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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2979/2022

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the progress of the construction of the hospital for Dialysis of the kidney patients in Matale, Wilgamuwa;
 - (ii) the extent of the aforesaid construction completed by now;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there are more than 2000 kidney patients who require dialysis, around aforesaid area;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that aforesaid patients have to go to other hospitals for their treatments spending huge amounts of money; and
 - (v) the date on which aforesaid hospital will be declared open, completing constructions?
- (b) If not why?

3084/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans employed in South Korea;
 - (ii) whether their visa period would be extended after the expiry of the visa granted to them for a period of 05 years; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange they remit to Sri Lanka annually?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3115/2022

Hon. (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that is spent on importing paper and the types of ink that are used for printing purposes, annually;
 - (ii) out of the total volume of paper and types of ink that are used for printing purposes that is imported to Sri Lanka, the volume used by the public sector; and
 - (iii) whether an arrangement would be put in place to save the foreign exchange that is used for importing the above mentioned items?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for not using modern technology in the public sector correspondence work; and
 - (ii) the reason for not amending the circulars and regulations, if any, that impede the use of modern technology?
- (c) If not, why?

3155/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Technical Colleges and Vocational Training Centres directly overseen by the Sri Lanka Vocational Training Authority;
 - (ii) the locations in which each of those Technical Colleges/Vocational Training Centres have been established; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of academic and non-academic staff serving in those Technical Colleges/Vocational Training Centres?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of training courses offered by the aforesaid institutions aimed at local and foreign jobs;
 - (ii) the number of trainees that have been sent for local and foreign jobs from 2015 up to now; and
 - (iii) whether the above mentioned courses have been updated?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

3166/2022

Hon. W. H. M. Dharmasena,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a project to expand the Bandaranayake International Airport in Katunayake was carried out;
 - (ii) the name of the international financial institution that had agreed to provide financial assistance to the foresaid project;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the activities of the aforesaid project have been discontinued by now; and
 - (iv) the action taken to continue the project mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why?

3170/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of forest reserves in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the areas where the aforesaid forest reserves are situated?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that forest reserves are being illegally cleared;
 - (ii) if so, the number of forest reserves where illegal clearing has taken place; and
 - (iii) whether legal action has been taken against the persons who have illegally cleared the forest reserves?
- (c) If not, why?

3207/2022

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of beneficiaries, out of the above, who are part of the Social Empowerment Programme?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether Samurdhi Development Funds have been invested;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions in which the funds have been invested; and
 - (iii) the benefits accrued on behalf of the aforesaid investments as a percentage?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

3217/2022

Hon. Sudath Manjula,— 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 in Sri Lanka there are buildings that were commenced to be constructed for public purposes but are yet unfinished;
- (ii) whether information about such buildings has been gathered; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to complete the construction of those buildings?

(b) If not, why?

3232/2022

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— 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 a large number of labourers were recruited to the local government institutions on casual basis by the former government from 2015;
- (ii) if so, the number of labourers serving up to now out, of the said labourers?
- (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that those labourers have not been confirmed in service up to now; and
- (iv) the date on which they will be confirmed in service?

(b) If not, why?

3261/2022

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

(a) Is he aware that,—

- (i) the coastal belt from Beruwela to Hikkaduwa is being eroded by the sea rapidly; and
- (ii) the fisher folk are in dire straits as a result of it?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to conserve the aforesaid coastal belt;
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for it; and
- (iii) if so, whether the aforesaid conservation activities will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Appropriation Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(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 (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2297/79 of 16th September 2022, which were presented on 18.10.2022, 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 (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2298/55 of 23rd September 2022, which were presented on 18.10.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, November 09, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2022

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of occasions when the production activities of the Sapugaskanda refinery of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation was suspended after November 2021 owing to the non-availability of Crude Oil;

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- (ii) the reasons for the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to import refined oil instead of Crude Oil at a time when there was no shortage of Crude Oil in the world market;
 - (iii) whether the Corporation has made profits by importing refined oil instead of Crude Oil; and
 - (iv) if so, the said profit?
- (b) If not, why?

32/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the private sector financial institutions are faced with a severely turbulent situation owing to the prevailing economic condition;
 - (ii) private sector financial institutions may become insolvent owing to that; and
 - (iii) the money of the depositors of such institutions may become insecure in such a situation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government can take the responsibility of the money of the depositors of the private financial institutions;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner; and
 - (iii) if a private sector financial institution is liquidated, the manner through which the money of the depositors of that institution is returned to them?
- (c) If not, why?

299/2022

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the people residing in the Minipe Divisional Secretariat Division, Medadumbara Divisional Secretariat Division and the Pitigoda, Dewahandiya and Dambagahapitiya areas of the Ududumbara Divisional Secretariat Division and their agricultural activities have been seriously affected by the threat of wild elephants; and
 - (ii) the wildlife induced damage to crops has become one of the significant issues in the district of Kandy?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the measures that have hitherto been taken to prevent the threat of wild elephants prevailing in the above areas;
- (ii) whether there is a formal programme to compensate the persons who have been affected by the damage caused by the wild elephants;
- (iii) if so, the relief provided under the aforesaid programme by now;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the people of Kandy district have drifted away from the cultivations of crops which are inherent to them, due to the harm caused by the wild animals; and
- (v) if so, the measures that can be taken to avoid the said situation?

(c) If not, why?

