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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 Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/46 of 22nd February 2023, which were presented on 22.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/47 of 22nd February 2023, which were presented on 22.03.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 7(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2317/28 of 30th January 2023, which were presented on 21.03.2023, be approved.

** Indicates Government Business.*

(2)

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1320/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (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 Agriculture,—(2)

- (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?

1457/2023

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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?

(3)

1503/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (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?

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 parks 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 park in Megawatts;
 - (iii) separately, the construction progress of each solar power park if the aforesaid solar power parks have not been implemented yet; and
 - (iv) separately, the date on which the construction work of each of the aforementioned solar power park will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

1616/2023

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

- (a) Will she 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 she 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 delays 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) 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?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Partition (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

1799/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) dairy farming is common in Moneragala district; and
 - (ii) farmers have found it difficult to feed dairy cows and that they frequently engaged in confrontations with wildlife officers and forest conservation officers?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to provide the dairy cows with proper grazing lands?
- (c) If not, why?

1808/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) various crimes have been committed in the last few years in the village of Kotadeniyawa in Gampaha district; and
 - (ii) the people living in that village have been terrorized by now because of the various crimes committed there?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to bring this situation under control?
- (c) If not, why?

2528/2023

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway compartments that cover the passenger needs of the Trincomalee railway station;
 - (ii) the period for which the said compartments have been running;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the above mentioned railway compartments are very old and are beyond use anymore;
 - (iv) the reason for not providing new railway compartments and engines to the Trincomalee Railway Station in a situation where such new compartments and engines have been provided to most the other railway stations in Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) the steps that will be taken to renovate the Trincomalee Railway Station and the railway compartments that have been provided to it?
- (b) If not, why?

2573/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of metric tons of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board from the year 2019 up to now; and
 - (ii) the price offered per one kilogram of paddy in each of the aforesaid years?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the paddy stocks retained in the Paddy Marketing Board by now;
 - (ii) whether the Paddy Marketing Board provides paddy only to CWE and Cooperative Societies;
 - (iii) if not, whether paddy stocks are given to the private sector also; and
 - (iv) whether the Paddy Marketing Board provides paddy stocks to be used as animal fodder?
- (c) If not, why?

2620/2023

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Buddhist Renaissance Fund during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid fund; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
 - (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?
- (c) If not, why?

2689/2023

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the course of action that has been taken to purchase paddy since the harvesting season is underway for the Maha season in 2022/2023;
 - (ii) the cost to cultivate paddy on one acre of land;
 - (iii) whether that cost has been taken into account when the paddy prices were determined; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to stop private vendors from buying paddy at a very low price?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to produce rice or other products out of paddy to ensure food security in Sri Lanka, to develop the export economy, and to provide relief to the farmers?
- (c) If not, why?

2841/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of nursing officers serving at Government Hospitals;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies currently existing in the Government Nursing Service; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

2878/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the amount remitted by Sri Lankan migrant workers by now is much higher than the amount that was remitted three decades earlier;
 - (ii) the top ten foreign countries and the top ten foreign cities with the highest numbers of Sri Lankan migrant workers, separately;
 - (iii) the top ten foreign countries and the top ten foreign cities with the highest number of Sri Lankans remitting;
 - (iv) the top ten foreign countries and the top ten foreign cities with the highest remittances to Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) whether there are banks or financial institutions approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to remit from foreign countries?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, April 27, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the fraud of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka occurred during the “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?
- (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?

383/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) SIM cards issued by various telephone companies are sold on the pavement in major cities without any proper regulation by the government;
 - (ii) such SIM cards are misused and various misdeeds are committed by persons who fraudulently buy them in bulk;
 - (iii) a racket is being run online to fraudulently get money credited to bank accounts promising that goods will be delivered to people; and
 - (iv) youth in many areas including Kandy, Ratnapura, Piliyandala, Badulla and Colombo have become victims of such rackets?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House separately of the measures that have been taken so far and the measures that are expected to be taken in the future to prevent the aforesaid frauds?
- (c) If not, why?

