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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 2

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Wednesday, October 04, 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,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas the Auditor-General is appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council, in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General is determined by the Parliament in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution, and it shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

And whereas the Cabinet Memorandum dated 28th August 2023 presented by the President, was considered at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 04th September 2023, and the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay pensionable allowances to the Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) to pay a pensionable monthly allowance of Rs. 25,000.00 to the Auditor-General from 01.07.2019 to 31.12.2022; and
- (b) to increase the above mentioned allowance of Rs. 25,000.00 up to a pensionable allowance of Rs. 50,000.00 with effect from 01.01.2023.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines to pay the aforesaid pensionable allowances to the Auditor-General, to be charged to the Consolidated Fund, in terms of Article 153(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2332/14 of 17th May 2023, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2332/53 of 20th May 2023, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Sections 2 and 5 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2337/16 of 22nd June 2023, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2340/45 of 13th July 2023, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2336/72 of 16th June 2023)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2338/54 of 30th June 2023)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No.3),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2341/64 of 21st July 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 Customs Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic and Policy Development under Section 107A(1) of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) as amended, relating to Customs Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2329/46 of 28th April 2023, which were presented on 19.09.2023, be approved.

(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 read with Sections 27, 36, 37, 39, 40 and 64 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2339/31 of 07th July 2023, which were presented on 19.09.2023, 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. 2347/10 of 29th August 2023, which were presented on 21.09.2023, be approved.

** Indicates Government Business.*

Thursday, October 05, 2023

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

** Indicates Government Business.*

(4)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, October 06, 2023)

3678/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately according to each service, of the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service, Sri Lanka Teachers' Instructors' Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service who-
 - (i) retired from 01.01.1997 to 31.12.2019;
 - (ii) retired from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020;
 - (iii) retired from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021;
 - (iv) retired from 01.01.1997 to 31.12.2021 and were deceased as at 31.12.2021?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of the number of persons who received the widows' and orphans'/widowers and orphans' pensions during the period from 01.01.1997 to 31.12.2021 separately per each year according to each of the above services?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

818/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that certain crowds of persons caused damage or destruction to houses and properties of people including Members of Parliament during the upheaval that took place on and around 09.05.2022;
 - (ii) what political parties the perpetrators of such damage or destruction are affiliated to; and
 - (iii) of the number of ordinary persons including Members of Parliament, Mayors, Chairpersons of Pradeshiya Sabbas, Members of Urban Councils and Members of Pradeshiya Sabhas whose houses or properties were lost, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of persons involved in causing damage to public properties during the dates mentioned above;
 - (ii) of the value of the public properties so damaged; and
 - (iii) what steps have been taken regarding the persons referred to in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

837/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

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

852/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Ranminitenna, Mahinda Rajapaksha National Tele-Cinema Park was constructed and vested in the people by the former government; and
 - (ii) the resources of that park are falling into decay by now as a result of not using that park in a productive manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount invested for the construction of the said Tele-Cinema Park ;
 - (ii) whether shootings are done at said park by now; and
 - (iii) of the arrangement to protect the resources at that park?
- (c) If not, why?

872/2023

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of a female children's home named "Avanthi Devi" situated in Anuradhapura town;
 - (ii) of the number of children receive shelter at the above-mentioned children's home at present;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that various irregularities occur at that children's home; and
 - (iv) if so, what measures will be taken regarding it?
- (b) If not, why?

1333/2023

Hon. Mohomad Muzammil,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether post-harvest losses have been reckoned during the transportation and sale of the vegetables and fruits produced in the Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (ii) if so, the financial loss as well as the loss of quantity separately; and
 - (iii) the courses of action that have been taken to prevent possible post-harvest losses in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

1719/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees, currently employed at the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
 - (ii) of the amount, spent on the payment of salaries, allowances and other facilities to aforesaid employees, since the year 2020 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees, recruited to the Board on contract basis, during the aforesaid period;
 - (ii) of the names of such employees and the amount paid to them;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to reduce the number of recruitments on contract basis as the Ceylon Electricity Board has adequate number of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

2018/2023

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in Polonnaruwa District—
 - (i) the total number of Samurdhi beneficiaries from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries empowered in the district during the aforementioned period;
 - (iii) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were removed from Samurdhi programme after the empowerment process; and
 - (iv) the number of persons who are newly eligible for Samurdhi allowance in lieu of the removed Samurdhi beneficiaries;
 by each Divisional Secretariat Division, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House what measures will be taken for an expedited disbursement of Samurdhi allowance for persons mentioned in the (iv) above?
- (c) If not, why?

