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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Tourism and Lands,— Order under the Tourism Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development areas and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2324/14 of 20th March 2023, which was presented on 06.06.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 09.02.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on 04.04.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 21.03.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on 04.04.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Annual Report of the Office on Missing Persons for the year (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Office on Missing Persons for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 17.01.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on 04.04.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Annual Report of the Office on Missing Persons for the year (2021),— That the Annual Report of the Office on Missing Persons for the year 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 17.01.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on 04.04.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the year (2021),— That the Annual Report of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses for the year 2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2021 and presented on 22.02.2023 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on 04.04.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year (2019),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 17.01.2023 under the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade, Commerce and Food Security on 23.03.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year (2020),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 22.02.2023 under the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No. 32 of 2005, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade, Commerce and Food Security on 23.03.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

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The Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd for the year (2020/2021),— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation Ltd for the year 2020/2021 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.03.2021 and presented on 17.01.2023 under the Sri Lanka State Trading Act No. 33 of 1970, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Trade, Commerce and Food Security on 23.03.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 25.04.2023)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, June 23, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

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- (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?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, June 23, 2023)

3332/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date of which the Dankotuwa Buddhist Center was founded;
 - (ii) of the Chief Incumbent of the Center at the time it was founded;
 - (iii) of the date of which, the land where the aforesaid Buddhist Center has been constructed, was given;
 - (iv) of the methodology followed to allocate the land;
 - (v) of the previous owner of the land before the aforesaid Buddhist Center was constructed;
 - (vi) of the present owner of the aforesaid land ?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, July 04, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 division 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;
 - (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?

1317/2023

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(2)

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

1323/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a new regional hospital has been constructed in Laggala new town;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount spent on the construction of aforesaid hospital;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that aforesaid hospital does not have a labour room and a dialysis unit for kidney patients; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to complete the existing deficiencies of the hospital and develop it further?
- (b) 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 at present;
 - (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?

1461/2023

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the surveys in regard to the coastal zone of Sri Lanka, have been completed; and
 - (ii) of the extent of land, belonging to the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department, in hectares?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether coastal conservation projects have been awarded to the private sector;
 - (ii) if so, of the locations where such projects will be carried out; and
 - (iii) of the procedure, adopted in awarding aforesaid projects to the private sector?
- (c) If not, why?

1506/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the services provided by the Employees Provident Fund have been extended;
 - (ii) whether a convenient methodology has been established to facilitate the receipt of said services; and
 - (iii) if so, of the said methodology?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the program to provide Rs. 2 million as the compensation for workers who encounter accidents at work, is implemented; and
- (ii) if so, of the number of workers who have been hitherto compensated under the said program?

(c) If not, why?

1543/2023

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

(a) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the extent of the forests belonging to the Department of Wildlife, in Hectares;
- (ii) the areas where those forests are located;
- (iii) the flora found in those forests;
- (iv) the endemic flora found in those forests; and
- (v) the measures that have been taken to conserve them?

(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;

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- (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?

Wednesday, July 05, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1579/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of licensed legal liquor outlets in Sri Lanka, according to each district;
 - (ii) the number of legal restaurants with liquor licenses;
 - (iii) the annual revenue earned through the liquor licenses issued by now; and
 - (iv) the number of new liquor licenses due to be issued in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1618/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) a national policy on waste management was prepared by the Ministry of Environment in year 2020 and even had identified the institutions of which the responsibilities will be entrusted with; and
 - (ii) whereas the action plan regarding the aforesaid policy was not prepared till year 2022?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an action plan has been prepared to implement the aforementioned policy;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid action plan is;
 - (iii) if not, the date it will be prepared;
 - (iv) whether the issues that can be experienced during the practical implementation of the aforesaid policy have been identified; and
 - (v) if not, the mechanism prepared to address the aforesaid issues?
- (c) If not, why?

1636/2023

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (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?

1678/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is free insurance coverage for rice, maize, chilies, big onions, soya and potatoes to promote agricultural products in Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Agriculture pays insurance compensation when the crops get destroyed owing to disasters; and
 - (ii) farmers who grow black gram and peanuts face severe difficulties as such crops have not been covered by the above mentioned insurance coverage?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide free insurance coverage for black gram and peanuts?
- (c) If not, why?

