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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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. Hesha 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?

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3074/2023

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(3)

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

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 regard to the Ester attack 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?

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;

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- (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?

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3109/2023

Hon. Sivagnanam Shrinathan,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(2)

- (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

3174/2023

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(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;

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- (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?

3232/2023

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(2)

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

3409/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Carpeting and developing of the “Gammana Road” which is about 1.5 km, in Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat Division, No. 668 Aluthgama Grama Niladhari Division, commenced under the program of carpeting hundred thousand rural roads but was discontinued midway about 6 months ago;
 - (ii) that the tar and concrete parts of the road were removed and only an ABC layer was placed in places and due to the rain, the ABC layer has also washed away and now it is so dilapidated that traveling is almost impossible; and
 - (iii) that Kalutara Provincial Road Development Authority has sent an estimate to place a layer of tar for that road as a temporary solution until carpeting?

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- (b) Accordingly, will he inform this House as to when the above road be repaired quickly using a temporary layer of tar?
- (c) If not, why?

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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Thursday, November 16, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?
- (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?

3351/2023

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

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

3358/2023

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

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

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3364/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (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?

3484/2023

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

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

Friday, November 17, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3515/2023

Hon. Asanka Navarathna,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (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 separately—
 - (i) of the number of employees currently working in each of the aforesaid hospitals;

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- (ii) of the current number of vacancies in the positions of doctors, nurses and junior staff in each hospital;
 - (iii) 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) of the number of doctors, nurses and junior staff employees who have retired during the aforesaid period?
- (c) If not, why?

3646/2023

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the management of the estates that were under the Janatha Estate Development Board, State Plantations Corporation and the State entrepreneurship were given to private companies on Lease basis;
 - (ii) If so, what those companies are; and
 - (iii) the number of estates so given?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the period of lease of the above mentioned companies;
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to extend that period of lease;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that those companies have sub leased the above mentioned estates; and
 - (iv) if so, what those companies/institutions are?
- (c) Will he further state—
- (i) whether those estates have acted in a manner as to protect the labour rights in sub leasing the estates; and
 - (ii) whether steps would be taken to prevent the sub leasing of estates that happen in an illegal manner thus violating the labour laws and labour rights?
- (d) If not, why?

3663/2023

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (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?

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- (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 above 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?

3673/2023

Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the employees serving in the Dengue Control Programme on casual, substitute, contract and temporary bases under the Ministry of Health have been removed from service after year 2019;
 - (ii) of the number of employees who have been removed in that manner;
 - (iii) of the name, address and telephone number of each of those employees separately; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for removing those employees from service?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid employees, who have been removed from service, will be called back to service;
 - (ii) if so, of the date from which they will be called back to service; and
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken so far regarding those employees?
- (c) If not, why?

3707/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the situation by 01st October 2023, separately of —
 - (i) the number of teachers, grade holding principals and the principals of the Education Administration Service working in government schools;
 - (ii) the number of teachers who should be there for each subject of mathematics, science, technology, English, aesthetics, sports and primary education, and the number of teachers who are currently working there, in each education zone;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies in the post of principal in each education zone; and
 - (iv) the number of teachers serving as Acting Principals in each education zone?
 - (b) Will he inform this House separately of the names of the 20 education divisions where there is the biggest shortage and surplus of teachers and principals?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Saturday, November 18, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

9/2023

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

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

388/2023

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

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

3713/2023

Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the names of the judges appointed to and transferred from the High Court sitting in Batticaloa from 01st July 2020 and 31st December 2020;
 - (ii) whether the above transfers were done in the ordinary course of regular transfer of judges; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for the above mentioned transfers;
- (b) If not, why?

3718/2023

Hon. B. Y. G. Ratnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total tax revenue collected from value added tax since the date on which the value added tax (VAT) percentage was increased, up to date;
 - (ii) of the value of the said amount when compared with the same period of the previous year; and
 - (iii) of the percentage of the increase which has been resulted by inflation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of tax files which were newly opened and closed down after the enforcement of the new income tax rates;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who have migrated to foreign countries in the year 2023, out of those for whom tax files had been opened; and
 - (iii) of the monthly income received by the government through pay-as-you-earn (PAYE) taxes currently?
- (c) If not, why?