2695/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who lost lands under the Dambulla Sacred Area Development Program;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of persons and their names who had received land plots up to now;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that certain persons who received land plots had sold them illegally;
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to address the matter?
- (b) If not, why?

2884/2023

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many organizations manufacture alcohol legally in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the name and address, and the owner's name and address in respect of each such organization;
 - (iii) what amount was paid as taxes by each of the organizations in each of the years from 2020 to date;
 - (iv) whether any of the organizations are in arrears with tax payments; and
 - (v) if so, what courses of action will be adopted to collect those taxes?
- (b) If not, why?

3667/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) land plots of 10 perches and 15 perches in Rajawella and Rajawella-North settlements had been given for 44 persons who were selected as land recipients by the land Kachcheri held by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority at the Victoria Residential Management Office on 27.12.2004; and
 - (ii) it was stipulated to pay an assessment value of three hundred thousand rupees and four hundred thousand rupees respectively for the land plots with extents of 10 perches and 15 perches?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to collect the above-mentioned assessment value from the concerned land recipients and to issue deeds for those lands immediately?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, October 18, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1462/2023

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the strength of the approved cadre of the Excise Department;
 - (ii) out of the number of employees working at the Excise Department, of the number of those belonging to that Department and the number of those belonging to the combined service separately;
 - (iii) of the amounts of the monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive-grade officers, non-executive grade officers and the minor staff of the Excise Department separately in terms of each post; and
 - (iv) of the amounts of the monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive-grade officers, non-executive grade officers and the minor staff belonging to the combined service separately in terms of each post?
- (b) If not, why?

1511/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of newly registered three-wheelers in Sri Lanka from 2015 to date and the revenue generated in each year, separately; and
 - (ii) of the province which has registered the highest number of three-wheelers during the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

1549/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who lost lands due to natural disasters in Sri Lanka since year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been recognized to be given to them;
 - (iii) of the areas in which the above lands are situated;
 - (iv) of the number of persons to whom alternative lands have been given so far among those that mentioned in (1) above; and
 - (v) of the date on which alternative lands will be given to the rest of the people?
- (b) If not, why?

1584/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government post offices were destroyed during the period 1988-1989;
 - (ii) if so, the number of government post offices destroyed during the above period; and
 - (iii) whether information be presented thereon?
- (b) If not, why?

1622/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that 154 cheques worth Rs. 7,676,874/- sent to the Consumer Affairs Authority by the Magistrate Courts in year 2020, for the fines imposed, had expired and had returned to the courts since the Authority had failed to encash them within the given period;
 - (ii) of the reasons that led to the Authority failing to encash the aforesaid 54 cheques within the valid period;
 - (iii) whether persons responsible in this regard have been identified;
 - (iv) if not, the reasons are; and
 - (v) of the number of cheques received by the Consumer Affairs Authority to date instead of the aforesaid 154 cheques that were returned to the courts and separately, the value of each cheque?
- (b) If not, why?

