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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the Ministry to which the Central Bank of Sri Lanka had been attached at the time of Central Bank Bond Scam during the previous “Good Governance Government”;
- (ii) separately, the names of the Minister in Charge of the above Ministry and the Secretary to the Ministry at that time; and
- (iii) the course of action that has been taken regarding the said bond scam so far?

(b) If not, why?

378/2023

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of government schools that have been established in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of students studying at such schools;
- (iii) the basis on which schools in Sri Lanka have been classified;
- (iv) whether he accepts that there is an anomaly in school education in Sri Lanka; and
- (v) the courses of action will be taken to eliminate that anomaly?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of students who passed the Grade 5 Scholarships Examination in 2021;
- (ii) the percentage of the above, out of the total number of those who sat the Examination;
- (iii) the number of students who have passed the examination and gained admission to popular schools; and
- (iv) the percentage of the above out of the total number of those who sat the Examination?

(c) If not, why?

416/2023

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of official police dogs in the possession of the Sri Lanka Police;
- (ii) the breeds of the aforesaid police dogs; and
- (iii) separately, the number of dogs as per each breed?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of officers attached to the Police Kennels Division; and
- (ii) separately for each year of the number of crimes that have been disclosed with the support of police dogs from the year 2017 to 2021?

(c) If not, why?

442/2023

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

(a) Is he aware of the fact that—

- (i) the playground of Weraduwa Bandaranayake Vidyalaya in Matara was used by the sportsmen in that area for trainings; and
- (ii) the former Divisional Secretary has provided the said land for a Business purpose?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether tenders had been called when the above mentioned land was provided;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the tenders were called;

(3)

- (iii) the names of each of the persons who submitted the tenders and the value of each tender, separately; and
- (iv) the name, address and the contact number of the person/institute who/which received the tender, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above mentioned playground will be given back to people in this area for sports purposes; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be given back?
- (d) If not, why?

684/2023

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 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?

814/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of eggs needed for Sri Lanka daily and annually;
 - (ii) the number of eggs produced in Sri Lanka daily, monthly and annually at present; and
 - (iii) if there is a shortage of eggs in Sri Lanka at present, that shortage on daily and monthly basis, separately?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the number of small, medium and large scale producers of eggs involved in the egg production industry;
- (ii) the number of producers who produce eggs in each category of over 1000 eggs, over 10,000 eggs and over 100,000 eggs daily; and
- (iii) the number of eggs produced daily under each category mentioned in (i) above, separately?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) the cost of importing an egg;
- (ii) the price at which such an imported egg can be made available to customers; and
- (iii) whether he admits that unscrupulous traders sell certain essential commodities including eggs at exorbitant prices?

(d) If not, why?

831/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware of the fact that—

- (i) the preliminary work of the development of the School Lane of N.746-Indiriligoda Grama Niladhari Division in Beruwala Divisional Secretariat Division by carpeting, was carried out by the Kalutara office of the Western Provincial Road Development Authority;
- (ii) stone chips for concrete were laid on the said road as the first stage; and
- (iii) the said road is in a dilapidated condition and remains not fit for transport as the stone chips were washed away by the rains?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to develop the said road by carpeting it;
- (ii) if so, the date on which such work will be started;
- (iii) the amount allocated for the said project; and
- (iv) the individuals to be held responsible for that, if money had been wasted as a result of the matter mentioned in (a) (iii) above?

(c) If not, why?

832/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of Dengue cases, identified in the Colombo district in 2022, as per each Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken so far to control the spread of dengue in the Colombo district?
- (b) If not, why?

847/2023

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 farmers that have taken this action?
- (b) If not, why?

858/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of COVID-19 dead bodies buried at the Government designated COVID-19 burial site at Oddamawaddi for the period of 2019 - 2022;
 - (ii) separately, the breakdown of the aforesaid dead bodies according to their age, sex, ethnicity, religion and province/district of residence;
 - (iii) the basis upon which the government selected Oddamawaddi as the burial site of the COVID-19 dead bodies; and
 - (iv) whether the government made any attempt to select any other site/s other than Oddamawaddi as the government designated COVID-19 burial site/s using the same basis and criteria as Oddamawaddi?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Tuesday, March 07, 2023)

846/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of students enrolled in top five schools ranked with the highest cut off marks in each of the districts Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Kurunegala, Galle, Ratnapura and Matara based on the cut off marks determined upon the results of the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination conducted in each year from 2016 to 2020, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1296/2023

Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem,— 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 that the monthly pension that Mr. M. Naimullah, Pension File No. 01-802666, entitled to is Rs. 31,833.33 according to the revised pension grant letter dated 31.12.2021;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the said pension was last paid to him; and
 - (iii) if not paid so, the reasons for it?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons why the necessary measures have not yet been taken to provide the pension as stated in paragraph 3 of the letter No. ඩ.ඨ.ඪ.36/202 dated 30.10.2022 addressed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs and Local Government by the Director General of Pension; and
 - (ii) the date on which the pension referred to in (a)(i) above along with the arrears salary and allowances will be paid to Mr. Naimullah?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, March 08, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1) 863/2023

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of applicants that have submitted applications for obtaining loans from the Education Employees Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd. from the year 2018 up to now;
 - (ii) the number of applicants to whom loans have been granted by now out of the applicants mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to grant loans expeditiously to the applicants to whom loans have not been granted out of the applicants mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1297/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) the objectives of establishing the aforesaid Corporation;
 - (iii) the number of employees employed in the aforesaid Corporation currently; and
 - (iv) the number of ships owned by the aforesaid Corporation currently?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the profit/loss of the aforesaid Corporation during the period from the year 2015 up to now on a per year basis, separately; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to strengthen the Ceylon Shipping Corporation Ltd., economically?
- (c) if not, why?

1302/2023

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of trains currently deployed for transportation of goods;
 - (ii) separately, the destinations of each of the aforesaid trains; and
 - (iii) the actions that will be taken to increase the use of trains as the mode of transportation of goods?
- (b) If not, why?

1307/2023

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(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?

1315/2023

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether spices are imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the spices that are imported;
 - (iii) separately, the quantity of Sri Lanka's annual requirement and the quantity of annual imports of each of the aforesaid kinds of spices;
 - (iv) separately, the volume of the annual harvest of each of the aforesaid kinds of spices cultivated in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to increase the local production of the spices that are imported;
- (b) If not, why?

1320/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the size of Elahera-Girithale sanctuary in acres;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that huge damage to environment has been caused in an approximately 250 acre area belonging to the said sanctuary; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures taken by the Ministry in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1326/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which Maize was cultivated in Sri Lanka in 2019;
 - (ii) the extent of land in which Maize was cultivated in the 2020/2021 Maha season;
 - (iii) the volume of local Maize seeds and imported Maize seeds used to cultivate that season, separately; and
 - (iv) the price of a Kilogram of local Maize seeds and imported Maize seeds, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the volume of seeds required to cultivate Maize in an extent of one acre; and
 - (ii) the cost incurred on such seed?
- (c) If not, why?

1456/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the small scale farmers of rural areas have confronted with a severe issue due to lack of grass for dairy cows; and
 - (ii) the escalation of the price of Poonac and other things needed for dairy farming has resulted in difficulties to procure them?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a proper arrangement has been made to protect the dairy farmers and to provide the dairy cows with necessary food?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, March 09, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/2023

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 that the fraud of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka occurred during the year “Good Governance Government” of 2015–2019;
 - (ii) the financial loss that the fraud concerned has incurred; and
 - (iii) whether the action necessary to recover that amount has been taken by now?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the persons accused of involvement in the fraud concerned; and
 - (ii) the legal measures that have been taken against them?
- (c) If not, why?

379/2023

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the environment destruction caused by the Pine and Turpentine trees cultivated in the Kandy district, has been assessed; and
 - (ii) the progress of the programme for removing those trees?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of government land on which Pine and Turpentine trees have been cultivated;
 - (ii) the areas where those lands are located; and
 - (iii) whether a programme has been devised to remove Pine and Turpentine trees from the government lands and give those lands to the young entrepreneurs for cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

417/2023

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the major districts where liquid milk is produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of liquid milk produced in each of the aforesaid districts;
 - (iii) the number of liquid milk collection centers that have been established so far; and
 - (iv) whether the technique to refrigerate small scale milk products operated by solar power has been introduced by now to increase the storage capacity of liquid milk products as mentioned in the policy statement “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour”?
- (b) If not, why?

473/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a salary anomaly in the non-academic and administrative services of universities has cropped up due to the implementation of the new salary scheme from January 2016;
 - (ii) a favourable response was not provided for, in this regard despite repeated requests made by the relevant parties; and
 - (iii) an injustice has been caused to the officers of the said services as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action has been taken to address the aforementioned salary anomaly;
 - (ii) if so, the course of action taken; and
 - (iii) the date on which the said salary anomaly would be rectified and all the dues are settled to the above mentioned officers?
- (c) If not, why?

