accidents that happened overseas during the period from 2015 to 2021 as for each year; and
 - (ii) the relief they have been provided with by the government?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether a certain program has been initiated by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment to donate a house or to provide a similar benefit as preferred for the Sri Lankan workers who become permanently disabled while being employed overseas, as it is mentioned in the “Vistas for Prosperity” manifesto?
- (c) If not, why?

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29/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a government institution to regulate the standard of the institutions that conduct tuition classes;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that institution;
 - (iii) the role of that institution; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to establish such an institution if an institution for that purpose has not been established yet?
- (b) If not, why?

30/2022

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

- (a) Does he admit that—
 - (i) the students are severely affected owing to the prevailing examination oriented education system in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) this inhibits their creativity and personality development; and
 - (iii) the prevailing highly competitive and tiresome education system should be changed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government would take steps to effect education reforms;
 - (ii) if so, the said steps;
 - (iii) the period within which such education reforms would be effected;
 - (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be spent on such education reforms; and
 - (v) the amount of money, out of the above sum of money, that is expected to be spent on the physical development and the human resource development of the school system?
- (c) If not, why?

294/2022

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (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;

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- (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?

297/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the canal from Pilimathalawa to Nanuoya comes under irrigation canals;
 - (ii) if not, the category to which the aforesaid canal belongs;
 - (iii) is he aware that the canal gets blocked due to the erosion of canal banks; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to fix the canal banks and to clean the canal properly?
- (b) If not, why?

343/2022

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that a great contribution is rendered by the teachers who pass out from Colleges of Education in improving the standard of school system of Sri-Lanka—
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Colleges of Education established in Sri-Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, the total number of teachers passed out from each of those Colleges of Education annually, over the last five years;
 - (iii) whether an arrangement is in place to increase the number of teacher-trainees selected for the Colleges of Education; and
 - (iv) if so, the said arrangement?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

344/2022

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the “Lotus Tower” project was commenced;
 - (ii) the date on which the work of that project was completed;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on that project;
 - (iv) the objectives of that project; and
 - (v) the date when the “Lotus Tower” would be opened for public view?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of investments that have been made in the ‘Lotus Tower’ project at present;
 - (ii) the said investments; and
 - (iii) the manner in which it is expected to use that project for the economic development of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

675/2022

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Fuel Station licenses that has been granted to the Polonnaruwa district from 2010 up to date;
 - (ii) the name and address of each such licensee, separately;
 - (iii) the income earned by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation by way of provision of such licenses; and
 - (iv) the criteria considered when granting licenses for fuel stations?
- (b) If not, why?

677/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of large scale rice mills situated in Polonnaruwa district; and
 - (ii) the name and address of each of the aforesaid rice mill owner, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of small and medium scale rice mills situated in Polonnaruwa district, separately;

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- (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the small and medium scale rice mill owners are currently faced up with severe financial difficulties; and
 - (iii) if so, the action that will be taken for the uplift of the small and medium scale rice mill owners?
- (c) If not, why?

968/2022

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—
- (i) whether an accountant has been appointed for the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat in Batticaloa district; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the delay in appointing an accountant to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken by now to divide each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Eravurpattu, Kalavanchikudi and Porathivupattu in Batticaloa district into two parts as there is a huge population in the aforesaid three divisions;
 - (ii) if not, reasons for it; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

969/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of grazing lands in Batticaloa district; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Eastern Province Governor has granted permission to use those lands for agricultural purposes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the percentage of the liquid milk production in the Eastern Province compared to the total production of liquid milk in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken by the government to increase the liquid milk production?
- (c) If not, why?

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1108/2022

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that officials of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) have also involved in the Bond Scam that took place during the “Good Governance” period;
 - (ii) the names of the CBSL officials revealed regarding involvement during the investigations carried out on the Bond Scam; and
 - (iii) the course of action that has been taken against them so far?
- (b) If not, why?

1109/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of days that the Security Council was held during “Good governance government”; and
 - (ii) the number of days that the then Prime Minister attended and not attended in the said Council?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names of politicians, Security officials and Administrative officers who were alleged of Easter Sunday bomb attacks taken place in 2019;
 - (ii) the actions that have been taken regarding the aforesaid attack so far?
- (c) If not, why?

1515/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the acreage of paddy fields in which paddy farming is conducted and the number of families engaged in paddy farming in Sri Lanka at present, separately;
 - (ii) the number of families who departed from paddy farming from the year 2015 to the year 2019; and
 - (iii) the amount that was spent for granting fertilizer subsidy to paddy farmers during that period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) quantities of fertilizer that was needed in the year 2020 in respect of each crop; and
 - (ii) amount of money that was spent for importing fertilizer and quantity of fertilizer that was imported in the year 2020?
- (c) If not, why?

1516/2022

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of homeless families in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of houses that were constructed, the number of houses for which financial grants were given and the number of houses for which loans were given by the National Housing Development Authority since its establishment to date, separately;
- (iii) the number of houses that were constructed and the number of houses for which financial grants were given by the said Authority during the years 2015 to 2019, separately; and
- (iv) the amount that was spent for the publicity activities in inaugurating the housing projects that were constructed during the above-mentioned period?

