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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1541/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of tea smallholdings in Sri Lanka in acres separately on per district basis;
 - (ii) of the volume of tea produced from those tea smallholdings annually;
 - (iii) of the value of the subsidy given to tea smallholders; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to increase tea production in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1577/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies established in Sri Lanka to date;
 - (ii) of the number of Co-operative Rural Bank branches established under the aforesaid societies;
 - (iii) of the number of customers in the aforesaid banking system; and
 - (iv) separately, the value of assets and liabilities of the aforesaid banking system?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House whether automated teller machines and debit card facilities are available for the Co-operative Rural Banking system?
- (c) If not, why?

1615/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for spending only Rs. 20,000/= out of the allocation of Rs. 5 million released by the Ministry of Environment to the Ministry of Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government in the year 2018, under the “Parisara Mawatha Project”, to establish Parisara Mawatha for the selected provinces;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not providing a definition and for not introducing the criteria related to the Parisara Mawatha, in spite of the fact that it had been planned to establish 100 Parisara Mawatha in the year 2021;
 - (iii) of the reasons for not including the Parisara Mawatha project in the action plan relevant to the year 2021 of the Ministry of Environment; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for suspending the implementation of the said project without accomplishing the expected objectives of the Parisara Mawatha Project?
- (b) If not, why?

1636/2023

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members who receive benefits from the National Council for Road Safety;
 - (ii) whether the people have been made aware of the accidents for which the benefits are provided by that institution; and
 - (iii) whether there is a possibility to increase the benefits given by that institution?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that have been taken to raise awareness among people about the above mentioned institution; and
 - (ii) whether a course of action has been planned to keep this institution as a more people-friendly institution?
- (c) If not, why?

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1675/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the categorization method of the detainees detained in the prisons of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of meal provided for each of the aforementioned prisoners;
 - (iii) of the current capacity existing for the detainees in the prisons in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the number of detainees detained in an overcrowded manner?
- (b) If not, why?

1756/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Housing development programme implemented by the Department of Social Services for persons with disabilities, functions at present;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money provided to a family to construct a house;
 - (iii) of the number of persons to whom housing aid has been granted under that programme so far;
 - (iv) of the number of families to which aid is granted in a year;
 - (v) whether the above programme would be continued in future; and
 - (vi) whether the amount of the aid has been increased at present?
- (b) If not, why?

1801/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vocational training centres in Moneragala district;
 - (ii) of the full time and part time courses conducted at those centres, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of students following courses by now at the said centres; and
 - (iv) whether the youth who complete the courses successfully are referred for employment under the career guidance programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

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1812/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the tenders were called to construct the extent of 20 kilometers from Rambukkana to Galagedara in the Central Highway;
 - (ii) the number and the names of local companies that have submitted tenders for this purpose along with the rates offered by them separately;
 - (iii) the number and the names of foreign companies that have submitted tenders for this purpose along with the rates offered by them separately; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken in relation to the allegations levelled about the malpractices that are said to have happened when this tender procedure was adopted?
- (b) If not, why?

2530/ 2023

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families living in state owned lands in Kinniya, Muttur, Verugal, Thambalagamuwa, and Kuchchaweli divisional secretariat divisions who do not possess title deeds, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of families residing in state owned lands in each divisional secretariat division of above and granted with title deeds;
 - (iii) whether a programme will be implemented to provide title deeds for those families mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) if so, how will it be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

2575/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is scarcity of seed paddy in Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken to prevent the aforesaid scarcity?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether suitable areas and farmers have been identified for production of seed paddy;
 - (ii) of the facilities that will be provided to the aforesaid farmers; and
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to produce seed paddy required for both ‘Yala’ and ‘Maha’ seasons?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 24, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2622/2023

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Department of Registrar General during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
 - (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid department; 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?