1759/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the project of expanding small and medium scale livestock farms is currently in progress;
 - (ii) if so, the number of farms that have been expanded under the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) of the areas where the above mentioned farms are situated?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the current progress of the said project as a percentage; and
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid project is due to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

1802/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tanks located in the district of Monaragala;
 - (ii) separately of the name and the volume of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) of the number of tanks that have been planned to be renovated in the year 2023, out of the tanks above mentioned; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money allocated for the said purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

1813/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of quarry sites in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the amount of explosives that have been issued for such work sites since 2020;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the audit reports have demonstrated that the explosives are misplaced;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the said scenario might pose a threat to national security; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to regulate the explosives issued to quarry sites?
- (b) If not, why?

2531/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Divisional Secretariats in Trincomalee district where Human-Elephant conflict prevails;
 - (ii) the names of such Divisional Secretariats;
 - (iii) the locations of the said Divisional Secretariats where the electric fences have been erected; and
 - (iv) the total length of the said electric fences?

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- (b) Will she also inform this House of—
 - (i) the locations of the said Divisional Secretariats where the electric fences have not been erected;
 - (ii) the steps to be taken to erect the electric fence in the said areas; and
 - (iii) the steps taken to extend the already erected electric fence?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 06, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2574/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current number of dairy cattle in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the annual requirement of liquid milk in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the extent of grazing land reserved for dairy cattle;
 - (iv) of the areas in which such grazing lands are situated; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide dairy cattle to meet the liquid milk requirement of Sri Lanka;
- (b) If not, why?

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,—(2)

- (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?

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(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?

2690/2023

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) finding high quality seeds is a major problem faced by farmers engaged in agriculture;
- (ii) seeds are sold in the market at exorbitant prices;
- (iii) such seeds are not of the proper standard; and
- (iv) farmers have been inconvenienced owing to the aforesaid situation?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the nature of the programmes that have been implemented at present to provide high-quality seeds to farmers;
- (ii) whether a programme will be implemented under the sponsorship of the government to provide the seeds that the farmers require;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to fix a control price for seeds;
- (iv) whether a programme will be implemented to produce the seeds that Sri Lanka needs in this country itself and to provide them to farmers at low prices; and
- (v) whether steps will be taken to upgrade the Agrarian Service Centers as Regional Seed Storage Centres?

(c) If not, why?

2842/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken so far to improve the quality of life of those that are engaged in the blacksmith industry as a profession in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that they are making various products whilst carrying on in the industry in the face of great difficulty;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to promote blacksmiths' products in the local market;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the blacksmith industry can be protected by discouraging the importation of agricultural implements; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures taken for it?
- (b) If not, why?

2932/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Police unit of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment was established and the date on which it was removed;
 - (ii) of the reasons for removing that unit;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the decision to remove the said Police unit was taken without a legal and logical basis in a backdrop where bribery, fraud and corruption have increased in the foreign employment sector; and
 - (iv) if so, of the measures taken to reestablish that Police unit?
- (b) If not, why?

2969/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the amount of plastic that has been imported into Sri Lanka since 2018 to date;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent thereon; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be implemented to control the import of plastic into Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

3074/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of employees served in Sri Lanka Railway Department by their position;
 - (ii) separately, the number of employees served on permanent and contract/casual basis; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken to confirm the service of employees on contract/casual basis?
- (b) If not, why?

3093/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a lake called “Peralanda” in Ja-Ela Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) a project had been started to develop aforesaid lake?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent on the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that aforesaid project has been stopped at present; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to restart the project?
- (c) If not, why?

3106/2023

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tanks located in the Delft island of Jaffna;
 - (ii) separately, the number of tanks which are utilized for irrigation purposes and which are not utilized for irrigation purposes;
 - (iii) separately, the volume of water of the aforesaid tanks?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the tanks that have been renovated by now, out of the tanks located in the Delft island;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for the renovation of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the period of time that will be taken to renovate the tanks which have not hitherto been renovated?