419/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of television channels and the number of radio channels registered in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) the names of the said channels, separately;
 - (iii) whether he accept there are discrepancies between license conditions for television channels and for radio channels; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to eliminate such discrepancies and create uniformity?
- (b) If not, why?

432/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has conducted research to verify the prevalence of DCD melamine, synthetic lactose, pig oil, cattle oil and other hazardous chemicals in milk powder sold in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what institution/s conduct/s such research;
 - (iii) whether he can table reports pertaining to the research conducted by such institution/s so far;
 - (iv) whether the institution/s concerned possess/es the facilities necessary to conduct such research in accordance with international standards; and
 - (v) if not, whether he will take action to provide such facilities?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, the courses of action that have been taken against the organizations which produce the milk powder proved to contain the chemicals or substances referred to in (a)(i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

688/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that it is only up to Grade DH-C that the Palukamam Regional Hospital has been upgraded;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will take steps to upgrade that Hospital either to Grade DH-B or to DH-A; and
 - (iii) the date on which the Hospital concerned will be upgraded to Grade DH-B or Grade DH-A?

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(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the pregnant women who seek its services face various difficulties due to lack of necessary equipment (CTG Machine, Warmer) at the Obstetrics Unit of the Hospital; and
- (ii) no equipment necessary for the emergency treatment section is available at the hospital?

(c) If so, will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide this Hospital with necessary equipment; and
- (ii) the date on which such equipment will be provided?

(d) If not, why?

815/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of hospitals 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?

831/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that—
 - (i) the preliminary work of the development of the School Lane of No.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?

835/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of high risk houses identified in Colombo district since 2016 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the families residing in the aforesaid houses, the number of families who were benefitted from the resettlement programme; and
 - (iii) whether he admits the fact that there is a delay in providing benefits to the said families residing in those high risk houses?
- (b) If not, why?

847/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (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?

2931/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the demand for and the supply of eggs in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to date, separately for each year;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact the price of eggs has gone up as the supply doesn't meet the demand; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to maintain the price of eggs at a reasonable level?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, April 28, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

858/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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 during the period of 2019 - 2022;
 - (ii) separately, the breakdown of the aforesaid dead bodies according to their age, gender, 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?

866/2023

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— 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 a new shopping complex has been constructed by Mihintale Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent on the construction of the said shopping complex?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of shops that have been constructed in the aforesaid shopping complex;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that there has been some irregularity in distributing the aforesaid shops; and
 - (iii) if so, the steps that will be taken to correct the same?
- (c) If not, why?

1301/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of garment factories currently in operation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, the number of direct and indirect jobs, created through the garment factories; and
 - (iii) separately, as per each year from 2020 to date, of the contribution made by the garment factories to the Gross Domestic Income of Sri Lanka, as a percentage?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the garment industry has been severely affected due to the current fuel crisis; and
 - (ii) the steps that are being taken to develop the garment industry in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

1302/2023

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (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?

1313/2023

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) 02 reservoirs are to be built under the Mundenai Aru river basin development project of Eastern province implemented with a loan grant provided by the French government;
 - (ii) the parties that provide the loan grant for the said project expect to get the assistance of foreign consultants to construct the earth dams of those reservoirs; and
 - (iii) there are local engineers with expert knowledge in that regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether there was pressure from the loan granting parties to obtain the service of foreign consultants?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he is aware of the fact that the work of Galoya Navodaya project of Eastern Province has not been completed as certain work including mechanical work has not been completed even by now even though all funds of that project have been spent?
- (d) If not, why?

1318/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of factories established around the Kelani river;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the waste water discharged from those factories are released to that river;
 - (iii) whether a test has been conducted in relation to the damages caused to the river water of the Kelani river by such waste water; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been adopted to prevent the release of waste water to the Kelani river?
- (b) If not, why?

1321/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (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 Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees working in Ceylon Phosphate Company Limited, Eppawala;
 - (ii) the number of executive grade officers among them; and
 - (iii) the monthly transport allowance of the aforesaid officers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the tonnage of fertilizer produced monthly by the Ceylon Phosphate Company Limited, Eppawala;
 - (ii) the cost of production of a 50 kg bag of fertilizer; and
 - (iii) the 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?
- (d) If not, why?

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?
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