(b) If not, why?

1528/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who died due to the human-elephant conflicts in Sri Lanka in year 2020;
- (ii) the amount of the compensation that is paid for a person who dies in that manner; and
- (iii) the measures that will be taken to prevent the human-elephant conflicts?

(b) If not, why?

1529/2022

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 also 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?

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(b) Will he further inform this House, the measures that will be taken to fill the vacancies mentioned in (b) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why?

1674/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number villages where drinking water problem prevails out of the villages in Matale district;

(ii) the names of those villages; and

(iii) the measures taken to solve the drinking water problem in Matale district?

(b) If not, why?

1897/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, as per each year, the amounts of loss incurred by and the profit earned by the Ceylon Electricity Board since year 2015 to date;

(ii) whether a decision has been taken to purchase electricity from the private sector due to the short supply to meet the current electricity demand;

(iii) if so, the additional cost that has to be borne by the Ceylon Electricity Board, due to aforesaid decision; and

(iv) the measures, taken by the ministry to minimize ad-hoc electricity purchases as much as possible?

(b) If not, why?

2002/2022

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether action will be taken to address the salary anomalies of principals and teachers as promised at the last presidential election and general election;

(ii) if so, the arrangement in place for that with relevance to teachers and principals, separately; and

(iii) whether action will be taken to pay the relevant arrears of salary when salary anomalies of principals and teachers are addressed?

(b) If not, why?

2043/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Provincial schools in Kandy district which were converted to National schools after the year 2020; and
 - (ii) that number as Sinhala and Tamil medium schools, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land, the number of students and teachers that should be there in a National school as per the National school standards;
 - (ii) whether the National schools mentioned in (a) (i) above are in compliance with those standards; and
 - (iii) if not, the basis on which those schools were converted to National schools?
- (c) If not, why?

2063/2022

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the estimated cost for the port access elevated highway that is being constructed by now;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction of that road was commenced;
 - (iii) the method used to collect funds for that;
 - (iv) the institutions from which the funds were collected for that; and
 - (v) the date on which the construction of this road is scheduled to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

2172/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which bids were called for printing hand bills for the Education Employees Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Limited;
 - (ii) the number of institutions that submitted bids for that;
 - (iii) the name and address of each such institution, separately; and
 - (iv) the price submitted by each such institution for printing a hand bill, separately?

- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tender has been awarded to “Sasura Printers” at Panadura; and
 - (ii) there is a massive protest in that regard?
- (c) If so, will he also inform this House, the steps to be taken in that regard?
- (d) If not why?

2520/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately for each year from the year 2015 to date—
 - (i) the Betel production in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the income generated through the export of betel?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the areas in which the betel cultivation is carried out in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the measures taken by the Ministry to further promote the betel cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

2537/2022

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Tea Shakthi 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?

2553/2022

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 Presidential Task Force on Sri Lanka's Education during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Presidential Task Force; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid act?
- (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?

2564/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries of the Employees Trust Fund by year 2022;
 - (ii) the sources in which the monies of that Fund have been invested; and
 - (iii) the profit that has been earned out of those investments?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries of the 'Shrama Suwa Rekawarana' programme from the year 2015 up to date;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been spent on those beneficiaries; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money that has been spent on the scholarship holders of the families of those beneficiaries from the year 2015 up to date?
- (c) If not, why?

2885/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estates that belong to the plantation companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the types of crops that have been cultivated in those estates;
 - (iii) the annual yield of each such crop; and
 - (iv) the annual income of each of the above plantation company, separately?
- (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (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 Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(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?

2623/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the areas identified by the Kithul Development Board to implement Kithul based projects;
 - (ii) whether Kithul based products are manufactured in the aforesaid areas; and
 - (iii) the areas where Kithul based projects will be implemented in the future?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the volume of Kithul based products exported to date from year 2020; and
 - (ii) the earnings made from the aforesaid exports?
- (c) If not, why?

2631/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of persons engaged in direct and indirect employment of the tourist industry to date from year 2018;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Covid-19 pandemic has created a huge sense of uncertainty among the professions of the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) the measures expected to be taken in future to provide relief to them?
- (b) If not, why?

2641/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) garbage is discharged into rivers, abundantly, by the factories and the other construction sites; and
 - (ii) Environmental Protection Licenses have been issued to certain factories without conducting a proper study?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to avoid the disposal of garbage, educating the factories/institutions that discharge the garbage into rivers;
 - (ii) the number of factories/institutions identified in connection with the disposal of garbage into rivers, by now; and
 - (iii) whether legal actions have been instituted against aforesaid factories/institutions?
- (c) If not why?

2647/2022

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) there is an energy deposit in the Mannar basin of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the government of Sri Lanka conducts research on energy deposits in collaboration with various foreign companies?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the conclusions of the above mentioned research;
 - (ii) the obstacles for making excavations and making use of them, if there are energy deposits;
 - (iii) the reasons for the delay of making excavations; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken at present to pursue the research activities in relation to the energy deposits in the Mannar basin?
- (c) If not, why?

