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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3207/2022

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (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?

3217/2022

Hon. Sudath Manjula,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (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?

(2)

3235/2022

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools selected for the program to establish 1000 national schools by now;
 - (ii) separately, the aforesaid number of schools in terms of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim schools as well as at provincial and district level;
 - (iii) whether the demographic composition has been taken into consideration when selecting schools for the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the circular 3/2020 has been issued regarding the aforesaid program;
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforementioned program will be implemented according to the directives of the circular; and
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the Chairpersons of the District Development Committees have been given the power to select schools for the aforesaid program?
- (c) If not, why?

3263/2022

Hon. Marjan Faleel,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) export oriented canned fish industries are being carried out in the Beruwala area;
 - (ii) the aforesaid industrialists encounter difficulties due to the issues in procuring fish; and
 - (iii) the industry has collapsed due to rising fuel prices and difficulties of obtaining fuel?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately, the steps taken to promote the canned fish exports and to protect the industrialists?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

3265/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount allocated for the “Nearest School is the Best School” programme from year 2015 to 2019; and
 - (ii) the number of schools developed under the said programme?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the number of National schools and Provincial schools developed in Hambanthota district under that programme; and
 - (ii) the number of schools out of them where work has been completed and has not been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

3319/2022

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

- (a) Will he inform this House?
 - (i) the types of eggs eaten in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether eggs are imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if so, the kinds of eggs imported to Sri Lanka
 - (iv) the amount spent annually for importing eggs; and
 - (v) the current selling price of a chicken egg?
- (b) Will he also inform this House?
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that chicken is sold at different prices within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps have been taken to fix a control price for chicken; and
 - (iii) the aforesaid control price?
- (c) If not, why?

3334/2022

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the program to provide Thriposha as a nutritional food supplement to the infants and expecting mothers was initiated;
 - (ii) the nutritional content of a packet of Thriposha; and
 - (iii) the amount of money annually spent on the production of Thriposha?

(4)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a product by the name of “SUPOSHA” is issued to the market by the Sri Lanka Thripasha Limited with profit motive; and
 - (ii) the annual income generated by the above institution, out of the above production?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) as to where Sri Lanka is rated among the countries with child malnutrition, as per the reports of the World Food and Agriculture Organization; and
 - (ii) the reasons that have contributed towards the higher child malnutrition rates in Sri Lanka?
- (d) If not, why?

3371/2022

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

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

3582/2022

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Consulate General’s Office established in Cyprus has been closed down;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons caused for that;
 - (iii) whether he admits that closing down of the aforementioned office has led to severe difficulties in the welfare activities of Sri-Lankan workers serving in Cyprus; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

3853/2022

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

- (a) Is he aware that a building belonging to the Regional Hospital of Kandana, (Aniyakanda) has been given to facilitate the studies of student nurses of the Training School of Nursing in Kandana?
- (b) Will he admit that the facilitation required for the studies of student nurses is available in the Colombo North Teaching Hospital and other hospitals in the area?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the steps that will be taken to reacquire the aforesaid building of the Regional Hospital of Kandana (Aniyakanda); and
 - (ii) the measures taken to develop the Regional Hospital of Kandana, (Aniyakanda) in order to provide an alternative remedy to the congestion in the Colombo North Teaching Hospital?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Welfare Benefits Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 27 read with Sections 7(3), 8, 10, 11 and 12 of the Welfare Benefits Act, No. 24 of 2002 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka relating to Welfare Benefit Payments and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2302/23 of 20th October 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, 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 Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71 read with Sections 27(1) and (5), 28(2) and (3), 64(2) and 70 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 relating to qualify as an Authorized Person permitted to carry on business in and from the Area of Authority of the Colombo Port City and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2299/46 of 28th September 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission under Section 71(1) read with Sections 27(1), 41(3)(f) and 41(9) of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2299/47 of 28th September 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

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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 and Highways under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with subsections (2) and (3) of Section 158 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2287/28 of 07th July 2022, which were presented on 13.12.2022, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Thursday, January 05, 2023)

350/2022

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who have been sentenced to death from year 2005 to date; and
- (ii) separately, the name of each person, address, the court that imposed the capital punishment, the date it was imposed and of the reasons for imposing the capital punishment are?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of persons who have been released under the Presidential pardon; and
- (ii) separately, the name of each person and the date they were released?

(c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P.38/2022

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna

Hon. Mano Ganesan

Hon. Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Hon. Imran Maharoof

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into whether the child malnutrition issue in Sri Lanka is aggravating and to identify short term, medium term and long term measures to be taken in that regard, as well as to oversee the speedy implementation of the identified measures,— Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has informed for the second time, that child malnutrition in Sri Lanka is aggravating;

And whereas there are different opinions and statistics regarding the actual situation of child malnutrition in Sri Lanka;

And whereas the number of acute malnourished children is reported in many areas;

And whereas long-term malnutrition can cause serious consequences as far as the health, education and social development of future generation is concerned;

And whereas there are reports to the effect that 22 lakhs of additional number of children are likely to become malnourished in near future;

And whereas serious attention should be paid to the information contained in the report of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF);

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into whether the child malnutrition issue in Sri Lanka is aggravating and to identify short-term, medium-term and long-term measures to be taken in that regard and to oversee the speedy implementation of the identified measures.

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and
- (b) that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall consist of twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.

(8)

4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of six months (06) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.
