



(Ninth Parliament - Fourth Session)

No. 1(14).]

ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1
OF
PARLIAMENT

Issued on Friday, May 26, 2023

Tuesday, June 06, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Banking (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Parliamentary Budget Office Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Carriage by Air (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Extradition Law,— That the Order made by the Minister of Defence under Section 2 of the Extradition Law, No. 8 of 1977 relating to declaration of designated Commonwealth Countries published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/30 of 14th February 2023, which was presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/49 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/50 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/51 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/52 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/53 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 6),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/54 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 7),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/55 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 8),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/56 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 9),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2261/57 of 06th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 10),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports and Shipping under Section 321 read with Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2262/31 of 13th January 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 11),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 321 read with Sections 126 and 127 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/18 of 09th August 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 12),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 321 read with Section 139 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2298/32 of 22nd September 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Merchant Shipping Act (No. 13),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Sections 126 and 321 of the Merchant Shipping Act, No. 52 of 1971 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2303/16 of 26th October 2022, which were presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 10 read with Section 3(5) of the Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers and Container Operators Act, No. 10 of 1972 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2287/24 of 07th July 2022, which was presented on 23.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation under Section 117 read with Sections 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 31 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2292/34 of 09th August 2022, which were presented on 26.05.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— 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. 36 hereto, be approved:—

ORDER

Appropriation Act, No. 30 of 2021

Order No. 36 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. 31002 “Stores Advance Account-Government Factory” of the Third Schedule to that Act .

<u>Item</u>		<u>Revision</u>	
(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure	From	Rs. 120,000,000
	specified in Column II of the Third Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs. 223,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Third Schedule to that Act.		Not Revised

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| (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. | 30,000,000 |
| | | To | Rs. | 38,000,000 |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2022)

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

16.05.2023
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, June 09, 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 imported to Sri Lanka in each year from the year 2015 to the year 2020, separately;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent in each year, separately;
 - (iii) of the countries those vehicles were imported; and
 - (iv) of the companies those vehicles were imported?
 - (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, June 09, 2023)

3268/2023

Hon. M. S. Thowfeek,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not maintaining a database regarding movable and immovable property owned by mosques as well as charities including Taqiyya, Zaviya and Dargah by the Waqf Board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs;

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- (ii) whether he is aware that certain corruption and malpractices such as, using property owned by the aforesaid institutions for personal purposes and selling of aforesaid property at higher prices without the consent of the Waqf Board, are taking place due to not maintaining a database; and
 - (iii) whether expeditious measures will be taken to create a database regarding the aforesaid property as a preliminary measure to prevent corruption and malpractices?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1314/2023

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the estimated cost and the final cost of Deduru Oya reservoir project separately;
 - (ii) whether the work of that project has been completed by now;
 - (iii) the objectives of commencing that project; and
 - (iv) whether those objectives have been achieved by now?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the maximum volume of water planned to be released through the right bank canal and left bank canal of Deduru Oya reservoir separately;
 - (ii) whether water is released as planned through the right bank canal and left bank canal after the completion of that project; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the structures of the right bank and the left bank have been constructed without a proper foundation or proper connections?
- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) the expected benefits of the said project; and
 - (ii) the cost of acquisition of land for the project and payment of compensation for the lands submerged, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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1318/2023

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (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?

1320/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(3)

- (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?

1328/2023

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

- (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?

1460/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of canned fish factories in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the annual canned fish production of the above mentioned factories;
 - (iii) the actions that have been taken to promote the canned fish industry; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken to establish new canned fish factories?
- (b) If not, why?

1505/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the "School Environment Programs" are operative at present;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of schools in which "School Environment Programmes" are implemented;
 - (iii) whether school students as well as teachers have been involved in the said programmes;
 - (iv) of the current progress of the said project; and
 - (v) of the schools that contribute most actively to "School Environment Programmes"?
- (b) If not, why?

1544/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the areas where areca nut is abundantly cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the amount of dried areca nut annually produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the amount of dried areca nut that has been exported up to now from year 2019 and separately, the amount of foreign exchange earned thereof during each year; and
 - (iv) the measures that has been adopted to popularize the areca nut cultivation in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

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1576/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology adopted by the National Transport Commission to issue Route Permits;
 - (ii) of the number of Route Permits that have been issued for ordinary routes and Express ways; and
 - (iii) whether there is any possibility of the permits issued so far being transferred to another party?
- (b) If not, why?