3730/2023

Hon. Akila Ellawala,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that researches have been conducted by the Ministry of Health jointly with the foreign countries to identify the feasibility of using B.T.I. bacteria as a biocontrol method to help combat the spread of dengue menace?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the said researches have been halted by now;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for the said matter; and
 - (iii) whether any invisible intervention has affected the said researches to be halted?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Monday, November 20, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

422/2023

Hon Gayantha Karunathilaka,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(3)

- (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 also 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,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the people in the villages of Kanchirankuda, Pawakkadichena, Panchena and Iluppadiyachena 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?

820/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the woman plays a special role in ensuring the safety of the family unit and her children;
 - (ii) of the total female population of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the female population of school-age among them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of single-parent family units in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of children in such family units;
 - (iii) whether a program has been implemented to provide education and improve the living standards of such children; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons thereof?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of teenage mothers in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the socioeconomic determinants of teenage motherhood; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to avert the situation?
- (d) If not, why?

840/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of coconut oil imported into Sri Lanka in each year from 2015 to 2022;
 - (ii) of the amount spent thereon; and
 - (iii) of the countries and companies from which the coconut oil was imported separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

854/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of roads, of which development work was commenced under the 100,000-kilometre Road Development Project;
 - (ii) what the names of such roads are;
 - (iii) of the length of the roads regarding which development work has been completed under the Project and the length of the roads in which development work has not been completed so far, separately; and
 - (iv) what amounts have been paid to contractors who carried out road development work under the Project referred to above and the amount that remains to be paid to contractors under the Project, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

875/2023

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government paddy storage centers in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) of the quantity of paddy stored separately in each of those warehouses; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to provide space in the above warehouses for the paddy stocks since paddy harvesting has now started?
- (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?

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?

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1334/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in regard to the G.C.E (O/L) Examination conducted in each year from 2016 to 2022—
 - (i) the number of students that appeared for the said examination;
 - (ii) the time taken for the release of the results of the said examination;
 - (iii) the time taken for the re-scrutiny of the results of the said examination; and
 - (iv) the date of commencement of the G.C.E (A/L) classes for the students that passed the said examination?
- (b) If not, why?

1465/2023

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of coconut lands owned by the Coconut Cultivation Board separately on per district basis;
 - (ii) of the volume of the coconut harvest that the aforesaid coconut lands yielded in year 2019;
 - (iii) of the extent of land that has been identified for new coconut cultivations;

- (iv) of the names of the areas in which the aforesaid lands are located; and
- (v) of the amount of the annual income earned by the Coconut Cultivation Board?

(b) If not, why?

2398/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of sites nominated as National Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the names of the said sites;
- (iii) whether action has been taken to conserve such sites; and
- (iv) whether provisions have been allocated therein?

(b) 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?

Thursday, November 23, 2023
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1513/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the annual fish consumption in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of that requirement, the quantity of fish locally supplied and the quantity of fish imported separately;
 - (iii) countries from which fish is imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the amount spent annually on importing fish?
- (b) If not, why?

1552/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families without permanent houses in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of houses which are thatched with temporary roofing sheets;
 - (iii) the areas where such houses are found in abundance;
 - (iv) whether arrangements would be made to provide permanent roofing sheets for those houses in future; and
 - (v) if so, what that methodology is?
- (b) If not, why?

1588/2023

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a circular has been issued notifying that certification should be obtained confirming that contributions have been made to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund by previous workplaces of the public servants before they submit applications to the Department of Pensions in order to receive pensions;
 - (ii) a large number of retired public servants are unable to receive pensions due to the above reason; and
 - (iii) certain public servants are unable to obtain the certificates from their previous workplace as per the aforesaid circular since those have already been closed down?

- (b) Will he inform this House, whether verification is required again as mentioned in (a)(i) above since after year 1980 all the female and male public servants should contribute to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund as contributions are made from the first salary of the aforesaid employees?
- (c) 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 154 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?

