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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 53/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Declaring the Day of the Martyrs of the Hill Country Trade Union,— That this Parliament resolves that the Hill Country Trade Union Martyrs Day be declared in order to commemorate the first worker and all the martyrs who laid down their lives in the pursuit of non-violent struggle for the rights and welfare of the plantation workers and that the day shall be set on the 10th of January as it aligns with the sacrifice of the first Hill Country martyr, “Mulloya Govinthan”, who had been shot dead by a white national in the face of their opposition to the struggle, during the first trade union struggle for salary hikes of plantation workers in Sri Lanka unfolded from December 1939 to January 1940, and whereas through democratic means, the Hill Country plantation workers have fervently fought for and secured their rights and as a testament to their struggles, the Hill Country people of Indian origin have long demanded that these martyrs who selflessly laid down their lives in the pursuit of democracy be commemorated on a designated day, and the Hill Country plantation workers stand as a community in Sri Lanka’s history, having made significant contributions to its economic growth.

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Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularization of the Postal Service of Sri Lanka in the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be initiated by the Government to regularize the postal services for the plantation community, who have been integral to the nation for nearly two centuries, whereas marking two centuries since the establishment of settlements by plantation communities in Sri Lanka, it is noteworthy that this community has faced with various difficulties due to the deprivation of the convenience of door step mail delivery, and whereas Sri Lanka’s postal service has a history spanning two centuries which commenced in 1798 and subsequently came under regularization by the English in 1882, and whereas after independence, the Postal Service of Sri Lanka has emerged as one of the pivotal government service run by the Postal Department.

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1509/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the mite infestation is causing damage to coconut plantations in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the yield of coconuts becomes very low and unfit for consumption as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken, so far, to control the mite menace; and
 - (ii) separately of the short term and long term measures to be taken to protect the coconut plantations which earn Sri Lanka a huge amount of foreign exchange?
- (c) If not, why?

1547/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the annual income and the expenditure of the Department of Posts separately;
 - (ii) the amount annually spent on the salaries and allowances of the above department;
 - (iii) the types of allowances paid to the employees of the department; and
 - (iv) the annual revenue earned by the department through provision of external postal services?
- (b) If not, why?

1582/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of new Motorcycles that were registered for the first time in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to date, in relation to each district, separately;
 - (ii) the number of Motorcycles that have been registered under each Cylinder capacity as a percentage, separately; and
 - (iii) the countries in which the above mentioned Motorcycles have been manufactured?
- (b) If not, why?

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1618/2023

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (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?

1640/2023

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—(1)
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a large number of new inventions have been invented to enable the alternative energy consumption owing to the shortage of gas and the sky rocketing of gas price;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the foreign exchange expenditure on gas imports, could be saved by promoting the above inventions; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken as of now to encourage the inventors and the consumers of the above inventions separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1680/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) there is a shortage of staff and physical resources in the recently established Vavuniya University;
 - (ii) steps will be taken to fill the vacancies and provide the lacking physical resources;
 - (iii) steps will be taken to establish campuses in the districts of Mullaitivu and Mannar, attached to the faculties of Vavuniya University?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

1760/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations have been commenced regarding the employees of the Central Cultural Fund who were victims of political vengeance after 2015;
 - (ii) if so, according to those investigations, the number of employees who have been given relief so far; and
 - (iii) whether the employees who have not yet been given relief be given such relief in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

1800/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(3)

- (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,—(2)

- (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?

2533/2023

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the approved number of employees and the number of employees currently employed in Mutur Base Hospital in Trincomalee district; and
 - (ii) of the number of doctors and nurses working in that hospital according to their language of communication?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to fill the vacancies in the above hospital?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2577/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fishermen engaged in the industry of fresh water fishing within Ampara District;
 - (ii) of the reservoirs used by them for the above purpose;
 - (iii) of the facilities rendered to those fishermen from year 2019 to date; and
 - (iv) of the action that are being taken to uplift the living standard of the aforementioned fishermen?
- (b) If not, why?

2621/2023

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(2)

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

2693/2023

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the Homeopathy Medical System has become popular in Sri Lanka as a medical system with no side effects and having the possibility to cure many diseases; and
- (ii) the registration has not been granted since many years to competent homeopathic doctors who engage in medical treatment under this system?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the program that has been formulated to register the Homeopathic doctors anticipating the registration since many years; and
- (ii) whether it is possible to make them registered after examining their knowledge through a practical test?

(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the measures that have been taken to develop the Homeopathy Medical System;
- (ii) whether a formal procedure will be established to import the drugs needed for Homeopathy medical treatments; and
- (iii) whether measures will be taken to recommence the Homeopathy University?

(d) If not, why?

