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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

OF

PARLIAMENT

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1538/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the annual vegetable and fruit production of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid production separately, the quantity of vegetables and fruits wasted during transportation;
 - (iii) whether a proper mechanism has been prepared to prevent the waste occur during transportation; and
 - (iv) if so, the mechanism is?
- (b) If not, why?

1574/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute was established; and
 - (ii) whether the objectives of establishing the aforesaid institute and its role are being fulfilled at present by that institute?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately on per year basis, the amounts of money that have been allocated to that institute for research activities from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether the future plans related to the agriculture sector are prepared taking the reports issued by that institute into consideration; and
 - (iii) whether that institute has carried out researches in order to overcome future challenges in the agriculture sector and has issued its reports of such researches?
- (c) If not, why?

(2)

1614/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) research reports have claimed the composition of noxious air in Kandy city is much higher than the standard concentration levels;
 - (ii) an air resource management and monitoring system had been initiated in year 2017 to tackle the aforesaid issue with the involvement of relevant stakeholders; and
 - (iii) subsequently the implementation of the aforesaid programmes was suspended?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for suspending the aforesaid programmes; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to resume the aforesaid programmes?
- (c) If not, why?

1629/2023

Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the majority of pineapple growers of Sri Lanka are within the Gampaha District; and
 - (ii) a considerable amount of foreign exchange is earned through export of pineapple?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the status that the Sri Lankan pineapple has achieved in the international market;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to encourage pineapple growers; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to expand pineapple cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1631/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land owned by the Department of Forest Conservation in acres;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a large part of such lands has been acquired illegally;
 - (iii) the extent of illegally acquired lands in hectares; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken in order to get the possession of the aforesaid lands back to the Department of Forest Conservation?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

1633/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the length of the roads that have been carpeted by now under the programme of carpeting 100,000 kilometres of roads in the island;
 - (ii) the length of the roads in Ratnapura district, on which work has begun under the aforementioned program; and
 - (iii) the length of the roads that have been completed by now out of the aforementioned roads;
- in kilometres?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) is he aware that the activity of carpeting and developing 5 kilometers of the road from Godakawela to Bibilegama, in the Godakawela Divisional Secretariat Division, has been stopped by now; and
- (ii) the people of that area are facing numerous difficulties as a result of it?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the date of commencement of work on the said road;
- (ii) the date by which the work is scheduled to be completed as per the contract agreement; and
- (iii) whether the development of the road will be resumed?

(d) If not, why?

1634/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Non Governmental Organizations registered in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of Non Governmental Organizations currently functioning in Sri Lanka, out of the above; and
- (iii) the number of Non Governmental Organizations that have applied for fresh registration?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the Non Governmental Organizations registered in Sri Lanka have submitted Account reports annually; and
- (ii) if not, the measures taken in relation to that?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

1673/2023

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?

1754/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the volume of plastic brooms, plastic Ekel brooms and the plastic brushes used for cleaning purposes that is imported to Sri Lanka annually, separately; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent to import them annually?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to encourage and promote coir related products at present; and
 - (ii) whether a policy decision has been taken to discourage the importation of alternatives to coir related products?
- (c) If not, why?

1796/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether applications were called for the selection of a Vice-Chancellor for the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka in the year 2020; and
 - (ii) if so, the name and qualifications of each such applicant, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an evaluation committee was appointed to select a suitable person from among those applicants;
 - (ii) the names of the members of the aforesaid evaluation committee;
 - (iii) the dates on which the evaluation committee met; and
 - (iv) the number of marks awarded by the said evaluation committee to each of the aforesaid applicants, separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether special senate meetings were held for the purpose of selecting a suitable person for this position;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which each such meeting was held and the names of the members who attended it, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of marks awarded to each applicant by the senate, separately?
- (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 and specified in the Order No. 31 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021

Order No. 31 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing and Publicity and Sales of Publications Advance Account-Department of Educational Publications” of the Third Schedule to that Act .

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised

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(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	4,600,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,700,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	1,600,000,000
		To	Rs.	16,000,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2022)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

28.02.2023
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 2),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 and specified in the Order No. 32 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021

Order No. 32 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 22302 “Stores Advance Account (Explosive items) - Sri Lanka Navy” of the Third Schedule to that Act .