1643/2023

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of persons with special needs/persons with disabilities found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the monthly allowance paid to them; and
 - (iii) the amount spent annually to pay the said allowance?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether follow up is done to check whether attention has been paid to the needs of the said persons when public and private sector buildings are designed; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken regarding the buildings that have been constructed without paying attention to those needs?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, November 24, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1685/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that the people residing in the districts of Mannar, Vavunia and Mullativu are in need of mango plants of TOMEJC variety and solar powered water pumps?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to—
 - (i) provide 90,000 mango plants to 900 farmer families in the districts of Mannar, Vavunia and Mullativu for 300 farmer families in each district with 100 mango plants per farmer family; and
 - (ii) provide 1500 solar powered water pumps, each of which cost Rs.330,000/=, under 70% concession and 30% beneficiary contribution to each of the above mentioned districts, in order to enhance the production capacity of farmers?
- (c) If not, why?

1764/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of technical colleges and vocational training centers operating under Sri Lankan Vocational Training Authority;
 - (ii) of the areas in which the said institutes are established; and
 - (iii) of the number of academic and non-academic employees in the above mentioned institutes, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of courses being administered by technical colleges and vocational training centers;
 - (ii) whether the aforementioned courses have been updated to meet the present requirements; and
 - (iii) of the number of trainees who have been referred for local and foreign jobs out of those qualified from technical colleges and vocational training centers since 2015?
- (c) 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 Sri Lanka 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 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?

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?

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- (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?
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Saturday, November 25, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 into 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 project; and
 - (iii) separately, the value of the financial, property and human resources that the government has lost due to each of the aforesaid acts?

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(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether investigations have been carried out to identify the officers who are responsible for the acts mentioned in (a) (i) above;
- (ii) if the responsible officers have been identified, the action that has been taken against them;
- (iii) if no action has been taken against them, the reasons for that;
- (iv) whether action will be taken against them in future; and
- (v) the measures that will be taken to prevent the occurrence of such acts in future?

(c) If not, why?

2694/2023

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(2)

(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?

(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?

2849/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of reservoirs in Sri Lanka in which fresh water fishing industry takes place;
 - (ii) the places where those reservoirs are located; and
 - (iii) the annual fresh water fish yield of those reservoirs?
- (b) If not, why?

3579/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been reached to install an oil pipeline from India to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what underlying factors influenced the reaching of that decision;
 - (iii) of the objectives of installing that oil pipeline are; and
 - (iv) of the effect the installing of the oil pipeline will have on the energy sector of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

Monday, November 27, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2974/2023

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of registered children's homes in Ratnapura district according to each divisional secretariat;
 - (ii) separately, the name of each children's home, name of the person/institute who had obtained the registration, number of boys and girls in each home at present; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to monitor aforesaid children's homes since incidents of abuse had reportedly taken place in many children's homes?
- (b) If not, why?

3079/2023

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

- (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?

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?

3175/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of separately—
 - (i) the annual Tea production of Sri Lanka during 5 years before the year in which organic fertilizer was introduced by banning the use of chemical fertilizer, in Metric Tonnes;
 - (ii) the volume of Tea exported during that period in Metric Tonnes; and
 - (iii) the annual export income during that period, in relation to each year?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of separately—
- (i) the annual Tea yield since the introduction of organic fertilizer to date, in Metric Tonnes;
 - (ii) the volume of Tea exported during that period, in Metric Tonnes; and
 - (iii) the annual export income during that period, in relation to each year?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) of the increase or decline of the Tea production of Sri Lanka before and after the imposition of the ban on chemical fertilizer, as a percentage; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been adopted to encourage the Tea production at present?
- (d) If not, why?

3589/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, of—
- (i) the number of organisations proscribed after the Easter attack in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) the reasons that led to the proscription of those organisations;
 - (iv) those organisations, the organisations of which the proscription has been lifted at present;
 - (v) the reasons that led to the lifting of such proscription; and
 - (vi) the measures that have already been taken and the measures that will be taken in future in order to enforce the law against the persons who are directly and indirectly responsible for the Easter attack?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 28, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

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 Disسانayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(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?

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3483/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and 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?

