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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and relevant Regulatory Authorities under Section 71 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2334/47 of 02nd June 2023, which were presented on 05.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— Regulations under the Forest Conservation Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Wildlife, and Forest Resources Conservation under Section 64(2) (f) read with Section 24(1) (p), (q) and (r), Section 64(1) read with Sections 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D and 28(3), Section 24(1), Sections 3A (3), (4) and (5), Sections 6 and 64, Section 3(4) and Section 64 and Section 64 read with Sections 58 and 59 of the Forest Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 451) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2346/02 of 21st August 2023, which were presented on 05.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Section 61 read with Section 45(1A) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2339/06 of 04th July 2023, which were presented on 05.09.2023, be approved.

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The Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— Notification under the Measurement Units, Standard and Services Act,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security under Section 4(1)(f) of the Measurement Units, Standard and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2294/54 of 26th August 2022, which was presented on 05.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, September 22, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Tuesday, October 03, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1463/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately;
 - (i) of the number of executive grade employees, junior grade employees and the total number of employees of the Sri Lanka Standards Institute;
 - (ii) of the amount of monthly salaries and allowances, paid to executive grade employees and junior grade employees; and
 - (iii) of the annual income of the Sri Lanka Standards Institute from 2019 to date, as per each year?
- (b) If not, why?

1510/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members in the Public Performance Board;
 - (ii) of the designation of each of those member separately;
 - (iii) of the number of films for which approval has been granted by the aforesaid Board since 2019 to date;
 - (iv) of the number of films for which approval is pending at present; and
 - (v) of the reasons for not granting approval for those films?
- (b) If not, why?

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1548/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the annual production of sheet rubber in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the quantity used for domestic consumption and the quantity exported as a percentage of the above production ; and
 - (iii) the annual income earned by exporting sheet rubber?
- (b) If not, why?

1583/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the quantity of gems exported from year 2019 to date in carat;
 - (ii) of the number of exporters who had exported aforesaid gems;
 - (iii) separately, the income generated from gem exports during the aforesaid period according to each year; and
 - (iv) whether Sri Lanka has received the aforesaid total income?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether gems are being re-exported after being imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid types of gems are?
- (c) If not, why?

1621/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project was implemented in 2020 with a view to granting loans to small and medium scale rice mill owners speedily as per the Cabinet decision No. අම/20/0722/218/010 dated 7th May 2020;
 - (ii) of the reasons that led to granting a loan of Rs. 70,000,000/= by exceeding the loan ceiling of Rs.10,000,000/= which the Commissioner of Co-operatives had recommended for the Puttalam District Rice Producers Co-operatives Society for the year 2020, as per criterion of the above mentioned Cabinet decision; and
 - (iii) the measures that would be taken against the persons who are responsible for granting loans in excess of the recommended loan ceiling?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

1641/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees at the National Water Supply and Drainage Board;
 - (ii) the number of executive officers and junior employees separately; and
 - (iii) the approved monthly salaries and allowances for the executive officers and the junior employees separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the value of the annual insurance coverage paid to the employees of National Water Supply and Drainage Board; and
 - (ii) the amount that has been paid to the relevant insurance company from 2019 up to now to obtain that insurance coverage?
- (c) If not, why?

1681/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the drinking water supplied by the Water Supply Board for many parts of the Mannar district is unhealthy as it is groundwater; and
 - (ii) the Water Supply Board, in the recent past, attempted to implement the Kallaru Reservoir drinking water supply scheme, however, the project has not been commenced so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to start the Kallaru reservoir water supply scheme; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the scheme will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

1761/2023

Hon. Samanpriya Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of lands owned by the Sri Lanka Railway Department that remain unused till now;
 - (ii) whether a register is maintained regarding the lands owned by that Department, located in each district;

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- (iii) whether the lands owned by the Department have been leased out as of now;
 - (iv) if so, the extent of lands leased out;
 - (v) whether a correct methodology has been followed in leasing the above lands out; and
 - (vi) of the annual tax revenue earned by leasing out the above lands?
- (b) If not, why?