346/2022

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of members in the Ceylon Petroleum Private Bowser Owners Association; and
- (ii) separately, the name and address of each of the aforesaid member along with the vehicle number of the bowser belonging to each of them?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the members of the above Association encounter difficulties owing to not adjusting the transport fares in line with the fuel price hike; and
- (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to resolve the aforesaid issue?

(c) If not, why?

679/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that there is a school called “Damminna Maha Vidyalaya” in Dimbulagala Education Zone of Polonnaruwa district;
- (ii) if so, separately the number of teachers and students in the above mentioned school;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the classrooms of the said school get damp on rainy days; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that would be taken to develop the aforesaid school?

(b) 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,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an accountant has been appointed for the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat in Ampara 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?

1110/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) agreement was due to be signed during the period of good governance government;
 - (ii) the benefits that Sri Lanka was supposed to receive with the aforesaid agreement;
 - (iii) separately, the names of politicians and Administrative Officers who took initiative for Sri Lanka to process the aforesaid agreement; and
 - (iv) the reasons behind, for not signing the said agreement?
- (b) If not, why?

3266/2022

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

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

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- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
- (i) the number of community water supply projects commenced in Hambanthota district during the said period; and
 - (ii) the number of projects that has been completed and that has not been completed out of them;
- according to each Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 11, 2022

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2536/2022

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (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 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?

2555/2022

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

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

2568/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Thriposha required by pregnant mothers and infants is currently being issued;
- (ii) whether the production activities of the Thriposha factory in Kapuwatta, Jaela, are ongoing;
- (iii) whether the raw materials required for the production of Thriposha are found locally;
- (iv) if not, whether the said raw materials are imported; and
- (v) if imported, the quantity of raw materials that have been imported during the period from the year 2015 up to now and the amount of money spent for it, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2591/2022

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the main regional office of the Sri Lanka Transport Board of Eastern region, is housed in a building in Kalmunai area on rental basis; and
- (ii) a suitable land has been allotted in the Batticaloa area for the establishment of aforesaid office?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the year in which the building referred to in (a) (i) above was acquired on rental basis;
- (ii) the procedure followed for the above acquisition; and
- (iii) separately, the amount of monthly rent of the building and the total amount of rent paid from the date it was acquired on rental basis?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the year in which the land referred to in (a) (ii) above was allotted for the above purpose;
- (ii) the factors that caused the delay in the construction of the relevant building on aforesaid land;
- (iii) the future plans regarding the construction of the said building; and
- (iv) whether the views and suggestions of the Members of Parliament, representing the Batticaloa district will be sought in establishing this office?

(d) If not, why?

2605/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the years in which the economic growth of Sri Lanka recorded a negative value after it gained independence from its colonial status;
- (ii) the economic growth of each of the aforesaid years, separately;
- (iii) the names of the persons who served as the President and the Minister of Finance in each of the aforesaid years, separately; and
- (iv) whether the then governments took action to restore the economy of Sri Lanka to normalcy in the years mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

2625/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Pirivenas currently existing in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, the total number of clergy and lay students studying in the aforesaid Pirivenas; and
 - (iii) separately, the total number academic and non-academic staff members serving in the said Pirivenas?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,
 - (i) the allocated provision for the year 2022 to develop infrastructure facilities in those Pirivenas; and
 - (ii) whether any arrangement has been made to commence new Pirivenas?
- (c) If not, why?

2633/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to ensure continuous supply of fertilizer required for both Yala and Maha seasons in future;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide adequate amounts of seed paddy;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that seed paddy is currently being sold at various prices; and
 - (iv) whether arrangements are in place to control the price of seed paddy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that weedicides and pesticides are being sold at various prices;
 - (ii) whether an arrangement will be made to control the prices of weedicides and pesticides; and
 - (iii) whether the government has made some intervention by now to provide them at concessionary rates?
- (c) If not, why?

2641/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (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?

2646/2022

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the lands which had been human habitats and cultivation lands for decades in Sri Lanka have been Gazetted as forest reserves later;
 - (ii) the people who lived in those areas have been affected as a result; and
 - (iii) a methodology should be devised to take proper action in relation to the problems of those people?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of problems that have been reported owing to the Gazette Notifications mentioned in (i) above, so far;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to solve those problems, so far; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to prevent the emergence of such problems in future?
- (c) If not, why?

2887/2022

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

- (a) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the pomegranate is grown in the Kalpitiya Peninsula;
 - (ii) if so, the area under pomegranate cultivation in Kalpitiya Peninsula;
 - (iii) the number of farmers who cultivate the pomegranate in Kalpitiya Peninsula;
 - (iv) whether it is known that the farmers do not get proper technical knowledge and there are obstacles in selling the products; and
 - (v) the measures taken to resolve aforesaid issues?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.36/2022

Hon. Nalaka Bandara Kottegoda,— Controlling the Toque Macaque population that damages crops,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable programme that can scientifically control the Toque Macaque population be implemented by the government whereas massive damage is caused to the agricultural crops of Sri Lanka by wild animals, and whereas according to the reports of the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, the annual damage caused to crops by wild animals is nearly 40% which amounts to over 1800 Crores, and whereas the farmer community and the national economy of the country are directly affected owing to the fact that crop damage by Toque Macaque is gradually increasing, and whereas killing Toque Macaques as a solution to this problem cannot be approved as Sri Lanka is a country that upholds a Buddhist and non-violent culture.