685/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) construction of the water tank in Mandur in Batticaloa district has been suspended because payment has not been made to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board; and
 - (ii) water is supplied directly from Damana owing to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the difficulties created as a result of supplying water to four main divisions from Damana;
 - (ii) the number of villages where pipe lines have to be laid by now for the provision of water; and
 - (iii) the names of those villages?
- (c) If not, why?

815/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of hospitals in Sri Lanka under the Central Government and Provincial Councils separately as per the categorization of those hospitals;
 - (ii) the number of beds in the intensive care units and ordinary wards of those hospitals separately; and
 - (iii) the total number of doctors serving at the hospitals mentioned in (i) above and a breakdown of that number by specialist doctors and general medical practitioners?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the types of pharmaceuticals used in the hospitals of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the types of pharmaceuticals in short supply by now, out of the aforesaid types of pharmaceuticals; and
 - (iii) the amount spent by the government for each year to import the pharmaceuticals required by Sri Lanka, separately in rupees and US dollars?
- (c) If not, why?

833/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are safe houses that are maintained by the Sri Lankan Embassies in the Middle East countries;
 - (ii) the space available in those safe houses is not sufficient; and
 - (iii) as a result, the housemaids who come to those safe houses seeking protection become helpless?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of Sri Lankan housemaids who are currently staying in each of the aforesaid safe houses; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to bring those housemaids back to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

848/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Sri Lanka has annually lost about 600 billion rupees of government tax revenue since 2020 due to the tax reforms that were implemented in accordance with a proposal presented by the then Ministry of Finance in December 2019;
 - (ii) whether the officials who proposed the aforesaid tax revision had submitted to the government or to the Cabinet of Ministers an expert report on the economic consequences that may arise due to the reduction in government revenue consequent to the tax revision;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each type of tax, of the estimated amount of tax revenue that the government would lose annually due to the implementation of the aforesaid tax revision; and
 - (iv) whether the officials who proposed the aforesaid tax revision had detailed the government about the way to offset the decrease in government revenue due to the reduction in government tax revenue consequent to the said tax revision?
- (b) If not, why?

1502/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of multi-day fishing vessel in use in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) out of the above-mentioned vessel, how many have satellite-aided navigation facilities;
 - (iii) whether the project to provide satellite-aided navigation facilities for multi-day fishing vessel is in operation;
 - (iv) if so, the progress of that project at present; and
 - (v) the date on which the work of the project is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

1537/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to obtain the maximum contribution of the Agriculture Research and Production Assistant Officers to paddy cultivation and home gardening;

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- (ii) whether he knows that a situation has arisen in which the advice of the insecticide and weedicide sellers should be obtained in the eradication of weeds and in pest and insect hazards;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforesaid sellers are selling the items mentioned above at exorbitant prices;
 - (iv) whether the Department of Agriculture has taken proper action to prevent the aforesaid situation; and
 - (v) if so, the said action?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, March 10, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

859/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Minister of Health is in agreement with the statement made by the State Minister of Indigenous Medicine on 29.11.2022 that the Ministry of Health was misled on its policy decision with regard to the cremation of COVID-19 deaths by a ‘Committee of Experts’; and
 - (ii) whether the aforementioned Committee was a government appointed Committee?
- (b) If the above Committee was a government appointed Committee, will he also inform this House—
- (i) the recommendations of it specifically on COVID-19 death disposals;
 - (ii) appointing authority;
 - (iii) terms of Reference and/or mandate;
 - (iv) names of the members and designations;
 - (v) name of the Chair;
 - (vi) whether it meets continuously;
 - (vii) if not, the last date it met;
 - (viii) number of meetings held to date;
 - (ix) the place where meetings held; and
 - (x) separately, the names of the individuals chaired each of the meetings?
- (c) If not, why?

864/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the current Management of the Education Employees Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., is trying to introduce a lottery; and
 - (ii) an attempt is being made to charge a sum of 100 rupees for it without the consent of the members of the aforesaid society?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in regard to the allocation for a lottery the money kept for granting loans to the Members?
- (c) If not, why?

1298/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a severe medicine shortage in government hospitals;
 - (ii) the funds received from the Indian credit line for the purchase of medicine; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to address the medicine shortage using that money?
- (b) If not, why?

1303/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Mahaweli Systems that have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those Systems;
 - (iii) the contribution received from the Mahaweli Systems on the food production of Sri Lanka from 2015 up to date as a percentage in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that would be taken to enhance the above contribution even further?
- (b) If not, why?