3648/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Hindu kovils have been constructed in the estates and cities of Badulla District for the religious purposes of the Hindu people;
 - (ii) that estate kovils have been built using the membership fees collected from the monthly wages of estate workers and provisions made by public representatives; and
 - (iii) that many of the kovils constructed in the estates are partially constructed due to financial difficulties?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of kovils constructed in Badulla district;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to develop the kovils built around the estates;
 - (iii) if so, of the steps taken for the development/conservation of those temples?
- (c) If not, why?

3664/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total amount of money that has been spent on the construction of Rajapaksa International Airport in Mattala;
 - (ii) whether foreign donations were received for the construction of the said airport;
 - (iii) if so, of the value of each of the said donations separately;
 - (iv) of the amount of public funds spent on the construction of the said airport;
 - (v) of the names of the institutions from which the aforesaid funds were obtained; and
 - (vi) of the amounts of the income and the expenditure of the aforesaid airport from the date of commencement of its operations to date separately as per year basis?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of the aforesaid airport;
- (ii) if not, of the methodology adopted in selecting the concerned construction company for the construction of the said airport;
- (iii) if the construction works of the said airport were carried out by a foreign company, of the name of the agent of that company in Sri Lanka?

(c) If not, why?

3708/2023

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

(a) Will he state, separately—

- (i) the number of complaints received by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in each year from 2010 to date;
- (ii) the number of complaints against the politicians and the public officials among aforesaid complaints;
- (iii) the number of complaints referred to the Court in each year out of the complaints denoted in (i) above;
- (iv) the number of complaints/cases withdrawn by the Commission after preliminary investigation or during the court hearing; and
- (v) the names of the defendants in each aforesaid complaint/case?

(b) Will he also state, separately—

- (i) the number of complaints/cases in which a penalty was imposed or dismissed by the courts in each year out of the complaints referred to the courts from 2010 to date ;
- (ii) the names of the defendants in respect of each dismissed complaint/case; and
- (iii) the amount of fine recovered from the convicted persons in each year?

(c) If not, why?

3719/2023

Hon. B. Y. G. Ratnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the literacy rate in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the number of students who drop out of schools annually by their grade separately;

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- (iii) the number of vocational training courses available for school leavers; and
 - (iv) the number of students who got trained under the aforesaid vocational training courses from 2020 to 2022 separately according to each year?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of technical colleges in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of technical colleges functioning, out of the aforesaid colleges; and
 - (iii) the number of students currently studying in technical colleges?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 30, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) as to how many suspects were arrested by the police in respect of the Easter Attacks mounted on 21.04.2019; and
 - (ii) what steps were taken by the Ministry to appreciate the police officers who took action to arrest those suspects?
- (b) If not, why?

390/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) begging is illegal as per Section 3(a) of Vagrants Ordinance No.4 of 1841 and Section 40 of National Child Protection Authority Act, No.50 of 1998; and
 - (ii) beggars can be seen at public places and on pavements in the city of Kandy as well as in other cities of Sri Lanka and that there are women holding small children also among them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations have been conducted to check whether those women are drug addicts and to find out whether the extreme drowsiness of the children who are with those women is due to drugging them as well;

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- (ii) whether there is a possibility to provide school education to those children;
 - (iii) whether a follow up programme regarding these children has been implemented by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to build a housing complex for beggars?
- (c) If not, why?

424/2023

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

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

437/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the catchment area of the Gin Ganga near Heswatta in Gongala is being cleared using machinery;
 - (ii) a wide road has been constructed up to the top of the Gongala Hill; and
 - (iii) this has caused a landslide risk in this area in the future?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to prevent the aforesaid destruction of the environment; and
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of the measures that have been taken?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not implementing the order issued through the gazette notification for the addition of two thousand five hundred hectares of land from the Gongala Ecosystem to Sinharaja Forest; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to protect the Gongala ecosystem?
- (d) If not, why?

692/2023

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

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

Friday, December 01, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

821/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of state Universities established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of above Universities;
 - (iii) the Universities or the University institutes which are not coming under the universities act; and
 - (iv) the acts under which the above Universities have been established?

- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the number of students studying in state Universities and in other universities and the number of lecturers in the respective Universities separately as of year 2022;
 - (ii) the durations of the degree courses conducted by Sri Lankan Universities according to the respective degree courses separately; and
 - (iii) the measures adopted as of now, to increase the intake of students to Universities?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of—
- (i) the expense borne by the government for an ordinary graduate; and
 - (ii) the expenses borne by the government on a graduate doctor, engineer and a lecturer separately;
- (d) If not, why?