	<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	550,000,000
		To	Rs.	700,000,000

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| (ii) | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised |
| (iv) | Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2022)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

28.02.2023
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 3),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 and specified in the Order No. 33 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021

Order No. 33 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 28502 “Maintenance of Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Advance Account – Department of Agriculture” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

	<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	660,000,000
		To	Rs.	850,000,000

(8)

(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	660,000,000 850,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2022)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

28.02.2023
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 4),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 and specified in the Order No. 34 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021

Order No. 34 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account— Department of Sri Lanka Railways” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Revision</u>
(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	Not Revised

(9)

(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	2,000,000,000
		To	Rs.	1,000,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	8,200,000,000
		To	Rs.	9,000,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2022)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

28.02.2023
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 5),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 and specified in the Order No. 35 hereto, be approved :—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021

Order No. 35 under Section 8

By virtue of powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 31003 “Work Done Advance Account – Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act.

<u>Item</u>			<u>Revision</u>
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs. 400,000,000
		To	Rs. 410,000,000

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(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	390,000,000
		To	Rs.	350,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of liabilities specified in Column V of the Third Schedule to that Act.			Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2022)

Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

28.02.2023

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act (No. 6),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act. No. 30 of 2021 and specified in the Schedule hereto be approved.:—

(These Orders are valid up to 31.12.2022)

(As per the schedule attached)

SCHEDULE

Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2021 Order under Section 8

Schedule of variation of limits of Advance Accounts pertaining to Advances to public officers authorized by the Minister of Finance under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 7 of 2021 in respect of Finance year 2022.

Group Order No. 01

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 8 of the Appropriation Act No.30 of 2021, I Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance with the approval of the Government do by this order alter/vary the maximum limits specified in Column II and IV of the Third Schedule to the Appropriation Act No.30 of 2021, and the minimum limits specified in Column III of that Schedule being the limits corresponding to item nos. 00201, 10501, 11101, 11801, 12601, 13001, 14901, 18701, 18901, 22201, 22301, 22401, 22501, 23201, 23501, 24201, 24901, 26001, 26501, 26901, 27701, 28101, 28801, 29301, 30601, 32001, 33101, 33401 and 33601 relating to Advances to public officers in the manner set out in the schedule hereto.

Sri No.	Ministry/Department	Item No.	II Maximum Limits of Expenditure of Activities of the Government (Rs)		III Minimum Limits of Receipts to be credited to the Accounts of Activities of the Government (Rs)		IV Maximum Limits of Debit Balance of Activities of the Government (Rs)		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1	Office of the Prime Minister	00201	-	-	12,000,000	11,000,000	-	-	1
2	Minister of Mass Media	10501	-	-	5,100,000	4,500,000	-	-	2
3	Minister of Health	11101	-	-	1,422,500,000	1,199,000,000	-	-	3
4	Minister of Agriculture	11801	-	-	44,000,000	40,000,000	-	-	4

5	Minister of Power & Energy	11901	-	-	-	7,200,000	6,500,000	-	-	5
6	Minister of Education	12601	-	-	-	1,637,000,000	1,100,000,000	-	-	6
7	Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government	13001	-	-	-	732,000,000	555,000,000	-	-	7
8	Minister of Industries	14901	-	-	-	36,200,000	20,000,000	-	-	8
9	Minister of Investment Promotion	18701	1,500,000	33,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	22,500,000	9
10	Minister of Public Security	18901	-	-	-	72,550,000	52,000,000	-	-	10
11	Sri Lanka Army	22201	-	-	-	3,000,000,000	2,100,000,000	-	-	11
12	Sri Lanka Navy	22301	-	-	-	400,000,000	330,000,000	-	-	12
13	Sri Lanka Air Force	22401	-	-	-	320,000,000	310,000,000	-	-	13
14	Department of Police	22501	-	-	-	1,000,000,000	800,000,000	-	-	14
15	Department of Prisons	23201	-	-	-	130,000,000	110,000,000	-	-	15
16	Law Commission of Sri Lanka	23501	-	-	-	700,000	600,000	-	-	16
17	Department of Management Services	24201	-	-	-	4,000,000	3,250,000	-	-	17
18	Department of Treasury Operations	24901	-	-	-	6,000,000	5,500,000	-	-	18
19	District Secretariat, Nuwara-Eliya	26001	-	-	-	35,000,000	31,000,000	-	-	19
20	District Secretariat/ Kachcheri-Mannar	26501	-	-	-	12,000,000	11,000,000	-	-	20
21	District Secretariat/ Kachcheri-Batticaloa	26901	-	-	-	-	-	140,000,000	149,000,000	21