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2846/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the first registration of a motor vehicle can be carried out only at the Head Office of the Department of Motor Traffic situated at Narahenpita; and
 - (ii) if not, the regional offices of the Department of Motor Traffic where the first registration of a motor vehicle can be carried out?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vehicles of which the ownership are transferred annually; and
 - (ii) separately, the charges for the one day and normal transfer services according to each vehicle class ?
- (c) If not, why?

2934/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (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?

2972/2023

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that school children are made to participate in marathon races in an unsafe manner;
 - (ii) whether the schools have been permitted to conduct such marathon races in major towns during times of heavy traffic congestion;
 - (iii) if so, of the measures taken by the schools/institutions that obtain such permission, to ensure the safety of the students who participate in such races; and
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that it is more appropriate to only utilize roads with less traffic congestion, located away from the major cities to conduct marathon races; and
 - (v) if so, whether steps will be taken to issue the instructions required relevant to this matter to schools?
- (b) If not, why?

3074/2023

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

- (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?

3096/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which a machine to analyze the Chemical Composition of Pesticides was purchased for the Sri Lanka Tea Board;
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne on that;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the said machine has not been used yet;
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons for that; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

3108/20233

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the cattle population in the Delft island, Jaffna at present;
 - (ii) separately, the livestock density of the Delft island according to each type of animal; and
 - (iii) of the methods of providing food and water to the said animals?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether a divisional office of the animal production and health department has been established in the Delft island;
 - (ii) whether a permanent veterinary surgeon has been appointed for Delft island;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons are; and
 - (iv) the date on which a permanent veterinary surgeon will be appointed for the said island?
- (c) If not, why?

3232/2023

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the allocation that has been made to construct Tummodara New Bridge across Negambo-Kuliyapitiya road;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid construction work commenced;
 - (iii) the date on which the said construction work is scheduled to be completed;
 - (iv) the contract company of the said project of bridge construction;
 - (v) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said construction company as for now; and
 - (vi) actions that have been taken to expedite the construction work of Tummodara New Bridge?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 21, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— 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) of the number of advisors serving the eighth Executive President of Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the names of such advisors;
 - (iii) separately, of the subject areas of each aforesaid advisor;
 - (iv) separately, of the salary and the other allowances paid to each advisor; and
 - (v) separately, of the methodology adopted and the criteria considered when those advisors are appointed?
- (b) If not, why?

388/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it has been alleged through an article published in “Laksara” social media statement on 27.01.2022 that a human organ racket is being carried out at the Kandy National Hospital; and
 - (ii) a team of specialist doctors at the Kandy National Hospital has requested that a comprehensive investigation be carried out into the aforesaid racket?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is information that the Director of the aforesaid Hospital has been informed of this racket by the Chief Operating Officer of the “National Programme for Organ Donation from Deceased Donors” for the Kandy Region;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the creation of a wrong attitude among the public towards the Kandy National Hospital and the loss of trust in the Hospital system as a result of such allegations; and
 - (iii) if the allegation is unfounded, whether legal action will be taken thereon?
- (c) If not, why?

424/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual dietary coconut oil consumption in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the quantity, produced domestically out of the aforesaid quantity; and
 - (iii) of the quantity of coconut oil that is imported?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered producers among local coconut oil producers;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that there are unregistered coconut oil producers;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that the coconut oil that they produce, is released to the market; and
 - (iv) of the action that will be taken against the producers who produce coconut oil that does not conform with the standards?
- (c) If not, why?

437/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the catchment area of the Gin Ganga near Heswatta in Gongala is being cleared using machinery;
 - (ii) a wide road has been constructed up to the top of the Gongala Hill; and
 - (iii) this has caused a landslide risk in this area in the future?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to prevent the aforesaid destruction of the environment; and
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of the measures that have been taken?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not implementing the order issued through the gazette notification for the addition of two thousand five hundred hectares of land from the Gongala Ecosystem to Sinharaja Forest; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to protect the Gongala ecosystem?
- (d) If not, why?

3351/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of government hospitals and healthcare centers regulated under the Provincial Council Administration in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the name of each center, district and the province where the said centers have been established in each hospital;
 - (iii) of the number of medical officers and specialists currently serving in each of the said hospital and the exact count of medical officers that should be available; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to fulfill the existing vacancies of medical officers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the medical officers those who migrated for higher studies after the year 2015 have not returned back to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the total number of such medical officers?
- (c) If not, why?

3358/2023

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of essential Western medicinal drugs declared by the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) of the generic names of the aforementioned drugs;
 - (iii) separately, the manufacturing country, the institute/company that manufactures and the institute/company that imports the aforesaid drugs to Sri Lanka are;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of drugs that are imported by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation and their names; and
 - (v) of the number of drugs mentioned in a(iv) above as a percentage of the total number of essential drugs?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that prices of drugs went up by a higher percentage than the recent increase of the value of a US Dollar;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons are; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to control the prices of drugs?
- (c) If not, why?