841/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
- (i) how many international cricket matches were played at the Pallekelle International Cricket Stadium, in each of the years from 2010 to 2022 separately;
 - (ii) how much was earned as income from each of these matches separately;
 - (iii) how much of money was spent for the maintenance of the Stadium concerned in each of the years from 2010 to 2022 separately; and
 - (iv) whether Sri Lanka Cricket funds the maintenance activities at the Stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

855/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) Is he aware that measures are being taken to issue permits to 26 new sand mines in Polonnaruwa, Manampitiya Bridge area;
 - (ii) if so, whether an environmental report has been obtained before granting such permissions; and
 - (iii) if so, whether the report will be tabled?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the granting of permissions referred to in (a)(i) above will have adverse effects on the drinking water necessities of the people living in the vicinity of Manampitiya Bridge; and
 - (ii) if so, the actions taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

876/2023

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the extent of paddy land that has been cultivated in Anuradhapura district in 2023;
 - (ii) the amount of paddy harvest expected through that; and
 - (iii) the plans that the Paddy Marketing Board has to purchase the said paddy harvest?
- (b) If not, why?

3685/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the projects/programmes that will be executed when the expected power capacity of 135 Megawatts which is to be generated through the proposed solar power project implemented under the Indian credit line is merged with the national grid;
 - (ii) whether public institutions, government schools and religious places will be included in the said projects/programmes;
 - (iii) if so, of the name, address and the Grama Niladhari Division of each religious place chosen from Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya Districts to install the said solar panels, separately;
 - (iv) out of them, separately, of the name, address and the Grama Niladhari Division of each religious place for which the relevant estimates have been approved so far; and
 - (v) of the date on which the said projects/programmes will be implemented?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Saturday, December 02, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1335/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Buddhist temples found in Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) whether the temples with many shortcomings out of the said temples have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, what those temples are; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to develop those temples?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the temples with archaeological value out of the said temples have been identified; and
 - (ii) of the programme implemented by now to conserve those temples?
- (c) If not, why?

1721/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House whether,—
 - (i) she is aware of the fact that there is a wildlife zone called “Herathgama” in Kurunegala district; and
 - (ii) she is aware of the fact that the surrounding villages of the above mentioned wildlife zone are threatened by wild elephants?
- (b) If so, will she inform this House of the measures that will be taken to provide solutions to the above issue?
- (c) If not, why?

2021/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of physiotherapists employed at the Sri Lanka Cricket;
 - (ii) name and address of each such physiotherapist separately;
 - (iii) nature of the duties of the physiotherapists mentioned above;
 - (iv) salaries and other allowances paid to them; and
 - (v) measures taken to overcome the current set back of the Sri Lankan cricket team?
- (b) If not, why?

2696/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools in Matale district;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) among aforesaid schools, of the number of schools at which Technology stream subjects are taught for G.E.C. Advanced Level;
 - (iv) of the names of aforesaid schools; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken to promote Technology stream among school students in Matale District ?
- (b) If not, why?

2885/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, as per each year, of the difference in trade balance between Sri Lanka and Thailand from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) separately, of the advantages and disadvantages that Sri Lanka receives, by entering a free trade agreement with Thailand?
- (b) If not, why?

Monday, December 04, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1466/2023

Hon. Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—(1)
 - (i) of the number of coconut seedlings that have been distributed by the Coconut Cultivation Board from 2019 up to now, separately according to each district and year;
 - (ii) of the amount spent by the Board for the distribution of the said seedlings, separately for each year;
 - (iii) of the criteria that were considered in distributing coconut seedlings; and
 - (iv) whether follow up is done regarding the progress of the seedling distribution programme?
- (b) If not, why?

1514/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation who have been subjected to political victimization since 2015;
 - (ii) whether formal investigations have been conducted into the aforementioned political victimization;
 - (iii) of the number of workers who have been granted relief out of the number of persons who have been subjected to victimization so far; and
 - (iv) of the number of persons still in need of relief?
- (b) If not, why?