1803/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(2)

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

2395/2023

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Pirivenas situated in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers currently serving at those Pirivenas;
 - (iii) of the educational qualifications that are considered for the recruitment of teachers to Pirivenas;
 - (iv) whether there are any vacancies for teachers in Pirivenas at present;
 - (v) if so, of the number of such vacancies; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to improve Pirivena education?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 04, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1816/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of instances where the Ceylon Electricity Board requested permission from the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka for emergency power purchases, each year separately from 2015 till date;
 - (ii) the number of such instances where permission was granted and not granted, separately;
 - (iii) the financial gain made by the Ceylon Electricity Board due to not receiving permission for emergency power purchases; and
 - (iv) the measures taken so far to avoid emergency power purchases?
- (b) If not, why?

2534/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Nilaveli, Kuchchaveli, and Pulmudai areas in Trincomalee district in Kuchchaveli Divisional Secretariat are places of tourist attraction;
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to promote tourism in the Kuchchaveli Divisional Secretariat; and
 - (iii) of the course of action the government has to develop the tourism industry in the areas mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

2578/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tanks situated in Ampara district;
 - (ii) separately, the water capacity of each tank;
 - (iii) of the aforesaid tanks the ones identified as needed to be renovated; and
 - (iv) of the amount allocated for the purpose?
- (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,—(3)

- (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?

2694/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the building where the Anuradhapura main post office is housed in, is in a dilapidated condition ;and
 - (ii) this poses a threat to the lives of even the customers and the employees?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to give the land in which the above building is located and owned by the Department of Posts, to a private company for a Housing Project neglecting the repair of the above building;
 - (ii) the conditions upon which the agreement has been reached for the above purpose as of now; and
 - (iii) whether it is feasible to undertake the above project in the same land while retaining the ownership of the land and the building with the Department of Posts?

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(c) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the measures that have been adopted to make the Department of Posts, currently running at a loss into a going concern; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to modernize the Department of Posts to suit the current society and the market needs?

(d) If not, why?

2847/2023

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the current progress of the Food Security Centre which is under construction in Dambulla;
- (ii) the total amount of expenditure incurred on the construction of the aforesaid centre;
- (iii) the reasons for the delay caused in its construction; and
- (iv) the date on which the said construction work is expected to be finished?

(b) If not, why?

2936/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that there is a Genetic Resources Center belonging to the Coconut Research Institute in Ambakele area in Puttalam district;
- (ii) of the number of milch cows rearing in the above center separately corresponding to each year from 2018 to date;
- (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the milk has not been obtained from the above milch cows since year 2018 to date; and
- (iv) the reasons for the above situation?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that audit queries have been raised that the revenue derived from milk yield of the above center has not been accurately posted in the accounts; and
- (ii) of the steps that will be taken in this regard?

(d) If not, why?

2973/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools which have less than 200 students;
 - (ii) of the names of those schools;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that those schools are faced with the risk of being closed down; and
 - (iv) if so, of the action that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 05, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3079/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately in respect of each of the years from the year 2010 to the year 2022:
 - (i) of the operational profits/losses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) of the amounts remitted as contributions by the Sri Lanka Transport Board to the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees' Trust Fund?
- (b) If not, why?

3097/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the observations and recommendations made on the Senior Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nilantha Jayawardhana in the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate on the Easter Sunday Attack;
 - (ii) of the date on which he was appointed to the position of the Head of Police Administration Division, the date on which he was recommended for the said position and separately of the names of the individuals and institutions that recommended him for the aforesaid position;

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- (iii) of the factors that contributed towards the appointment of the above officer to the said position in spite of being alleged in relation to the Easter Attack; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to reconsider the above appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

3109/2023

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the number of horses in the Delft island of Jaffna at present;
 - (ii) of the year of which the horses were brought to the said island;
 - (iii) of the food given to the said horses;
 - (iv) of the number of officers appointed to look after the said horses; and
 - (v) of the measures taken to protect these horses?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
- (i) whether a divisional office of the Forest Conservation Department has been established in the Delft island; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for not having an office are?
- (c) If not, why

3233/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether China has made a request from the Ministry of Agriculture to send toque macaques of Sri Lanka for zoos in China;
 - (ii) what actions have been taken to send the above mentioned toque macaques to China accordingly; and
 - (iii) the income that could be generated by sending the said toque macaques to China?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the measures that have been taken to mitigate the crop damage caused by toque macaques; and
 - (ii) the allocation that has been made for that?
- (c) If not, why?