1642/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of milch cows in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of Liters of liquid milk produced annually; and
 - (iii) whether liquid milk has been imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the volume of milk powder imported to Sri Lanka from 2019 up to date and the amount of money spent on them, in relation to each year, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1682/2023

Hon. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a large amount of State lands in the Pallamadu-Sannar area;
 - (ii) there has been a long-standing demand that the lands be distributed among the residents in the area;
 - (iii) the said lands are claimed by various persons by producing deeds without any document, plan or evidence; and
 - (iv) the Divisional Secretary has sent them to the Department of Land Title Settlement to verify the accuracy of the said deeds;

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(b) Will he state—

- (i) the extend of State lands available in the Divisional Secretariat of Manthei West, Mannar District;
- (ii) whether the people of Sannar and Eichchalavakkai will be rendered the existing State lands in that area;
- (iii) whether the deeds produced without a plan, document or evidence are valid to claim ownership of the said lands; and
- (iv) the dates on which relevant decisions will be announced regarding the deeds sent to the Department of Land Title Settlement;

(c) If not, why?

1763/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the grant obtained from the World Bank under Agriculture Modernization Project in Sri Lanka in 2017;
- (ii) of that grant, the amount used for value addition of coir-related products;
- (iii) the remaining fund amount of that project in US dollars; and
- (iv) whether that provision be allotted for agriculture projects in the future?

(b) If not, why?

1804/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of schools in Monaragala district that come under the purview of the Provincial Council;
- (ii) separately, of the number of officers with Grades in Principal Service serving in aforesaid schools as Principals, Deputy Principals and Assistant Principals; and
- (iii) Separately, of the number of schools that have Principals with Grades and acting Principals out of the aforesaid schools?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that a decision had been taken to absorb the assistant teachers who serve as acting Principals to the Sri Lanka Principal's Service;
- (ii) if so, the date of which the aforesaid decision will be implemented; and
- (iii) if the decision will not be implemented, the reasons are?

(c) If not, why?

2396/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) how many agricultural research and production assistants serve in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) how many agrarian services centres are located within the District concerned;
 - (iii) whether he accepts that the buildings that house these agrarian services centres are in a dilapidated state;
 - (iv) whether moves are underway to repair those buildings; and
 - (v) whether provisions have been allocated for it?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 19, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1817/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons who died as a result of traffic accidents in Sri Lanka from 2015 up to now, separately for each year;
 - (ii) the reasons that have contributed to the increased number of traffic accidents in Sri Lanka by now, if that is the situation; and
 - (iii) the measures taken up to now to minimize traffic accidents?
- (b) If not, why?

2535/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which Kinniya Police Station in Trincomalee district was established; and
 - (ii) the party that owns the land on which the said police station has been established?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that it has not been possible to construct a permanent building for Kinniya Police Station as a result of maintaining that police station for a long time on a land owned by a private party; and
 - (ii) if so, of the measures taken to obtain a state land and a permanent building for the said police station?
- (c) If not, why?

2579/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies established in Ampara district;
 - (ii) of the services provided by the aforesaid Societies;
 - (iii) of the area where the highest number of cooperative outlets have been established in the district; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken to transform the cooperative movement in to an extensive public service?
- (b) If not, why?

2623/2023

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

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

2848/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of cold storages owned by the Ceylon Fishery Corporation at present;
 - (ii) areas where the cold storages have been established; and
 - (iii) capacity of each cold storage separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether such cold storage facilities have been leased to the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, what is the procedure followed to select those institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

2971/2023

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of registered institutes organizing pilgrimage to Dambadiva in India and their addresses separately for each district in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Sri Lankans who had worshiped Dambadiva from 2015 to 2018, separately, relating to each year;
 - (iii) Whether he is aware of the fact that certain institutes organizing pilgrimage to Dambadiva do not follow proper measures regarding the security of those pilgrims;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the said pilgrims suffer severe hardships as a result; and
 - (v) whether formal measures will be formulated to ensure the security of pilgrims and to regulate the institutes organizing pilgrimage to Dambadiva?
- (b) If not, why?

3080/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of the amounts granted by the Treasury to the Sri Lanka Transport Board, separately in respect of each of the years from 2010 to 2015 as subsidy for—
 - (i) monthly and annual season tickets;
 - (ii) season tickets issued to personnel of the three forces and the Police; and
 - (iii) transport services operated as “Nisi Seriya”, “Gemi Seriya” and “Sisu Seriya”?