1310/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the power generating capacity of Uma Oya power plant;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on building the said construction;
 - (iii) the plant factor of the said power plant; and
 - (iv) the expected date on which the aforesaid power plant is added into the national grid;
- (b) If not, why?

1316/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the ancientness of the Devanagala Raja Maha Viharaya in Mawanella in years;
 - (ii) whether archeologically important evidence have been found from that temple; and
 - (iii) whether necessary measures have been taken by now for the preservation of such evidence?
- (b) If not, why?

1321/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) an organization called “Hurulu Parisara Wanodyana Sanwardhana Samithiya” (Hurulu Eco Park Development Society) has been established with the aim of promoting tourism at Minneriya National Park and Kawudulla National Park;
 - (ii) the said organization has been established in contravention of the provisions of the Forest Conservation Ordinance; and
 - (iii) Rupees One Crore and Seventy Lakhs has been obtained by the said organization in contravention of fiscal policy?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the measures taken by the Ministry regarding the financial irregularities committed by the said organization?
- (c) If not, why?

1327/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of employees working in Ceylon Phosphate Company Limited, Eppawala;
 - (ii) number of executive grade officers among them; and
 - (iii) monthly transport allowance of the aforesaid officers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) tonnage of fertilizer produced monthly by the Ceylon Phosphate Company Limited, Eppawala;
 - (ii) cost of production of a 50 kg bag of fertilizer; and
 - (iii) number of workers contributing to fertilizer production?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the above institution is a loss making institution; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to make the said institution a profit-making institution?
- (b) If not, why?

1457/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National Identity Cards issued so far in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Electronic Identity Cards issued out of them;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to issue Electronic Identity Cards for all citizens of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if so, the time period in which the said process is expected to be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

1503/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether development activities of the Pinnawala Zoological Gardens are being carried out at present;
 - (ii) the date on which the development activities concerned will be concluded;

- (iii) whether basic amenities necessary for local and foreign tourists to see the Zoo concerned have been made available;
 - (iv) whether a course of action has been formulated in order to attract tourists to the Zoo in future; and
 - (v) if so, the details related to that?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.2/2023

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.3/2023

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.4/2023

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.5/2023

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.

P.6/2023

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.7/2023

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.8/2023

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.

P.9/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.10/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Educating the public on the nutritious value of traditional, local rice varieties,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare and implement a national level programme to educate the public on the nutritious value of the traditional, local rice varieties available in the Sri Lankan market at present, of the new rice varieties consumed at present, and of the varieties of rice that should be consumed by people with various diseases, and also to provide facilities for farmers to cultivate those varieties of paddy.

P.11/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the damage caused to bio-diversity by invasive plants and animals,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make interventions to identify and name the invasive plants and animals that can cause damage to bio-diversity in Sri Lanka and to prohibit breeding and importing of such plants and animals in order to protect the environment in Sri Lanka and that appropriate action should be taken promptly to formulate necessary laws in that regard.

P.12/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions with a focus on the development work undertaken by the relevant ministries,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal procedure be formulated by the government to make use of the research theses written by the students of the universities and the other tertiary education institutions to achieve the long-term, medium-term and short-term objectives of the relevant ministries when the future development processes are undertaken as it is of utmost importance to draft the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions functioning in Sri Lanka at present related to their courses of study, with a focus on the economic, social and cultural developments in Sri Lanka, and whereas an officer responsible for each ministry at ministry level is required to be appointed to coordinate between the thesis supervisor and the ministry concerned.

P.13/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking the initiative to protect the Buddhist places of worship worldwide,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government enabling Sri Lanka to initiate advocating the Buddhist leaders and organizations around the world with a view to establishing a strong organization to tighten the security of the Buddhist temples worshipped by the Buddhists living around the world to lobby on behalf of Buddhists at the international level.

P.14/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the Maintenance Boards for Elders island wide,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government enabling the expansion of Maintenance Boards for Elders functioning under the National Council and Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Health to the provincial, district and divisional secretariat levels with the objective of facilitating the elders, who spend the last stage of life, to lodge complaints regarding various injustices faced by them due to the discrimination caused by their family members and certain organizations.

P.15/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P.16/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Suppressing the drug rackets carried out through online marketing,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated and implemented by the government whereas substandard pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and beauty culture products are hugely sold online at present and this makes a huge threat to the safety of the lives of the people of our country.

P.17/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.18/2023

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