3322/2023

Hon. (Dr.) (Ms.) Harini Amarasuriya,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of funds allocated and released to the Postgraduate Institutions for the period from 2019 to 2023;
 - (ii) of funds allocated for capital expenditure and recurrent expenditure out of the aforesaid allocated funds;
 - (iii) of the approved academic cadre and the non-academic cadre of the above institutions; and
 - (iv) of the vacancies exist in the academic cadre and the non-academic cadre of the aforesaid institutions by now?
- (b) If not, why?

3352/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he is aware that the people in the estate community face severe difficulties in obtaining birth certificates as registration of new births is not duly carried out by them;
 - (ii) he admit that a solution be given to the difficulty they are facing due to not having a permanent address; and
 - (iii) steps be taken to raise their awareness, in their mother tongue, on the importance and necessity of obtaining a birth certificate?
- (b) If not, why?

3356/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land that belongs to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of that, the extent of land that has been cultivated at present; and
 - (iii) out of the lands belonging to the above mentioned Authority, the extent of land that has been reserved for residence in respect of each Mahaweli Zones, district and Divisional Secretary's division in Hectares, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the extend of Mud and Dry lands that have been given to each family unit living in the Mahaweli Zones at present in Hectares, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

3364/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the buildings in which the police stations housed in Kandy district are so many years old;
 - (ii) the barracks in the aforesaid police stations are difficult to be used?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to modernize the aforesaid buildings;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to provide a proper service to the people who turn up at the aforesaid police stations to obtain services from them?
- (c) If not, why?

3475/2023

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Whether he is aware that Mr. J.K.A. Gunapala of “Nandasiri” at Naimbala, Thihagoda has engaged in cultivation as the tenant farmer of the paddy land known as “Midella Kumbura” located at Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat in Matara for an extensive period of time whereas he is yet to receive the deed of the paddy land although Mr. Gunapala has submitted all the necessary documents to the Land Reform Commission for the purpose?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing the deed for the aforementioned paddy land thus far even after fulfilling the requirements mentioned in the letter 15/6/168/☉/1-111 dated 26.04.2013 with a copy being sent to Mr. Gunapala by the Chairman of the Land Reform Commission; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to provide the deed for the aforementioned paddy land?
- (c) If not, why?

3482/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Provincial Schools in Kandy district which were converted to National Schools after the year 2020; and
 - (ii) the number of Sinhala and Tamil medium schools, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land, the number of students and teachers that should be there in a National School as per the National School standards;
 - (ii) whether the National Schools mentioned in (a)(i) above are in compliance with those standards; and
 - (iii) if not, the basis on which those schools were converted to National Schools?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, October 06, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

10/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there are deficiencies in the data regarding the number of persons who have been questioned and the number of those who have been arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday attacks;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who have been prosecuted in connection with the aforesaid attacks, and the name and the place of work of each of those persons separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the aforesaid persons are currently being paid half the salary and other allowances by the institutes at which they are employed; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to implement the law regarding the Easter Sunday attacks?
- (b) If not, why?

389/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that passengers on the Kandy-Matale railway line often find themselves in serious inconvenience because trains are held up long at the Wategama Railway Station owing to the absence of a double-track railway for trains travelling in opposite directions to pass by each other;

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- (ii) whether there is a possibility for developing a double-track line for the Kandy-Matale Railway Line, which consists of only a single-track at present;
 - (iii) if so, whether a feasibility study has been undertaken in this regard; and
 - (iv) what the cost for such an undertaking is?
- (b) If not, why?

422/2023

Hon Gayantha Karunathilaka,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lankan employees who returned to Sri Lanka due to Covid-19 pandemic and re-migrated for employment;
 - (ii) whether he admits that some of those employees were unable to re-migrate owing to losing jobs upon returning to Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the steps that have been taken in relation to those employees who lost foreign employment: and
 - (iv) whether the programme, of granting a Special Projects loan to those employees who have returned to Sri Lanka after completing foreign employment to start a tax free business as articulated in the ‘Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour’, is under way at present?
- (b) If not, why?

438/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) many varieties of malted milk are sold in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) some of them contain chemical compounds harmful to the human body?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a study has been done on the ingredients used to produce malted milk powder;
 - (ii) if so, what those ingredients are; and
 - (iii) of the separate proportions or quantities in which each of those ingredients is used?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tests have been conducted on the effect on the human body of drinking milk powder containing malt; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will table those tests reports?
- (d) If not, why?