1553/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the planned intake for the National Colleges of Education in future;
 - (ii) of the date on which appointments will be granted to the students of Colleges of Education who have completed the course;
 - (iii) the date on which the courses offered by the Colleges of Education will be upgraded to degree courses; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to award degrees to the students enrolled into the Colleges of Education in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1596/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies existing in the post of Management Service Officer of the Combined Service;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the results of the competitive examination held to recruit Management Service Officers in year 2021 have been released;
 - (iii) of the number of Management Service Officers to be recruited based on the results of the aforesaid examination; and
 - (iv) of the date they will be recruited?
- (b) If not, why?

2400/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the areas where shrimp farming is carried out in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the annual shrimp production in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the concessions granted to the shrimp farming industry;
 - (iv) of the measures taken to encourage shrimp farmers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of entrepreneurs engaged in shrimp farming for export purposes;
 - (ii) of the income earned from the export of shrimp from 2016 to date, separately according to each year;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to increase the revenue generated from the export of shrimp;
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, December 05, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1624/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a computerized Data System has not been established in order to obtain information about the vegetable seeds being sold by the Vegetable Seeds Sales Centers that come under the Department of Agriculture, quickly;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that it is essential to establish a Computerized Data System in order to obtain data on the production and supply of vegetable seeds quickly;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to establish the above mentioned Computerized Data System;
 - (v) if so, when; and
 - (vi) if such a Computerized Data System is not established, the reasons for that?
- (b) If not, why?

1644/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the manufacturing process is going on in Valachchenai paper factory;
 - (ii) of the types of paper manufactured in the aforesaid factory;
 - (iii) of the percentage of its paper production as a percentage of the total requirement in the country; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken to increase the production capacity of the factory concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

1686/2023

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) wild elephants and monkeys tend to continuously damage the crops belonging to the farmers of Wengala Chettikulam divisional secretariat area in Vavuniya district;
 - (ii) there is tendency of aforesaid farmers giving up farming since no permanent action has been taken by the Department of Wildlife regarding the matter; and
 - (iii) any action is yet to be taken in response to the written request I made from the Minister on 20-10-2020?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for not providing the sum of Rs. 368.2 million requested by divisional secretariat to construct an elephant fence covering 17 villages of Wengala Chettikulam; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to protect aforesaid cultivated lands from animals including wild elephants and monkeys?
- (c) If not, why?

1765/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of breeding centers under the purview of the National Aquaculture Development Authority;
 - (ii) the places where they are located; and
 - (iii) whether plans have been made to set up new breeding centers?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fingerlings that has been released to the reservoirs from 2015 up to date in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (ii) the number of fingerlings that has been planned to be released to reservoirs in future?
- (c) If not, why?

3238/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of carpentry training schools run in the Monaragala District under the Ministry of Industries of the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) out of those schools, of the names of the carpentry training schools that are operational at present; and
 - (iii) of the number of employees serving at those training schools separately on per designation basis?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of trainees who have received training from the carpentry training schools referred to in (a)(i) above separately on per year basis from 2018 to 2022;
 - (ii) out of those trainees, of the number of those who have been employed at present; and
 - (iii) of the other facilities that are provided to the aforesaid trainees in addition to employing them?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 06, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1819/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of railway compartments imported to Sri Lanka since 2015;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent thereon;
 - (iii) the countries from which the said railway compartments were imported; and

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- (iv) the companies which imported the said railway compartments to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of railway compartments currently in operation from the above compartments;
 - (ii) the number of railway compartments which are currently parked without being used for running;
 - (iii) the reasons for not making use of them; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to use the said railway compartments as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

2537/2023

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the main railway station and other railway stations in Trincomalee district separately;
 - (ii) the approved cadre of each of the above station separately;
 - (iii) the number of minor employees who currently work at each station separately; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken to fill the vacancies of minor employees in the above mentioned railway stations?
- (b) If not, why?