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- (c) Will he further state—
 - (i) whether a certain methodology has been formed to get drinking water from the tanks located in this island as a solution to the drinking water issue which is prevalent there;
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for not having such methodology?
- (d) If not, why?

3171/2023

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the skyrocketing of the prices of materials including papers utilized for printing purposes has contributed towards the collapse of businesses related to the printing industry; and
 - (ii) this situation has created a seriously negative impact on the studies of the school children?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that will be taken to curtail the aforesaid situation;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of papers produced monthly by the government and the private sector by now;
 - (iii) whether measures have been taken to commence factories to promote local paper manufacturing in order to minimize the import of paper; and
 - (iv) if so, of the relevant progress by now?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, July 07, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the factors considered to rank an airport as an international airport;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that Mattala airport was used to store paddy during the “Good Governance”/“Yahapalana” period;
 - (iii) separately, the names of the politicians and officials who took the aforesaid decision;

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- (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that the reputation of the above mentioned airport was gravely tarnished due to the said decision made; and
- (v) if so, whether any course of action has been taken so far in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

384/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the maximum water storage capacity of Victoria reservoir had been 723 million cubic metres by 2021 and that it had come down to 428 million cubic metres by the end of January 2022; and
 - (ii) a crack in the middle of Mahaweli river has caused rapid decrease of water in that reservoir?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an investigation would be conducted regarding the rapid decline of the water capacity of Mahaweli river; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to conduct an annual water audit at reservoir level?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether he admits that obtaining water required for cultivation on timely basis could become a problem as a result of drying up/evaporation of water in rivers owing to the use of water in rivers mostly for hydro electricity generation?
- (d) If not, why?

421/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the amounts of foreign exchange remitted to Sri Lanka in the years 2018 and 2021 by Sri Lankan migrant workers employed overseas, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) whether he accepts that the exchange value offered by the Commercial Banks for US dollars being lower than the exchange value in the market worked as the reason for the decrease in the volume of foreign exchange remitted by Sri Lankan migrant workers employed overseas in the year 2021; and
 - (iii) if so, what courses of action will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

433/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the song “Kobeyyane Warella” written by the lyricist Mrs. Prema Dabare and vocalized by Mr. Weerasena Gunathilaka has been banned from being broadcast over the radio channels of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation;
 - (ii) If so, what the reasons for it are;
 - (iii) whether a formal inquiry had been conducted prior to the imposition of such ban;
 - (iv) If so, of the person who conducted the inquiry;
 - (v) of the date and the time the song referred to above was broadcast for the last time ever on a channel belonging to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to lift the ban shortly?
- (c) If not, why?

691/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) during the “good-governance” regime, a trade centre was constructed in the Kaludavalai area within the Kalawanchikudi Divisional Secretariat of the Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) steps have not been taken to declare this trade centre open so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not opening the trade centre referred to above up to now;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to declare the trade centre open;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which the trade centre will be declared open;
 - (iv) whether a programme has been prepared for using the above-mentioned trade centre productively, and
 - (v) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

817/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of police stations and offices of Superintendents of Police in Sri Lanka, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of Police officers serving in the Sri Lanka Police;
 - (iii) of the numbers serving in each post from the Inspector General of Police down to the Police Constable Driver, separately; and
 - (iv) of the number of women officers holding each of the posts referred to above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of police officers who have been deployed in VIP security service;
 - (ii) of the numbers, separately, deployed for the protection of Ministers, Members of Parliament and VIPs other than Members of Parliament, and
 - (iii) what are the categories of VIPs who are not Members of Parliament referred to in (ii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

3229/2023

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent to construct the “Wellamankaraya” Fisheries Harbour in the Puttable district;
 - (ii) the date on which the operation activities of that harbour were commenced; and
 - (iii) the income earned and the cost incurred from that day, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether an environment report has been prepared in relation to the Wellamankaraya Fisheries Harbour;
 - (ii) the names and designations of the officers who prepared and approved that report, separately; and
 - (iii) whether that report would be tabled?
- (c) If not, why?