693/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Facilities Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people in the villages of Kanchirankuda, Pawakkadichena, Panchena and Iluppadichena in the Wavunathivu Divisional Secretary's division in the Batticaloa district, are not yet provided with drinking water facilities; and
 - (ii) the people living in those villages are faced with an acute shortage of water owing to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps would be taken to provide drinking water facilities to the above villages; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time within which those villages would be provided with drinking water facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

3506/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the interest rate given in the year 2022 for the account balance of the provident fund maintained for the officers of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the interest rate given in the year 2022 for the account balance of Employees Provident Fund (EPF);
 - (iii) of the rate of interest given in the year 2022 for the account balance of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF);
 - (iv) if there is any difference between the interest rates given for the account balances mentioned above, the reasons behind for such difference?
- (b) If not, why?

3515/2023

Hon. Asanka Navarathna,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government hospitals in Kurunegala district; and
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid hospitals?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of employees currently working in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (ii) separately, of the current number of vacancies in the positions of doctors, nurses and junior staff in each hospital;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of doctors, nurses and junior staff employees who have taken foreign and local leave in each of the aforesaid hospitals from 2020 to 2023;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of doctors, nurses and junior staff employees who have retired during the aforesaid period?
- (c) If not, why?

3522/2023

Hon. Uddika Premarathne,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of national schools have so far been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the program to establish 1000 national schools is still being implemented; and
 - (iii) If not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination was introduced; and
 - (ii) of the purpose of introducing the said examination?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is accepted that there is a need for a change in the existing system of education; and
 - (ii) if so, of the changes that would be so required?
- (d) If not, why?

3644/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of liquor shops that are run in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of such liquor shops located in each Constituencies;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that most of the aforesaid liquor shops are located in or close to the plantation areas; and
 - (iv) if so, of the number of liquor shops located in such areas?
- (b) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that most of the liquor shops that are run in the Badulla District are located close to religious places or schools;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that by location of liquor shops inside or vicinity of religious places, schools and estates causes social problems to the people living in plantation areas and locals; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to remove the liquor shops that are run in above manner?
- (c) If not, why?

3663/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent to construct Mahinda Rajapakse International Cricket Stadium at Sooriyawewa;
 - (ii) whether foreign donations were received for the construction of the stadium; and
 - (iii) if so, separately, the value of each foreign donation?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders had been called to construct the aforesaid stadium;
 - (ii) if not, the procedure followed to select the relevant construction company; and
 - (iii) if the construction had been carried out by a foreign company, its Sri Lankan agent?
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of government funds spent for the construction of the stadium;
 - (ii) of the institutions the funds were obtained; and
 - (iii) separately, the income and the expenditure of the stadium from the date it was declared open according to each year?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.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.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.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.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.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.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.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 Lankan 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.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.

P.31/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law,— Re-promotion of traditional local vegetable and fruit seeds,— That this Parliament resolves that the government shall implement a national program to re-promote traditional indigenous vegetable and fruit seeds that are currently depleting in Sri Lanka because it is costly to import seeds to meet the local deficit of traditional vegetable and fruit seeds and also the seeds obtained from the harvest of such imported seeds are dormant whereas the yield obtained by germinating traditional indigenous seeds contain more properties resilient to pests.

P.32/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney at Law,— Establishment of an institution attached to the subject Ministry of Vocational Training to issue an identity card for skilled workers,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to establish an institution attached to the subject Ministry of Vocational Training to register skilled workers and to issue an identity card since both the skilled workers who are trained in institutions and persons having an innate ability to engage in certain occupations are among such employees and there is no registration agency for those employed in the trades such as masonry, carpentry, motor-mechanic, welding, painting, etc., hence, the same person engages in several occupations and also for the convenience of providing medical treatment in the event that a skilled worker meets with an accident, there arises the need to produce an identity card including information on the blood group and including the information conforming the identity of the skilled worker to the person who obtains his services.

P.33/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney-at-Law,— Granting transfers to officers in combined service and all island services once every five years, — That this Parliament resolves that the government should make necessary arrangements to provide transfers every five years to the officers who are engaged in the combined service and all island services in order to establish an efficient and optimal public service, as working in one place for more than five years leads to a depletion in gaining experience and knowledge of special skills, as they will be deprived of the opportunity to relieve frustration and distress and perform duties with a refreshing, enthusiastic, fresh mindset, as the resulting social interactions may lead to irregularities, fraud, and

corruption, and due to political and social relationships, obstacles may arise to maintain an independent service, and as the positive effect of increasing diversity of experience in divisional administration is less.