1617/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land, acquired by the government for the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project, in hectares;
 - (ii) of the total amount of compensation to be paid for the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) of the reasons, if the interest had to be paid for aforesaid compensations;
 - (iv) of the reasons, for the overpayment of interest amounting to Rs. 4,620,420/= by Wellawaya Divisional Secretariat;
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to recover such overpaid interest; and
 - (vi) if not, the reasons?
- (b) If not, why?

1634/2023

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (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?

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- (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?
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Wednesday, June 21, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1677/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the officers of the Department of Wildlife had obstructed the Divisional Secretary of Oddusuddan when arrangements had been made before the start of war to distribute a 10 acre land among the people of ‘Thirumurikandi’ village situated in Mullaitivu district that had been used by them earlier as well;
 - (ii) houses, house foundations, wells, lavatories and playgrounds can still be seen in the aforementioned land; and
 - (iii) although the Divisional Secretary of Oddusuddan had made a request in writing seeking approval from the Director General of Department of Wildlife Conservation to distribute the aforesaid land among the people, the approval is yet to be granted?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to distribute the aforesaid land among the people?
- (c) If not, why?

1758/2023

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the damage caused by the protesters to the Galle Face Green;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to recover the aforesaid loss;
 - (iii) if so, of the methodology that would be adopted for recovering the loss; and
 - (iv) whether legal action would be taken against the persons responsible for the above damage?
- (b) If not, why?

1800/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Co-operative societies in Monaragala district;
 - (ii) of the number of regional Co-operative sales outlets in that district;
 - (iii) of the number of employees serving in those regional sales outlets; and
 - (iv) whether Lanka Sathosa Ltd provides consumer goods for those outlets?
- (b) If not, why?

1811/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the “X-Press Pearl” shipwreck caused massive environmental damage; and
 - (ii) the current progress in the process of calculating the said environmental damage and providing compensation in respect thereof?
- (b) If not, why?

2530/ 2023

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(2)

- (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, separately;
 - (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?

2576/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that chemical toxins are used to eradicate the rats found in homes along with the rats that destroy crops;
 - (ii) of the name of the agency which determines the composition of the aforesaid chemical toxins;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that even the endemic animals die by eating the rats that die due to the ingestion of chemical toxins; and
 - (iv) if so, whether action will be taken to adopt biological methods to control the rat menace?
- (b) If not, why?

2623/2023

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(1)

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

2692/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of annual tax levied on the luxury buses operating long distance services;
 - (ii) of the amount charged from the said buses for road permits;
 - (iii) whether the levying of the above charges is justified in a situation where the prices of fuel, tires and auto spare parts have gone up;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the concessions that can be given to the bus industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the steps that have been taken to provide optimum transport service to the commuters;
- (c) If not, why?

2844/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the open market prices of agricultural implements and tools have risen excessively;
 - (ii) the farmers have faced great difficulty due to the fact that they are unable to purchase implements for agricultural activities; and
- (b) Will he inform this House whether a program will be prepared to provide agricultural tools and implements at subsidized prices?
- (c) If not, why?

2878/2023

Hon. Yadamini Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (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;
 - (iii) of the ten countries and ten cities record the highest per capita remittances;

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- (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?
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Thursday, June 22, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2934/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of police officers alleged of Easter Sunday attacks as per the recommendations mentioned in the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to investigate the above mentioned attacks;
 - (ii) of the names of each police officer alleged of the incident, the designation held by them at the time of Easter Sunday attacks and their place of work, separately;
 - (iii) out of the aforementioned officers, the name and the place of work of each police officer who is currently employed;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the investigations carried out regarding Easter Sunday attacks could be sabotaged or investigation reports could be altered as the said officers alleged of the attack still remain unchanged in the top ranks in Sri Lanka Police; and
 - (v) if so, the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2968/2023

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

3076/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of locomotives, multiple-unit trains (power sets) and railway carriages used by Sri Lanka Railway Department for daily runs, separately;
 - (ii) the number of train journeys run daily;
 - (iii) the number of passengers who use trains daily; and
 - (iv) the daily revenue of the Railway Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the annual revenue and the expenditure of the Railway Department from the year 2015 to 2022 in each year, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3092/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been decided to restructure Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) if so, the changes to be effected in Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of such restructuring;
 - (iii) of the total amount of debt to be paid by Ceylon Electricity Board by now; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to manage that debt?
- (b) If not, why?