- (b) Will he also inform the House whether the subsidies concerned are still granted?
- (c) If not, why?

3098/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the determination of the Supreme Court in relation to the fundamental rights petitions that had been filed, was delivered;
 - (ii) the name, address, the position held at present, the position held at the time of the delivery of the aforesaid determination and the place of service of each individual convicted by that determination, separately;
 - (iii) whether he admits that those persons still holding very high positions in the above mentioned institutions is an impediment to implement the above determination of the Supreme Court; and
 - (iv) if so, the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

3155/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of officers serving by now in the posts of Inspector of Police sergeant and Police Constable of Sri Lanka Police, separately;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies that exists for each of the said posts by now, separately;
 - (iii) the methodology followed in granting promotions to the officers serving in the said posts;
 - (iv) the time will be taken to promote to the post of Police Sergeant from the post of Police Constable; and
 - (v) the methodology followed by now in recruiting Police Constables to Sri Lanka police?
- (b) If not, why?

3578/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number Sri Lankan migrant workers in foreign countries as of now;
 - (ii) of the number of such workers separately according to the country with the highest number of Sri Lankan migrant workers and the country with the lowest number of Sri Lankan migrant workers;
 - (iii) of the countries with which Sri Lanka maintains diplomatic relations and with which Sri Lanka does not maintain diplomatic relations separately, among the countries where those workers are employed;
 - (iv) whether he admits the importance of maintaining diplomatic relations with the countries where Sri Lankan workers are employed for the welfare of Sri Lankan workers; and
 - (v) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, October 20, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3107/2023

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the tourist locations of the Delft island, Jaffna;
 - (ii) the number of tourists who visited Delft island from year 2010 to 2020, separately for each year;
 - (iii) whether the said tourist destinations are maintained in order to attract more tourists?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the names of the tourist locations renovated out of the tourist destinations mentioned in (a)(i) above;
 - (ii) the amount allocated to renovate the said tourist locations;
 - (iii) if the said tourist locations are yet to be renovated, the reasons are;
 - (iv) the measures taken by the Ministry to protect and maintain tourist locations properly situated in Delft island?
- (c) If not, why?

3174/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount allocated by the government to purchase paddy from year 2017 to 2021;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount allocated for each district;
 - (iii) of the amount allocated for each district as a percentage of the total amount; and
 - (iv) quantity of paddy purchased during the aforesaid period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated by the government to purchase paddy in year 2022;
 - (ii) of the quantity of paddy purchased to date in year 2022; and
 - (iii) of the amount spent for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

3234/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a cash bundle worth of Rs. 5 million has disappeared from the “Currency Issue Vault” of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether investigations have been launched to detect the officers accountable in that regard; and
 - (iii) of the current progress of the above mentioned investigations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether CCTV cameras have been fixed in the “Currency Issue Vault”;
 - (ii) whether an investigation has been launched on the CCTV footage recorded in the said CCTV system; and
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken to ensure the security of cash that has been deposited in the Central Bank of Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

3335/2023

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) of the name of each Presidential Task Force established after November 2019, the date established, the number of meetings held thus far, the names, positions and qualifications of the members as well as wages, allowances and additional facilities provided;
 - (ii) of the objectives sought to be achieved through each task force; and
 - (iii) of the progress towards such targets?
- (b) If not, why?

3338/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it was decided by the budget proposals of 2016 to make a one off payment of Rs.250,000.00 to the 1980 July strikers instead of the monthly payment of Rs. 6,000.00 which was paid to them until 31.12.2015 under the programme of providing redress to the persons who lost employment for engaging in the aforesaid strike;
 - (ii) accordingly, the above sum has been duly paid to the strikers who completed 65 years of age up to December 2022; and
 - (iii) no striker who has completed 65 years from January 2023 up to date has been paid with this sum?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the payment of that sum to the strikers mentioned in the (a) (iii) above will commence; and
 - (ii) the reasons for not paying that sum to them?
- (c) If not, why?