2691/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the prices of insecticides and weedicides used by farmers for agricultural purposes are very high; and
 - (ii) such insecticides and weedicides are not of the proper standard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not subjecting the import of insecticides and weedicides to any regulation;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not taking measures to control their prices;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to raise awareness among farmers on the use of insecticides and weedicides through the agriculture field officers; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to manufacture agro-chemicals in this country itself?
- (c) If not, why?

2843/2023

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the “Shrama Suwa Rakawarana” Health Insurance Scheme is in operation under the Employees' Trust Fund;
 - (ii) of the parties entitled to the benefits of the said insurance scheme;
 - (iii) of the amount of benefit paid per beneficiary; and
 - (iv) of the amount of benefit that has been paid under the above insurance system from 2015 to date?
- (b) If not, why?

2878/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the present average per capita remittance by Sri Lankan migrant workers, who make up a large number, is much higher than that which was remitted two to three decades earlier;
 - (ii) of the ten countries and ten cities have the highest number of Sri Lankan expatriate workers (“Rata Viruwan”) in them, separately;

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- (iii) of the ten countries and ten cities record the highest per capita remittances;
 - (iv) of the ten countries and ten cities record the highest totals in remittances in such manner; and
 - (v) whether there are facilities in a bank or financial institution approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to remit money to Sri Lanka from the countries and cities referred to above?
- (b) If not, why?

2933/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that human trafficking involving the transporting of Sri Lankan women to countries such as Oman and Dubai is in operation;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the involvement of the employees of the Sri Lankan embassies established in the said countries in this racket has been revealed;
 - (iii) if so, of the name, position and the place of employment of each of those employees, separately;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken against those employees; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to improve the camaraderie between the Sri Lanka expatriate workers and the employees of the Sri Lankan embassies established in those countries?
- (b) If not, why?

2968/2023

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the dates on which Sri Lanka Cricket elections were conducted from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of the name, address and designation held by each person who got elected in each of those elections separately;
 - (iii) of the cost borne to pay their salaries, allowances, fuel, and other facilities in respect of each year separately; and
 - (iv) of their contribution to develop cricket in comparison to the cost borne on their behalf?
- (b) If not, why?

3075/2023

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total length of railway lines in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately, of the length of the Coastal Line, the Main Line, the Kelani valley Line and the Puttalam Line;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of unprotected level crossings on each of the aforesaid railway lines;
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken so far, to upgrade aforesaid unprotected railway crossings to protected railway crossings?
- (b) If not, why?

3091/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of railway stations in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the service of station masters is essential in order to maintain an ideal railway service;
 - (iii) of the date on which the station masters were recruited for the last time;
 - (iv) the number of the approved cadre of station masters in the Railway Department;
 - (v) the number of existing vacancies for the post of Station Master; and
 - (vi) of the steps that will be taken to fill the said vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

3104/2023

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of teachers who served as voluntary teachers and then appointed as teacher assistants in the government schools in the districts of Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid appointments have been given;
 - (iii) the date on which the aforesaid appointments have been given; and
 - (iv) the salary scale on which the said teacher assistants have been placed?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the date on which the above mentioned teacher assistants have been appointed to the grade 3 (i) (B) of the Teachers' service;
- (ii) the reasons for not including the period from 2013.07.01 to 2018.08.01, during which they served as voluntary teachers, to their service period when granting the appointments of teacher assistants; and
- (iii) whether arrangements will be made to consider the date on which the teacher assistant appointments have been given, as their first date of appointment to the teachers' service?

(c) If not, why?

3153/2023

Hon. Thavaraja Kalai Arasan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the approval was granted by the Director of the Technical Education Development Programme of the Ministry of Education through his letter dated 25.06.2020 for constructing a building for Technical Education at the KM/KM/ Wesley High School in Kalmunai within the Kalmunai Education Zone, financial provisions were allocated for its construction, and its construction work was commenced;
- (ii) a building in the school referred to above consisting of the computer room and five classrooms was dismantled with proper approval for the purpose of constructing the building above referred to; and
- (iii) the students of the school concerned now have neither a new building nor an old one for following the technology course and as a result, they have fallen into difficulty?