3320/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the period from 2020 to 2023 separately—
 - (i) of funds allocated for the National Institute of Education, the National Education Commission and the Department of Examinations;
 - (ii) of funds released to each of the above mentioned institutions out of the aforesaid allocated funds; and
 - (iii) of the percentages of funds allocated and funds released on capital and recurrent expenditure to each of the aforesaid institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

3333/2023

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— 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 acts of corruption involved in by the then chairman of Bank of Ceylon, Mr. Gamini Wickramasinghe between 2008 and 2013;
 - (ii) whether it was revealed at the Presidential Commission of inquiry which investigated into Mihin Lanka and Sri Lankan Airlines that BOC had waived loan interest after 2009;
 - (iii) whether the above Bank under the chairmanship of Mr. Wickramasinghe had awarded contracts to Informatics Group for installation of ATM and providing IT related services;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid individual held partial ownership in Informatics Group at the time of awarding the above contracts;
 - (v) whether there was a conflict of interest when performing his duties as the Chairman of BOC while being the owner of the Informatics Group;
 - (vi) whether the abovementioned contracts and other corruptions of Mr. Wickramasinghe are investigated into; and
 - (vii) of the findings of the investigation?
- (b) If not, why?

3334/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of state universities in Sri Lanka, their names and the names of the faculties in each such university, separately; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been adopted to fill the vacancies for lecturers in the above universities?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether lecturers and professors of the universities of Sri Lanka have migrated abroad; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to avoid such migration in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.3/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P.4/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P.5/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Disposal of garbage in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the required steps be taken by the Government to deploy the workers serving in the Local Authorities in garbage disposal activities whereas a substantial amount of money belonging to the tax payers of the country is diverted to certain private companies which have been entrusted with the duty of disposing garbage in most of the Local Government Institutions of the country at present.

P.6/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P.7/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P.8/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.9/2023

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

P.10/2023

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

P.11/2023

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

P.12/2023

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

P.13/2023

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

P.14/2023

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

P.15/2023

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

P.16/2023

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

P.17/2023

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

P.18/2023

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

P.22/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— Strict regulation of microfinance institutions and leasing companies,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to strictly regulate microfinance institutions and leasing companies as the urban and rural community is shattered by the actions of the microfinance institutions, and whereas a large number of families that obtained loans due to the inducement of such institutions on microfinance and leasing facilities are traumatized, and whereas the interest rates of those institutions are at different levels, and whereas people who fail to pay lease installments are subjected to various harassments and violations.

P.23/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law,— Issuance of a circular outlining the methodology to be followed in school development activities,—That this Parliament resolves that appropriate measures be taken by the Government towards releasing a circular outlining the method of allocating the required funds for school development initiatives, the manner of display of such financial statements, and as to how the follow up on the aforesaid developmental activities be carried out because the financial allocations required for school development activities are charged annually from parents and which are unbearable for some parents due to the current economic crisis and students of such parents have to endure inconveniences in the classroom.

P.24/2023

Hon. (Prof.) Ranjith Bandara, — Granting transfers to Sri Lankan teachers once in five years,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate programme be formulated by the Government to grant transfers to all teachers once in five years for the purpose of creating an educational system that will fulfil the sole objective of providing education and creating a good social citizen, since the personal contacts formed due to working in the same school for many years may at times cause injustice to some children, working with children from different layers of society deprives teachers of the opportunity to understand child mentality and gain experience, Political and Social relationships can create obstacles to maintain an independent education system, the opportunities to understand different subcultures in the society could be lost, opportunities would be very little to gain experience from dialects and subcultures.

P.25/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— Procurement of office equipment from the State Timber Corporation and other responsible institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate programme be implemented by the Government to procure office equipment from the State Timber Corporation and other responsible institutions due to reasons that although the wooden furniture used as office equipment in the past by Government and statutory bodies in Sri Lanka had been used for longer period of time, the equipment utilized by such institutions at present are produced of plywood sheets and other artificial sheets which are brittle and nondurable do not last long, importation of raw materials from foreign countries required to manufacture contemporary office equipment causes a huge outflow of money and because these materials have an immense impact on our environment.