P.34/2023

Hon. Sagara Kariyawasam, Attorney-at-Law,— Engaging school students in extracurricular activities one day a week, - That this Parliament resolves that the government should urgently prepare a suitable program taking into consideration the prevailing situation to engage students in compulsory extracurricular activities on one day, such as Friday, out of the five school days, to prevent serious problems that may arise in the future, as social analysts have presented facts that the mental stress of school students has increased by not engaging in extracurricular activities by them due to various factors, and as it has been psychologically proven that the mental and physical development of students takes place by engaging in sports and aesthetic activities such as music, art, dance and agricultural activities such as gardening.

P.35/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— Standardization of unhygienic hotels, bakeries and canteens,— This Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to standardize unhygienic hotels, bakeries and canteens with the intervention of Ministry of Health and Public Health Inspectors in this respect, since the standard and the cleanliness of hotel and bakery products in the market remain at minimum level and since the chairman of the Association of Canteen Owners has himself stated that there exists a greater chance of customers being exposed to ailments due to certain bakery products are unhygienic.

P.36/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— Standardization of goods purchased online,— This Parliament resolves that the government should take action to standardize goods purchased through the internet, since a greater tendency has been created among customers to purchase goods and services via the internet at present, since there is no possibility to identify the parties responsible for the complications faced by the consumers while consuming the above products, and since a greater possibility may arise that this situation encourages various disparities and divisions in the society and gives rise to conflicts.

P.37/2023

Hon. Jagath Samarawickrama,— Launching a staff-participated cultivation program in lands belonging to the state institutions in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make the necessary arrangements to launch an island wide food promotion programme on the lands owned by the government institutions in our country with the participation of the staff and appraise on national level the most successful cultivations after imparting special training to the selected government employees, who are interested in cultivating, from agricultural training centres in Gannoruwa and other areas, as it helps to earn additional income through the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, and yams, and to solve the food shortage prevailing in the country.

P.38/2023

Hon. Jagath Samarwickrama,— Carrying out dairy cattle management in national parks,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement an appropriate course of action to issue an identity card after identifying the real dairy farmers to carry out dairy farming management in national parks as the consumption of liquid milk and milk powder is high in Sri Lanka, a large amount of money is spent to import milk powder as the local milk production is not sufficient, and because of the dairy farmers have been discouraged due to the difficulties in finding grass for the dairy cows, and dairy farmers are taken into custody as they keep the cows in national parks illegally.

P. 39/2023

Hon. Samanpriya Hearth,— Expansion of Drumsticks (Moringa) Cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary steps to introduce market to expand Drumstick cultivation since Drumsticks and Drumsticks related products are in high demand in various countries of the world as well as in the local market, and Drumsticks cultivation is a great help to raise the economic level of the rural people and Sri Lanka can earn a lot of foreign exchange.

P.40/ 2023

Hon. D.Weerasinghe,—Promoting fruits that fulfill the vitamin requirement throughout the island,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps should be taken to popularize and promote Pineapple, Papaya and Banana as these three fruits which fulfill the vitamin requirement of adults and children and, since they are currently being imported and a lot of money is spent on importing those fruits to Sri Lanka, although they are grown anywhere in the island.

P.41/2023

Hon. D. Weerasinghe,— Expanding the local production of Finger Millet,— That this Parliament resolves the government should implement a proper program to expand local production of Finger Millet by identifying new varieties and promoting them among farmers since huge amount of foreign exchange is being spent to import bulk quantities of Finger Millet at present whereas the nutritionists have pointed out that Finger millet used from ancient times in Sri Lanka has the ability to prevent and control various kind of diseases.

P.42/2023

Hon. D. Weerasinghe,— Obtaining the contribution of senior citizens who possess various skills for the national economy,— That this Parliament resolves the government should prepare a proper program to encourage senior citizens, who spend lonely lives at elders' homes and in their own homes, to make products from the skills they possess and transform it to a livelihood by introducing new markets while helping them improve concentration since there is no mechanism available to obtain their active contribution towards national economy whereas no study has been carried out on the capability and the knowledge they possess to make environment friendly products as majority of senior citizens possess aforesaid various professional skills.