22	District Secretariat, Monaragala	27701	35,000,000	35,395,000	-	-	-	-	22
23	Department of Agrarian Development	28101	-	-	280,000,000	200,000,000	-	-	23
24	Department of Surveyor General of Sri Lanka	28801	-	-	130,000,000	126,000,000	-	-	24
25	Department of Rubber Development	29301	-	-	18,000,000	16,500,000	-	-	25
26	Department of Sri Lanka Railways	30601	-	-	450,000,000	420,000,000	-	-	26
27	Department of Civil Security	32001	-	-	480,000,000	360,000,000	-	-	27
28	Department of Samurdhi Development	33101	-	-	280,000,000	198,000,000	-	-	28
29	Department of Multi - purpose Development Task Force	33401	-	-	16,000,000	12,000,000	50,000,000	60,000,000	29
30	Merchant Shipping Secretariat	33601	2,000,000	2,200,000	-	-	-	-	30

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Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization
and National Policies

28.02.2023
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the time period in which Mr. Arjun Mahendran functioned as the Governor of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a bond scam occurred there during that time;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the Presidential Commission appointed in this regard accused Mr. Arjun Mahendran of having a direct involvement in that bond scam; and
 - (iv) the names of the political authorities who recommended and approved the appointment of Mr. Arjun Mahendran as the Governor of the Central Bank?
- (b) If not, why?

380/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of National Schools, Junior Schools and Primary Schools in Kandy district;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who study in each of the aforesaid types of schools and the number of teachers, employed;
 - (iii) whether the schools where there is an excess and a shortage of teachers have been identified separately, from aforesaid schools;
 - (iv) that measures that have been taken to overcome the shortage of teachers in schools where there is a shortage?
- (b) If not, why?

418/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of liquid milk requirement in Sri Lanka as a percentage and in litres of the annual milk requirement;
 - (ii) whether there is fixed price for liquid milk;

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- (iii) the steps that have been taken to increase the liquid milk production in Sri Lanka during past two years; and
- (iv) the steps that have been taken to increase liquid milk consumption in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

474/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the taxis and taxi service related foreign companies operating in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, the income earned by each of such company from 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2021 on per year basis in rupees; and
- (iii) separately, the amount of tax paid by each of these companies during the aforesaid period on per year basis in rupees?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) Sri Lankan taxi service providers operating in the business have faced with difficulties as a result of the entry by foreign taxi service companies;
- (ii) whether measures have been taken to monitor and secure Sri Lankan Taxi Service; and
- (iii) if so, such measures taken?

(c) If not, why?

686/2023

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the basic facilities of the Kaluwanchikudy market complex/market, including sanitary facilities and the drainage system, where more than 1300 businessmen engage in business activities are inadequate;
- (ii) the traders have to engage in business activities outside the complex as there are no permanent buildings available and they have to face immense difficulties during the rainy season;
- (iii) fishmongers have to encounter number of difficulties as well since the fish market is not equipped with technical facilities; and
- (iv) the roads of the market complex are in a dilapidated condition?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to develop the aforesaid market complex/market; and
 - (ii) if so, the date of commencement of the development activities?
- (c) If not, why?

816/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of police officers who shirked their responsibility during the clashes that occurred in Sri Lanka on 09.05.2022, separately according to each rank;
 - (ii) the measures taken against those officers;
 - (iii) whether he admits that there were individuals who harassed some police officers including a Deputy Inspector General of Police and behaved in a provoking manner disrupting their performance of duties on the said date and within the months around the said time;
 - (iv) whether those persons have been identified by now; and
 - (v) if so, whether legal action has been taken against them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a Member of Parliament was assassinated amidst the clashes that occurred on 09.05.2022;
 - (ii) whether the persons involved in that assassination have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, the number of persons involved;
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken against them?
- (c) If not, why?

1797/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether financial grants have been given to entrepreneurs at the Industrial Park in Buttala under the programme to encourage local industries;
 - (ii) if so, the number of entrepreneurs who are provided with such financial grant;
 - (iii) the name of each person or firm who has received such financial grants; and
 - (iv) the amount of money given to each such person or firm?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether all the entrepreneurs who obtained the financial grants have commenced their industries by now;
 - (ii) which of these industries sell its products in overseas market; and
 - (iii) the amount of foreign exchange that has been earned by such industries during the first quarter of 2022?
- (c) If not, why?

1806/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of free trade zones have been established in Sri Lanka so far;
 - (ii) the names of the free trade zones;
 - (iii) separately, the amount that has been spent on the development of infrastructure facilities in each free trade zone from 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken to develop infrastructure in the aforesaid free trade zones as infrastructure development is essential to attract foreign investments?
- (b) If not, why?

