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Tuesday, July 18, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2325/07 of 28th March 2023)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2335/26 of 09th June 2023, which were presented on 06.07.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1) (sg), (sh) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2310/37 of 15th December 2022, which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 read with Sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2317/59 of 01st February 2023, which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1) (se) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/19 of 13th February 2023, which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/20 of 13th February 2023, which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.5),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1) (u) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2319/21 of 13th February 2023, which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— Regulations under the Antiquities Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on 25th May 2023 under Section 47(1) read with Section 46 of the Antiquities Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 (Chapter 188) and which were presented on 05.07.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Sri Lanka Institute of Taxation (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill— Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Ayurveda (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, August 08, 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?

383/2023

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Technology,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) SIM cards issued by various telephone companies are sold on the pavement in major cities without any proper regulation by the government;
- (ii) such SIM cards are misused and various misdeeds are committed by persons who fraudulently buy them in bulk;
- (iii) a racket is being run online to fraudulently get money credited to bank accounts promising that goods will be delivered to people; and
- (iv) youth in many areas including Kandy, Ratnapura, Piliyandala, Badulla and Colombo have become victims of such rackets?

(b) If so, will he inform this House separately of the measures that have been taken so far and the measures that are expected to be taken in the future to prevent the aforesaid frauds?

(c) If not, why?

(4)

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?

689/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) a permanent doctor has not been appointed to the Divisional Hospital in Kaludavalai within the Kaluvanchikudy Divisional Secretariat Division of the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) people of the area have been suffering as a result?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not appointing a permanent doctor to the hospital referred to above;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not appointing a pharmacist to the hospital; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the vacancies that exist at present in the hospital will be filled?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether he admits that no renovation has been carried out in respect of the hospital from the time of its inception up to now?
 - (ii) if so, what the reasons for it are; and
 - (iii) of the steps will be taken for the renovation of this hospital?
- (d) 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?

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- (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?

838/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of branches of the Samurdhi Bank established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the total of deposits in those bank branches; and
 - (iii) a breakdown of the said amount according to each type of account?
- (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?

(7)

3363/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the tax revenue lost by the government to date from December 2019 due to the reduction of levies fulfilling a pledge given at the 2019 Presidential Election;
 - (ii) of the ways of which the lost amount was recovered due to the aforesaid reduction of tax;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid reduction of tax has hindered providing relief to the public; and
 - (iv) whether a decision has been taken to increase the levies that were reduced?
- (b) If not, why?

3396/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of religious clergy that is in Remand Prison and imprisoned as at 01st of June 2023 in relation to the clergy in each religion, separately;
 - (ii) the manner in which they have been categorized on the basis of the accusation levelled at the clergy; and
 - (iii) among them, the number of the clergy against whom accusations of Child Abuse or Rape have been furnished, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, August 09, 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?

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(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 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?

(9)

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 the steps will be taken 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 the 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?

Thursday, August 10, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1460/2023

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

- (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?

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?
- (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) of the measures that have been taken to conserve them?
- (b) If not, why?

1581/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of new vehicles registered for the first time in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date and the amount of income received from it separately according to each year;
 - (ii) the amount of revenue earned by giving preferred numbers to new vehicles registered during the above period separately for each year; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles registered per month through the One Day Vehicle Registration Service?
- (b) If not, why?

1620/2023

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

- (a) Does he admit that—
 - (i) even though the monthly capacity of the 152 compost yards registered by the Central Environmental Authority by 2021 is 18514 metric tons, they remain underutilized failing to achieve the expected monthly capacity; and
 - (ii) the Central Environmental Authority had not taken action to check the quality of the compost of 84 compost yards out of the aforesaid number according to standard No.1246 of Sri Lanka Standards Institute?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the future plans prepared to operate at maximum capacity the underutilized yards among the said compost yards mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) the reasons for it, if there are no future plans;
 - (iii) the reasons for the absence of follow up on checking the quality of compost as mentioned in (a) (ii) above; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken to avoid the occurrence of such situations in future?
- (c) If not, why?

1639/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the development activities carried out in Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage;
 - (ii) of the due date on which the aforesaid development activities to be completed; and
 - (iii) whether the website of the said institution will be updated in order to ensure tourist attraction?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of local and foreign tourist arrivals recorded in the above mentioned Elephant Orphanage from the year 2020 up to now; and
 - (ii) of the revenue generated by the Orphanage during the aforesaid period, separately, by each year?
- (c) If not, why?

1679/2023

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that electricity consumers have been subjected to severe inconvenience as district electrical engineers have not been appointed for Mannar and Mulativu districts;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to appoint electrical engineers for the said districts; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide the required physical resources for those engineers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that no person residing in Mannar district has been provided employment up to now despite the promise given by the then Prime Minister at the opening of the Mannar wind power plant that priority will be given to the residents of Mannar district in providing employment at the said plant; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide employment at the said plant to the residents of Mannar district?
- (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?

1803/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the Drinking Water Projects, of which the work has been hitherto initiated in the Monaragala district;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money that has been allocated for each of the aforesaid projects;

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- (iii) separately of the number of family units covered by each of the aforesaid projects;
 - (iv) separately of the amount of work that has been hitherto completed out of each of the aforesaid water projects, as a percentage; and
 - (v) separately of the date on which the work of each of the said project will be completed?
- (b) If not, why ?

1815/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether she is aware of the fact that the forest Reserves of Wattagama-Kabiliththa and Kotiyagala in Monaragala are conserved forests of Yala and Kumana forest system;
 - (ii) is she aware that attempts are being made by a certain group of people to fragment the said forest reserves; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to protect the aforesaid forest reserves?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, August 11, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2532/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of prisons established in the Eastern province; and
 - (ii) the locations where the said prisons have been established?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of inmates that can be accommodated in each aforementioned prisons, separately;
 - (ii) the number of inmates presently accommodated in each aforementioned prisons, separately;
 - (iii) the number of inmates accommodated in each of these prisons exceeding the occupant capacity, separately; and
 - (iv) the measures that would be taken regarding the inmates accommodated exceeding the occupant capacity?
- (c) If not, why?

2574/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of dairy cattle in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (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?
- (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) obtaining 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 their 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?

2934/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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 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?

2969/2023

Hon. Heshu 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 at present?
- (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?
 - (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?
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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 by 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 Pathirana,— 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 Pathirana,— 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.