2581/2023

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 Mahapola higher education scholarships granted to university students by the Mahapola Trust Fund from year 2019 to date;
 - (ii) whether an extra amount of money have to be spent on university students who do not complete the degree within the due period; and
 - (iii) if so, the extra amount of money spent during the period of last 10 years?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the existing balance of Mahapola Trust Fund as of now; and
 - (ii) whether the concerning institutes make continuous provisions to the Mahapola Trust Fund?
- (c) If not, why?

2625/2023

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Department of Meteorology 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 actions that has been taken against them;
 - (iii) if no actions have been taken against them, the reasons for that;
 - (iv) whether actions 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?

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 taken to be promoted 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?
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Thursday, December 07, 2023
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2850/2023

Hon. U. K. Sumith Udukumbura,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Holiday Bungalows in the Forest Conservation Department;
 - (ii) of their locations; and
 - (iii) of the income that has been generated out of these holiday bungalows from the year 2019 to date?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any methodology has been drafted to provide accommodation facilities for foreigners in the holiday bungalows coming under the Ministry; and
 - (ii) of the number of tourists that have made use of the above holiday bungalows from the year 2019 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

2975/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) how many archaeological sites are in existence in each of the divisional secretariat divisions in the Ratnapura District; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money has been spent since 2015 for developing the sites?
- (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 by the Treasury?
- (c) If not, why?

3097/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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;
 - (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?

3580/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the date on which the intelligence sections received information during the period before the Easter attack that took place in Sri Lanka to the effect that such an attack may be launched ;
 - (ii) of the names of the government institutions and of the officers to whom such information had been sent, separately;
 - (iii) whether the sections concerned had given due attention to such information and adopted necessary measures after receiving such information;
 - (iv) of the information that has been recorded in the Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Look into the Easter Attack to the effect that due attention was not given to the information given by intelligence sections and of the names of officers associated with it; and
 - (v) of the courses of action that have been taken by now and what courses of action will be taken in future against the persons who did not take proper measures in respect of the intelligence information concerned, separately?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, December 08, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3110/2023

Hon. Sivagnanam Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total length of the roads in the Neduntheev island in Jaffna;
 - (ii) whether regular bus services are functioning in a manner which suits the requirements of the people residing here;
 - (iii) the number of buses operating in that island at present; and
 - (iv) the names of the roads on which the aforesaid buses are operating?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) that transport facilities are not available to a considerable number of people out of the people residing at aforesaid island;
 - (ii) the reasons for not paying attention to the transport facilities of that people; and
 - (iii) the date on which solutions will be provided to the transport problems encountered by these people?
- (c) If not, why?

3176/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately based on each year—
 - (i) of the annual paddy harvest of Sri Lanka in metric tons in the five years immediately prior to the year in which the use of chemical fertilizer was banned and organic farming was introduced;
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne on the importation of the chemical fertilizer during the said period; and
 - (iii) of the extent of land in which paddy was cultivated during the above period?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately based on each year—
 - (i) of the annual paddy harvest from the year in which the organic fertilizer was introduced up to date;
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne on the importation of organic fertilizer during the said period;
 - (iii) of the increase or the decrease of the paddy production as a percentage, prior to and subsequent to the ban imposed on the use of chemical fertilizer; and

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- (iv) of the increase or the decrease of the land extent used for paddy cultivation as a percentage, prior and subsequent to the ban imposed on the use of fertilizer?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the measures that have been taken to promote the paddy cultivation?
- (d) If not, why?

3235/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the private sector has been given permission to establish an aviation fuel storage facility in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that private entrepreneur; and
 - (iii) the criteria with which the said entrepreneur was selected?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of requests submitted by the private sector for establishing aviation fuel storage facilities; and
 - (ii) the criteria by which permission would be granted for those requests in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

3411/2023

Hon. Imtiaz Bakir Makar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the names of the faculties in each state university established in Sri Lanka, the area where each faculty is established, the degree courses offered, the language medium in which the degree courses are conducted, the number of students granted admission separately;
 - (ii) whether there are adequate number of lecturer and professors to conduct the above-mentioned degree courses in the respective language medium, if not, whether there are vacancies;
 - (iii) if any, the number of vacancies in the posts of lecturer and professor separately; and
 - (iv) what measures have been taken to fill up those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