3350/2023

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Chief overseer currently employed at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children has been serving in the same hospital for more than 16 years; and
 - (ii) a large number of complaints have been received by the Ministry of Health regarding various irregularities committed by him?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the abandonment of the investigations into the aforesaid complaints;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not taking any action against the above employee; and
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to avoid the misconducts and irregularities committed by him?
- (c) If not, why?

3355/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archaeological sites identified by the Department of Archeology to be gazetted as archaeological sites at present;
 - (ii) separately of the name of each archaeological site and the province, district and divisional secretariat division where they are located;
 - (iii) of the number of archaeological sites gazetted so far; and
 - (iv) separately of the name of each archaeological site, the province, district and divisional secretariat division in which they are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a time frame has been fixed for gazetting archaeological sites which have not been gazetted so far as archaeological sites; and
 - (ii) if so, what the said time frame is?
- (c) If, now why?

3366/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) the families of those killed in the Easter Sunday terror attacks have been compensated;
 - (ii) a program has been put in place to care for children who lost their parents in the attack;
 - (iii) a monthly allowance is paid to their relatives for taking care of such children; and
 - (iv) government-sponsored foreign treatment has been arranged for the people injured in the attack?
- (b) If not, why?

3483/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a Cabinet decision has been taken on 06.09.2021 in relation to establishing Dairy farms in the estates belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the extents of land in acres obtained from each of the estates of “Galaboda” and “Mount Jin” for that purpose;
 - (ii) the name of each estate that obtains such land, names of directors of each company and the nationality of each such director (whether local/foreign);
 - (iii) the advance payment made by each of the above companies and the annual tax of an acre; and
 - (iv) the number of line houses and worship places in separated lands for the Dairy farms in the aforesaid estates?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is sufficient lands in the Dairy farms in the districts in which the above estates are located;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which the above estate lands are given for Dairy farms; and
 - (iii) whether feasibility study have been conducted in relation to establishing those dairy farms?
- (d) If not, why?

3505/2023

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

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

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into the allegations levelled by the programme telecast by the “Channel 4” of Britain on the Easter Sunday suicide bomb attack,— Whereas the Easter Sunday suicide bomb attack of 21st April 2019 which claimed the lives of 269 people and wounded over 500 people caused a colossal impact on the economy of this country and probed at various levels including a Presidential Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the said attack;

Whereas the programme telecast by the “Channel 4” Television channel of Britain on the 05th of September 2023 titled “**Sri Lanka’s Easter Sunday Bombings–Dispatches**” has alleged that senior Intelligence Officers of the Army and some politicians have had connections with the terrorists who unleashed the said suicide attack which took place on 21.04.2019;

Whereas the then Attorney General, Dappula De Livera, P.C. has stated at a discussion with “News First” on the 17th May 2021, when his retirement was around the corner that a huge conspiracy was behind this attack and even though Naufer Moulavi was one of the main figures and the group leader of this conspiracy, it cannot

be exactly opined that he was the mastermind of the attack and that though Saharan Hashim decided to carry out the attack he is only one individual involved in the conspiracy, despite the fact that he had direct access to all investigation materials, Investigation reports, evidence and other such information;

Accordingly, there arises reasonable doubts that the then Attorney General, Dappula De Livera, P.C., has got some information that has not been revealed so far regarding the Easter Sunday attack, and whereas his statements and the facts based on which such statements were made have to be properly disclosed; and

Whereas Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam, MP, addressing the Parliament on 08.09.2023 after the release of the “Channel 4” video, levelled an allegation against judges and officials of various capacities regarding this incident by presenting an video recording, and the YouTuber named Ajith Dharmapala, too, has spread various controversial facts among the society stating the names of various persons;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into whether there are facts which reveal that the officials and politicians, against whom accusations are levelled by the aforesaid “Channel 4” programme and by other parties, have had relationships or had conspired with the terrorists who launched the suicide attacks or regarding any action or inaction, and to study the investigations that have been carried out so far by the Sri Lanka Police, and to report to Parliament.

2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and
(b) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall consist of Eleven (11) Members.
 3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.
 4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of two months (02) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.
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