2012/2023

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the damage caused to the people living near the river banks and the damage caused annually on the national economy have been minimized through the control of floods in river valleys as a consequence of the implementation of multi-purpose development schemes in the Mahaweli, Walawe and Galoya river valleys; and
 - (ii) no multi-purpose development scheme has hitherto been implemented related to the Kelani river?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the allocations made during the last 05 years on reparations for floods;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount, the amount allocated on the reparation for floods in the Kelani river;
 - (iii) the number of persons who got affected by floods during the last 05 years; and
 - (iv) out of the above, the number of persons who got affected due to the floods in the Kelani river?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the allocation made is sufficient for the control of floods in the Kelani river;
 - (ii) whether a project plan has been made to control floods in the Kelani river?
- (d) If not, why?

2526/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a certain number of graduates who had been assigned to Divisional Secretariats in year 2020 as graduate trainees have later been assigned to schools; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid group are called back to those government institutions during the school vacation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether it is as Teachers or as Development Officers that the graduate trainees referred to in (a) (i) above will be appointed upon the completion of their training period?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the basis on which the above mentioned graduate trainees are serving; and
 - (ii) the date on which they would be confirmed in service?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, March 23, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

834/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— 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) separately, the number of Cabinet Ministries and the State Ministries;
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid Ministries;
 - (iii) separately, among the above Ministries, the number of the Cabinet and the State Ministries that maintain their ministerial offices in private buildings;

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- (iv) the names of aforesaid Ministries;
 - (v) separately, of the amount of monthly rent, paid for each office;
 - (vi) the steps that will be taken to shift the Ministry offices, housed in private buildings to Government buildings?
- (b) If not, why?

849/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that converting printed books into PDF format and distributing them for the purpose of gaining profits without obtaining prior permission of the authors of such books has caused a grave injustice to the authors of those books; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to curb this situation and to serve justice to the authors who have been subjected to such injustices?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that it is important to convert into PDF format and conserve the books of which printed copies are not available at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

860/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the total number of laboratory-confirmed cases;
 - (ii) the total number of confirmed deaths; and
 - (iii) the breakdown of deaths based on age, gender, province and district of residence, ethnicity and religion of the deceased;
- with regard to the COVID-19 disease in Sri Lanka during the period from 2019 to 2022 ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately—
- (i) the method/s used for death disposals;
 - (ii) the total number of death disposed of by cremation;
 - (iii) the total number of death disposed of by burial; and
 - (iv) the breakdown of death disposed of by cremation and burial based on age, gender, province and district of residence, ethnicity and religion of the deceased;
- with regard to the COVID-19 deaths in Sri Lanka during the period from 2019 to 2022?
- (c) If not, why?

865/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of workers currently serving in the Education Services Employees Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society Limited;
 - (ii) separately, for each year, the number of workers who have been recruited for the above society from the year 2015 to date; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to recruit workers to the above society and to promote them based on educational and professional qualifications?
- (b) If not, why?

1299/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the current Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) his salary, allowances and benefits;
 - (iii) whether he admits that special privileges granted to higher officials in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation should be limited in light of the rising cost of fuel; and
 - (iv) if so, the courses of action that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1304/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families living in each of the Mahaweli Systems of Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) those families, the number of families with Title deeds and without Title deeds for those lands, separately; and
 - (iii) the measures that would be taken to provide the families that have not received Title deeds, with Title deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

1311/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of electricity that is generated by the power plants belonging to the Mahaweli Multipurpose Project in Megawatts;
 - (ii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total electricity generation in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) whether it has been planned to construct new power plants in future under the Mahaweli Multipurpose project?
- (b) If not, why?

1317/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Quazi courts functioning in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of divorce cases that have been heard from the year 2015 to date based on the determinations given by the Quazi courts;
 - (iii) the number of Quazis above the age of 60 serving in the Quazi courts;
 - (iv) the number of Quazis with degree qualifications; and
 - (v) the methodology adopted to select Quazis?
- (b) If not, why?

1322/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of technical officers that has been approved for the public institutions in Matale district;
 - (ii) the number of technical officers serving at present; and
 - (iii) the number of vacancies existing in that position at present;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the vacancies existing in the position of technical officer adversely affect the construction activities in Matale district; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

1328/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of branches of Peoples' Bank situated in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) separately, the number of companies and persons who have been granted loans worth more than Rs. 5 million by the aforesaid bank branches from 2015 to 2020;
 - (iii) the amount yet to be recovered from the loans that had been granted during the aforesaid period;
 - (iv) whether legal action has been taken to recover the aforesaid loans; and
 - (v) the amount that had been written off as bad debt out of the debt mentioned in (iii) above?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, March 24, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1458/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of canned fish imported to Sri Lanka annually, in tons; and
 - (ii) the amount spent on that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether private entrepreneurs have come forward for canning Sri Lankan fresh water fish;
 - (ii) if so, the reservoirs selected for starting fresh water fish canneries; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by now in relation to starting such canneries?
- (c) If not, why?