(b) Will he inform this House of the present status with regard to the allocation made for the construction of the above-mentioned building, of which construction work has not been completed even as at present?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 25, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(3)

- (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?

386/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware of foreigners involved in illegally transporting gene particles of plants and animals that are rare, endangered and endemic to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether they, after being arrested, were able to leave Sri Lanka easily after paying the prescribed fine;
 - (iii) whether there have been instances where they have repeatedly returned to Sri Lanka and engaged in the activity; and
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to identify such organized persons engaged in that activity?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a sufficient number of wildlife officers to curb such activities;
 - (ii) if not, whether there is a mechanism to increase the number of officers;
 - (iii) whether there is a program to monitor the activities of foreigners visiting forests in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if so, what that program is?
- (c) If not, why?

416/2023

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (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?

431/2023

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the public institutions authorized to confer the honorary titles namely Professor, Doctor, Kala Nidi, Vidya Keerthi, Vidya Jothi, Desha Bandu, Desha Keerthi, Deshamanya, Vishwa Keerthi, Desha Shakthi;
 - (ii) separately, the educational and other qualifications considered when conferring the aforesaid honorary titles;
 - (iii) whether there are any other honorary titles conferred by the government in addition to the aforementioned titles; and
 - (iv) if so, the institutions that confer the aforesaid titles are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the private institutions/organizations in Sri Lanka that confer honorary titles;
 - (ii) separately, the honorary titles conferred by aforementioned each institute/organization;
 - (iii) whether a mechanism is available with the government to regulate aforesaid institutions/organizations;
 - (iv) if so, the mechanism available is;
 - (v) whether there is a mechanism to have a follow up regarding the persons who have been conferred with honorary titles; and
 - (vi) if so, the aforementioned mechanism is?
- (c) If not, why?

690/2023

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

- (a) Does he accept that—
 - (i) the rural hospital situated in the Thuraiyelavanai area within the Kalavanchikudy Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District has been upgraded as a divisional hospital;
 - (ii) only one doctor has been appointed to it although two doctors should have been appointed for this hospital;
 - (iii) the people of this area have been affected because the doctor has been assigned to cover duties at one other hospital as well; and
 - (iv) although an ambulance was available at this hospital in the early period, no ambulance is available now?
- (b) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor for this hospital;
 - (ii) the reasons for not providing the hospital with an ambulance;
 - (iii) the steps will be taken to appoint a permanent doctor for this hospital and to provide it with an ambulance?
- (c) If not, why?

814/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (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?
- (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?

3169/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries for which Sri Lankan workers are sought for foreign employment opportunities at present; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of employment opportunities informed to be provided to Sri Lanka by each of the aforesaid countries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries for which language certificates are required for employment;
 - (ii) of the countries for which valid vocational training certificates are required for employment;
 - (iii) whether there are any countries for which language and vocational training certificates are not required; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of the aforesaid countries?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps hitherto taken to direct Sri Lankan workers for foreign employment; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to enable the Sri Lankan workers to accomplish the qualifications required for foreign employment expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

3226/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of provincial schools in the Kalutara district which were converted into national schools after 2019 along with the name of each school, the education zone to which it belongs, the number of students and the date on which it was converted into a national school, separately;

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- (ii) of the number of teachers who have applied for transfers after serving in the above mentioned schools for a long period of time since being a provincial school, the school in which each such teacher serves, period of service and the education zone, separately;
 - (iii) whether arrangements would be made to implement those transfers;
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to fill the vacancies that occur as a result of such transfers;
 - (v) whether a decision has been taken to the effect that those teachers are required to have three years of service since the school was converted in to a national school, in implementing those transfers; and
 - (vi) if so, whether arrangements would be made to avoid the injustice being meted out to the teachers mentioned in (ii) above?
- (b) If not, why?