2650/2022

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Separately, the number of tourist guides and drivers who have got registered in the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and in each Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that their sources of income generation have been hampered due to the Covid - 19 pandemic; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures that have been taken in order to provide them with certain relief?
- (b) If not, why?

2660/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of fishery harbours and fishing anchorages in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of fishing anchorages currently under construction and planned to be constructed in future?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an arrangement will be formulated to sell the fishing gear and equipment at subsidized rates;
 - (ii) whether a systematic arrangement would be made to ensure the continuous issuance of fuel through fishery harbours and fishing anchorages; and
 - (iii) the current performance of the Fisheries Corporative Societies?
- (c) If not, why?

2691/2022

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government of Denmark submitted an offer about 6 months ago with regard to power generation using rooftop solar panels;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking any further action so far regarding that offer; and
 - (iii) the action that is to be taken in future regarding the aforesaid offer?
- (b) If not, why?

2724/2022

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether permission had been granted to a financial institution known as Central Investments and Finance PLC (CIFL), by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to engage in business activities;
 - (ii) the money of the depositors has not been paid back to their depositors by that institution;
 - (iii) whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka conducted an investigation over the bankruptcy of that institution;
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken in relation to the recommendations of the report of that investigation; and
 - (v) whether steps would be taken to pay back the money of the above depositors?
- (b) If not, why?

2980/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether lands belonging to the Department of Forest Conservation have been given on lease basis for development projects;
 - (ii) if so, the said projects;
 - (iii) whether such lands have been leased out to local investors;
 - (iv) or, alternatively, whether the lands have been leased out to foreign investors; and
 - (v) the basis of leasing out such lands?
- (b) If not, why?

3085/2022

Hon. Thisakutti Arachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of branches of the National Transport Medical Institute;
 - (ii) the number of persons subjected to medical examinations annually by that institution;
 - (iii) the fee charged for the medical fitness certificates required in obtaining a heavy duty vehicle driving license and a light motor vehicle driving license, separately; and
 - (iv) the annual income of the National Transport Medical Institute?
- (b) If not, why?

3116/2022

Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons directly underlying the human-elephant conflict;
 - (ii) whether proposals for resolving the human-elephant conflict have been presented by non-governmental environmental organization; and
 - (iii) whether such proposals have been subjected to review and reports have been prepared in that connection?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that wild elephants reach villages due to shortage of foods; and
 - (ii) whether a programme be formulated to supply the foodstuffs necessary for wild elephants from the forest itself?
- (c) If not, why?

3147/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of owners of coconut-fibre (coir) mills registered in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that an adverse effect has been caused on the coconut fibre mill industry due to the increase of electricity tariffs;
 - (iii) the numbers of direct and indirect jobs lost due to this;
 - (iv) the courses of action that have been taken in respect of electricity tariffs on coconut fibre mills in order to safeguard owners of coconut-fibre mill owners; and
 - (v) the annual income derived by exporting coconut-fibre-based products?
- (b) If not, why?

3148/2022

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to transfer the land and the building that houses the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (Lake House) to another project; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner as to how that decision will affect the future existence of the aforesaid institution?
- (b) If not, why?

3149/2022

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has proposed a programme to minimize the huge traffic congestion existing in the towns of Kandy, Peradeniya and Pilimathalawa;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) the amount of allocation made for it; and
 - (iv) the date and time when the aforesaid programme will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

3150/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under the “Wari Saubhagya” Programme, desilting and development of Wevita Tank, which comes under the Bandaragama Agrarian Services Center, was commenced on 07.02.2021 under the supervision of the Department of Irrigation;
 - (ii) the aforesaid development activities have been halted by now;
 - (iii) the farmers of that area are faced with difficulties due to halting of the aforesaid development activities; and
 - (iv) a very dangerous situation has arisen at the Maithri Maha Vidyalaya side of the tank consequent to cutting of the tank causing damages to tank bund road on either side of the tank?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken by the Ministry of Irrigation and the Department of Agrarian Development by now to avert the aforesaid dangerous situation;
 - (ii) the action that will be taken against the responsible officials for not properly carrying out the development works of the tank; and
 - (iii) whether the said development works will be completed and the tank will be made available for use by the farmers in the area for cultivating their paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3151/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Ratnapura district is prone to constant floods and landslides;
 - (ii) whether programmes have been devised to control/mitigate them; and
 - (iii) if so, the areas where such programmes are expected to be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

3152/2022

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of school text books required for the year 2023; and
 - (ii) whether those text books are being printed at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to distribute school uniforms for the year 2023;
 - (ii) if so, the cost to be incurred on such uniforms; and
 - (iii) the volumes of school uniform material that would be purchased locally and from other countries out of the volume of school uniform material required for the year 2023, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3153/2022

Hon. Sudath Manjula,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total land area where rubber has been cultivated in Kegalle district;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of land owned by the government and the private sector out of the aforesaid land area; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to expand rubber cultivation in Kegalle district?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 04, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1525/2022

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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?
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