P.44/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Developing sports in estate sector,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sports development program should be launched in order to get the youth contribution of the estate sector for the sports development of the country, as they have displayed their skills locally and internationally, and they do not have any sports facilities in their estate schools as well as the estate areas where they live.

P.45/2023

Hon. Velu kumar,— Developing cricket in up country estate areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a special program should be implemented to provide necessary training facilities to the areas whether many talented players are residing, in order to get the contribution of the talented cricket players in estate areas, as Sri Lanka is a country which had earned international recognition in Cricket and the performance of the Sri Lankan Cricket team was very unsatisfactory in the recent past.

P.46/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Establishment of Tea small holding system in place of Tea Industry,— That this Parliament resolves that, as Sri Lankan tea plantation is of twofold like Tea estates and tea Small holdings, measures should be taken to transform tea estates system to tea small holdings and make the estate workers the owners of such tea Small holdings in order to develop the same since the estate tea plantations system is failing .

P.47/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improvement of Traditional Arts of Up Country People into a Commercial Activity,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should establish a suitable centre in order to facilitate the protection of Traditional Arts and improve them as commercial activity as up country people of Indian Origin of Estate Sector is a community representing Sri Lanka, and Traditional arts such as Nadagam, Kohombakale dance, kavadi dance and traditional stick dance are seen within this community.

P.48/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Setting up a Standard and a Regulatory System for Child Day Care Centers,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take appropriate steps to set up a proper standard and a regulatory system with regard to Day Care Centers for the safety and the welfare of the children who decide the future of the country, as private parties run Day Care Centers in different areas of the country and no proper standard, methodology and a regulatory system in regard to such centers that are run by estate Companies.

P.49/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Improving the process of forest cultivation in the Central Province,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should initiate necessary measures to stop cultivating the pine trees completely and launch the natural afforestation system as an alternative whereas most of the water catchment areas in Sri Lanka are located in the central hills, especially in the Kandy and Matale districts have severely been affected by pine cultivation.

P.50/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Providing drinking water supply to the Estate community of the upcountry,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be taken for the inclusion of plantation areas in the Government programme for the provision of potable water, having paid attention to the need for the implementation of drinking water supply programme carried out in other areas since the people of the plantation sector in the upcountry fulfill their drinking water requirement from natural water springs, rivers, canals and wells as a result of the poor implementation of plans for the supply of drinking water, whereas these people have to face various health problems owing to a situation where they are unable to find water suitable for drinking due to increasing population and environment pollution caused by excessive use of agrochemicals, and whereas a scarcity of water has occurred due to the diversion of water in plantation areas to other parts of the country.

P.51/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Acquisition of estate roads to the Government,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to acquire the estate roads to be under the Local Government and Provincial Council roads as the ownership, as management and administration of estates that have a significant place in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka are subjected to changes at different times whereas the dwellings of the plantation workers are located in the middle of the estates far away from the main road and whereas the estate roads used by these people are in highly dilapidated condition with no development.

P.52/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayake,— Empowerment of female-headed families,— That this Parliament resolves that a sustainable plan be drafted by the government to successfully respond the problematic situation which has arisen and encountered by the female headed families in a context where 25% out of the total family units in Sri Lanka are female headed families, whereas 50% out of the said females are widows and whereas the issues related to gender, land ownership and limitations of livelihood opportunities, are prominent among the major challenges faced by the aforesaid families and whereas the females already engaged in livelihood activities encounter immense difficulties and hindrances related to lack of training and facilities required, and further, whereas matters pertaining to marketing and issues related to prioritizing male children in land inheritance matters hamper them immensely.

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.

P.54/2023

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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P.55/2023

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— Resolution for the Temporary Suspension of Representing Committees of Parliament by the Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem, Member of Parliament,— Whereas the illegal act of misconduct committed by the Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem, Member of Parliament of Puttalam district, has been referred to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges of Parliament for an investigation at present, and whereas the involvement of the relevant Member of Parliament in the Committees of Parliament creating a problematic situation in relation to the conduct of Members of Parliament, this Parliament resolves that the Hon. Ali Sabri Raheem should not represent the Committees of Parliament until the said investigation is over.