3227/2023

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— 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 a program has been implemented to send public servants for foreign employment opportunities;
 - (ii) if so, separately, of the number of public servants who have applied for foreign employment, of the number of public servants who have been sent for foreign employment out of the aforesaid number of employees and of the number of public servants who are expected to be sent for foreign employment in future; and
 - (iii) whether a training program is conducted to train the aforesaid public servants for the available foreign employment opportunities?
- (b) If not, why?

3237/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether around 500 employees recruited on casual basis from the year 2021 are currently working in Lanka Sathosa Company Limited;
 - (ii) whether the letters of appointment have been issued to them; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons thereof?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the conditions of service applicable to the above employees;
 - (ii) whether the labor laws in force in Sri Lanka have been violated in respect of those workers; and
 - (iii) whether the salaries of these employees have been adjusted according to the circulars issued by the Government of Good Governance from 2016 to 2019 regarding government employees?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, May 26, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

836/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the number vehicles were imported to Sri Lanka in each year from the year 2015 to the year 2020, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent for it, in total and in each of the years concerned;
 - (iii) from which countries those vehicles were imported; and
 - (iv) of the companies imported them?
- (b) If not, why?

851/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that high-ups of the government have stated that authority over lands should be vested in the Provincial Councils according to the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution;
 - (ii) whether arrangements have been made to assign to the Provincial Councils the authority in respect of lands, which rests with the central government at present;
 - (iii) if so, in such case, what new laws and regulations a settler of one province will have to follow in purchasing a land situated in another province;
 - (iv) whether any Provincial Council gets the power to sell or lease out lands within its area to foreigners or foreign companies in such a situation; and
 - (v) whether a Provincial Council gets the right to adopt such powers in its discretion?
- (b) If not, why?

860/2023

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

- (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?

869/2023

Hon. Rohana Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of kidney patients have been reported in each of the divisional secretariat divisions of the Anuradhapura District in each year from 2015 up to now, separately;
 - (ii) the number of such kidney patients receive the kidney Allowance at present; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken towards the welfare of the kidney patients referred to in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

1306/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of buses that are operated in the Polonnaruwa District under the "Gemi Seriya" programme;

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- (ii) separately, of the names of routes along which each of those buses are operated; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to improve the transport facilities of the people living in the remote villages of the Polonnaruwa District?
- (b) If not, why?

1319/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to the GCE (Advanced Level) Examination conducted in each year from 2016 to 2020 of—
- (i) the total number of students who sat the Examination;
 - (ii) the time taken to issue the results of the Examination;
 - (iii) the time taken to issue the results after re-correction of the results;
 - (iv) the time given to the students who have passed the Examination to apply for admission to universities; and
 - (v) the time taken to enroll those students in universities?
- (b) If not, why?

1324/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of circulars issued by the Ministry of Education from year 2015 to date regarding the maximum number of students in a classroom of;
 - (ii) separately, the dates of each circular was issued; and
 - (iii) separately, the maximum number of students in a classroom of a government school as directed by each circular?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) if a decision has been taken recently to increase the maximum number of students to 45, the reasons behind it; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken by the ministry to review it, since the education trade unions have strongly opposed the aforesaid decision?
- (c) If not, why?

1325/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi relief recipients within the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) of the number of Samurdhi relief recipients who have been empowered by now of that District;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there are a large number of families who have tendered applications expecting to obtain Samurdhi relief;
 - (iv) whether he will take steps to grant Samurdhi relief to such families; and
 - (v) if so, on what date?
- (b) If not, why?

1714/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the requirement and the production of maize of Sri Lanka from year 2015 to date according to each year;
 - (ii) if maize had been imported during the aforesaid period, separately, the imported quantity and the amount spent according to each year; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to make Sri Lanka self-sufficient in maize?
- (b) If not, why?

2879/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the profit/loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in each year from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the aforesaid corporation has paid bonus for year 2023;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on paying bonus separately in terms of each service category; and
 - (iv) of the action that will be taken against the administration of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation regarding payment of bonus disregarding the instructions issued by the Treasury?
 - (b) If not, why?
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