1504/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken to promote the industries related to manufacturing objects using cane, bamboo and Palmyra leaves;
 - (ii) whether there is a market to sell the aforesaid products;
 - (iii) whether there is any programme towards exporting the said items;
 - (iv) whether there is any programme to procure the relevant raw materials for manufacturing the above items; and
 - (v) if so, the said programme?
- (b) If not, why?

1539/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan women that migrate as housemaids annually, based on each district separately;
 - (ii) whether service contracts are signed when they thus migrate;
 - (iii) if so, the validity period of the said contracts; and
 - (iv) whether any follow up is done by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in relation to aforementioned housemaids and their families?
- (b) If not, why?

1575/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,—To ask Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether solar power stations have been installed in Hambantota, Pooneryn, Siyambalanduwa and Trincomalee so far;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the capacity of electrical units added to the National grid from each of the above mentioned solar power station in Megawatts;
 - (iii) separately, the construction progress of each solar power station if the aforesaid solar power stations have not been implemented yet; and
 - (iv) separately, the date on which the construction work of each of the aforementioned solar power station will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

1616/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not demarcating the physical boundaries of the Muthurajawela Sanctuary which has been declared as a sanctuary through Gazette Notification No. 947/13 of 1996, if such demarcation has not been done; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking measures to separately identify the extents of state owned land and private lands located in the above sanctuary, if measures have not hitherto been taken towards such an identification?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extents of land possessed by the above sanctuary which have been identified through the maps prepared by the government and by the central Environmental Authority, separately in hectares; and
 - (ii) the reasons that contribute to the contradiction between the extent of land identified as per the maps and the extent of land identified by the Central Environment Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

1630/2023

Hon. Upul Mahendra Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken only to recruit graduates for teaching profession in the future;
 - (ii) if so, whether a teacher training will be provided to the above mentioned graduates; and
 - (iii) whether their English knowledge, sports and aesthetic skills will be considered when the said graduates are recruited?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amend the existing syllabi to shift into a career/profession oriented education system;
 - (ii) whether teachers will be recruited for vocational training to provide vocational education for school children; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to open a discussion to seek public opinion on Educational reforms?
- (c) If not, why?

1632/2023

Hon. Gunathilaka Rajapaksha,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the train services in the upcountry railway line are constantly disrupted by landslides;
 - (ii) both the foreigners and local passengers are seriously inconvenienced by the delay of trains as a consequence of the above condition;
 - (iii) it is not an efficient measure to deploy army soldiers and railway labourers to renovate the aforesaid railway tracks; and
 - (iv) the state of the art technology is used by other countries in the world when this kind of renovations are done?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to manufacture a Backhoe Machine to remove soil in the railway tracks, making use of the expertise of the engineers and technical officers of the Department of Railway; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken with regard to this matter?
- (c) If not why?

1635/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately for each year, the number of Sri Lankan workers directed for foreign employment through the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment during the period from the year 2020 to 30.06.2022;
 - (ii) the destination countries of the above workers;
 - (iii) the number of workers who have been sent to each of the above countries separately;
 - (iv) of the foreign employment quota received by Sri Lanka by now, separately on the basis of each country; and
 - (v) the number of language training centers functioning in Sri Lanka focused on the Sri Lankans anticipating migration?
- (b) If not, why?

1674/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) even though the Murungan Hospital in the Mannar district was upgraded as a Base Hospital in 2018, the facilities required for that hospital have not yet been made available to it; and
 - (ii) the approved cadre of that hospital including doctors and the number of employees serving in that hospital at present, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the people are severely inconvenienced as the dead bodies have to be taken to Mannar General Hospital owing to the non-availability of a mortuary in the above hospital;
 - (ii) if so, whether arrangements would be made to build a mortuary for the Murungan Hospital; and
 - (iii) the period within which the development activities of the Murungan Hospital would be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1755/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the machines used for weaving Handloom cloth is manufactured in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if not, whether they are imported;
 - (iii) the number of machines manufactured in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent annually to import raw materials required for weaving Handloom cloth?
 - (b) If not, why?
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