3105/2023

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of teacher assistant's appointments given based on the Estate schools;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid appointments have been given;
 - (iii) the provinces for which the aforesaid appointments have been given;
 - (iv) the date on which the said appointments have been given;
 - (v) the monthly salary scale on which they were placed?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) out of the above mentioned teacher assistants, the number of teacher assistants who have completed the two year Teacher training course by now;
- (ii) the reasons for not absorbing the aforesaid teacher assistants to the permanent service;
- (iii) the date on which the aforesaid teacher assistants will be absorbed to the permanent service;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) whether the period of service in the position of teacher assistants will be added to their service in the teachers service?

(c) 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;
- (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 paid according to the circulars issued by the Government of Good Governance from 2016 to 2019 regarding government employees?
- (c) If not, why?

3316/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the types of vaccines imported to Sri Lanka to combat the Covid-19 epidemic;
 - (ii) of the number of vaccines imported separately by type of vaccine;
 - (iii) of the countries that manufactured the above vaccines;
 - (iv) of the institutions from which the vaccines were imported; and
 - (v) whether formal procurement procedures have been followed in procuring vaccines?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of injections used as first, second, third and fourth doses separately, corresponding to each vaccine type;
 - (ii) whether the vaccinations referred to above in (a) (i) were fully utilized; and
 - (iii) if any are left, the remaining amounts separately, corresponding to each vaccine type?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether those who received the prescribed doses of vaccine developed complications; and
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, June 23, 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?

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 Minister of Education,—(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) Will he admit 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 at present 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?

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(b) Will he inform this 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?

837/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the schools with teacher shortage and without drinking water facilities, toilet facilities, laboratory, library and sports facilities, out of the schools in Colombo district that are under the central government and the provincial council, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the name and address of each of the said schools separately;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to address the shortcomings that prevail in those schools; and
 - (iv) if not, of the time required for that?
- (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?

3317/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cattle species in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there are cattle breeds endemic to each region;

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- (iii) of the number of dairy cattle in Sri Lanka;
- (iv) of the amount of daily milk production of each species of dairy cattle, separately in liters; and
- (v) of the number of pregnant cattle as of now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) that an extensive amount of money is spent to import milk powder; and
 - (ii) if so, steps taken to safeguard the dairy cattle and dairy farmers in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

3318/2023

Hon. M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that an extensive number of road accidents take place in Sri Lanka presently; and
 - (ii) of the number of road accidents taken place near Indigahamula junction in Colombo-Kandy main road during the last five years and of the number of persons who lost lives due to the above accidents separately corresponding to each year?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is an entrance way to Colombo-Kandy main road from Weboda direction;
 - (ii) the vehicles entering the main road from Weboda road are heading towards Kandy or Colombo directions;
 - (iii) that a large number of accidents have taken place in the pedestrian crossing found in the above place;
 - (iv) the location of both the above pedestrian crossing and the entrance way in the same point has caused the above situation; and
 - (v) no action has been taken so far, despite notifications were given in this regard since many years?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of road accidents at the above mentioned place and to minimizing the loss of lives and property?
- (d) If not, why?

3319/2023

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of total funds allocated for higher education for the year 2023;
 - (ii) separately, the percentage of funds allocated on capital expenditure and recurrent expenditure from the aforesaid total allocation;
 - (iii) separately, the funds released from the above allocation by now for capital and recurrent expenditure;
 - (iv) separately, the funds allocated and released for Research and Development in the State Universities during the period from 2019 to 2023; and
 - (v) of funds allocated and released for the Open University of Sri Lanka, Ocean University of Sri Lanka, University of Vocational Technology, Institute of Engineering Technology, Katunayake, General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University and Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka for the period from 2021 to 2023?
 - (c) If not, why?
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