3409/2023

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Carpeting and developing of the “Gammuna Road” which is about 1.5 km, in Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat Division, No. 668 Aluthgama Grama Niladhari Division, commenced under the program of carpeting hundred thousand rural roads but was discontinued midway about 6 months ago;
 - (ii) that the tar and concrete parts of the road were removed and only an ABC layer was placed in places and due to the rain, the ABC layer has also washed away and now it is so dilapidated that traveling is almost impossible; and
 - (iii) that Kalutara Provincial Road Development Authority has sent an estimate to place a layer of tar for that road as a temporary solution until carpeting?
- (b) Accordingly, will he inform this House as to when the above road be repaired quickly using a temporary layer of tar?
- (c) If not, why?

3484/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who have pipe-borne drinking water facilities residing within the Pahatha Hewaheta Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district; and
 - (ii) the measures are to be taken to solve the drinking water problem prevailing within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

3570/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) it takes over ten months for the payment of monthly pension to public servants to commence after retirement from public service;
 - (ii) there are occasions of certain public servants passing away before receiving the first pension owing to the said delay; and
 - (iii) the said delay is a severe injustice done to the public servants?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for the said delay;
 - (ii) of the steps taken by now to avoid the said delay;
 - (iii) whether a proper programme will be implemented to avoid the said delay; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which such programme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

3596/2023

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,— 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) of the projects implemented by the Special Projects Unit maintained at the Presidential Secretariat from 14.07.2022;
 - (ii) of the number of employees currently working in that unit;
 - (iii) of the name, position, salary and allowances and the facilities provided including vehicles to each such employee, separately;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that all the staff working in that unit are working full-time in a political party; and
 - (v) of the amount spent monthly for the maintenance of that unit;
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, September 22, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

692/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Ceylon Electricity Board offices established in Batticaloa District;
 - (ii) separately, the places where each such office is established;
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees working in each office;
 - (iv) which of the above offices are maintained in buildings acquired on lease basis; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to construct permanent buildings for the said offices?
- (b) If not, why?

819/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a considerable number of women have become the head of the family due to the death of the husband,/ abandonment, or for any other reason;
 - (ii) if so, the number of females who have taken the role of head of the family;
 - (iii) whether there is a course of action to provide relief to those women; and
 - (iv) of the number of family units rendered helpless due to the death of the husband/abandonment or for any other reason?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of family units where the husband is caring for the children without a wife due to the death of the wife/abandonment, or for any other reason; and
 - (ii) of the course of action that has been implemented to provide relief to those families?
- (c) If not, why?

840/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of coconut oil imported into Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 to 2022;
 - (ii) of the amount spent thereon; and
 - (iii) of the countries and companies from which the coconut oil was imported separately?
- (b) If not, why?

854/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of roads, of which development work was commenced under the 100,000-kilometre Road Development Project;

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- (ii) what the names of such roads are;
- (iii) of the length of the roads regarding which development work has been completed under the Project and the length of the roads in which development work has not been completed so far, separately; and
- (iv) what amounts have been paid to contractors who carried out road development work under the Project referred to above and the amount that remains to be paid to contractors under the Project, separately?

(b) If not, why?

874/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of fish hatcheries established in Anuradhapura district;
- (ii) the names of the above fish hatcheries; and
- (iii) the steps that will be taken for the further development of the above fish hatcheries?

(b) If not, why?

1317/2023

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (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?

1718/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, as per each year, of the value of the foreign remittances, Sri Lanka received, from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) separately, for each of the aforesaid years, of the amount of the total foreign exchange earnings, as a percentage; and
 - (iii) of the measures, taken to encourage the foreign currency remittance to Sri Lanka, over lawful channels?
- (b) If not, why?

2020/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Mahapola Training Institute (Mahapola Port and Maritime Institute) operates under the Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of courses currently conducted by the institution;
 - (iii) of each of these courses is; and
 - (iv) of the manner this institution be used for the future economic development of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

2552/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of teachers sent on retirement on 31.12.2022 owing to their having completed the age of 60 years;
 - (ii) whether there exists a risk of government schools becoming hampered by the retirement of such a large number of teachers all at once; and
 - (iii) the courses of action will be taken to fill the vacancies that have been resulted in by the retirement concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

2883/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial allocations made for the development of Livestock by the interim budget of 2022;
 - (ii) the allocations utilized and unutilized out of the above, separately; and
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken to promote chicken production and dairy production in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) If not, why?
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