3501/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a debt moratorium of 3 ½ years was given to the small and medium scale entrepreneurs related to the tourism industry in Negombo whose businesses were crippled due to the Easter attack, the Corona pandemic and the economic crisis;
 - (ii) however, a credit balance which is more than twice the actual balance that prevailed as at 2019, when the grace period was granted, has been credited to the accounts of the above entrepreneurs;
 - (iii) they have been informed of the probable acquisition of the mortgaged property according to the Parate execution, in case of any default in payment of the said loan balance?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether the financial institutions have been permitted to act as per their own requirements without considering the reasons for granting the debt moratorium;
 - (ii) whether it is accepted that only the loan balance that existed at the time of granting the debt moratorium should be paid and the interest for this grace period should be written off; and
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to write off the said interest?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Saturday, December 09, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3357/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land belonging to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka that has been given for investment projects at present in relation to each Mahaweli System, district and Divisional Secretary's division in Hectares, separately;
 - (ii) the name and address of the investor whom each such land has been given, the extent of land so given and the purposes for which the land that has been given is used, separately;

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- (iii) of the above lands, the extent of land that is not used for the purpose for which they were given;
- (iv) the investors who have obtained those lands; and
- (v) the steps that would be taken against them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the officer who is authorized to disburse the lands that belong to the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the extent of lands that has been disbursed at present in Hectares?
- (c) If not, why?

3367/2023

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) in which areas cinnamon is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) what extents of government-owned and privately-owned cinnamon lands, separately; and
 - (iii) what income is derived annually from cinnamon production?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka's cinnamon is exported;
 - (ii) if so, to what countries cinnamon is exported;
 - (iii) what volume of cinnamon is exported annually; and
 - (iv) how much export income is derived annually from exporting cinnamon?
- (c) If not, why?

3485/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the “New Village Authority for Plantation Region” has been established for carrying out development projects in the estates of the plantation region;
 - (ii) the administrative structure of that authority;
 - (iii) the names the officers who have been appointed for that authority so far; and
 - (iv) separately for each post, of the qualifications considered in making the aforesaid appointments?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the objectives of the aforesaid authority;
 - (ii) the functions performed by aforesaid authority; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid authority plans to conduct new programmes in future; and
 - (iv) if so, details of the aforesaid programmes?
- (c) If not, why?

3665/2023

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent to construct Magam Ruhunupura International Convention Centre;
 - (ii) whether foreign donations were received for the construction of the aforesaid Centre; 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 Convention Centre;
 - (ii) if not, the procedure followed to select the relevant construction company; and
 - (iii) if the construction of the Convention Centre 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 Convention Centre;
 - (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?

3681/2023

Hon. Vadivel Suresh,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the upcountry railway is a special railway track that has grabbed tourists' attraction ;
 - (ii) 4 passenger trains from Colombo to Badulla and Badulla to Colombo on weekdays and one additional tourist train on the weekend are operating on the said railway track?

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- (iii) a huge traffic jam has arisen in those trains as people residing in the upcountry and other surrounding areas use the aforesaid trains as their mode of transport; and
 - (iv) both locals and foreigners those who travel to tourism zones such as Kandy, Demodara, Bandarawela and Nuwara Eliya have been inconvenienced due to the aforementioned traffic jam?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to increase the number of train journeys or increase the number of carriages used in currently running journeys to prevent the said traffic congestion ; and
 - (ii) whether expeditious steps will be taken to increase the facilities of the Badulla-Colombo night mail train?
- (c) If not, why?
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Monday, December 11, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

10/2023

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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?

391/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands possessed by Kandy National Hospital have been acquired by unauthorized residents; and
 - (ii) more than half of the lands belong to the said hospital have been dispossessed due to the said matter?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of acres of lands that have been acquired as such;
 - (ii) of the number of unauthorized families residing in the said lands;
 - (iii) whether legal actions have been taken against the aforesaid families;
 - (iv) whether any arrangement has been made to settle the concerned unauthorized residents in another area;
 - (v) if so, what that plan is; and
 - (vi) whether necessary actions have been taken by the relevant institutions and authorities in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

425/2023

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the annual amount of foreign exchange that Sri Lanka earns, from the coconut kernel based products;
 - (ii) of the number of registered industrialists who produce coconut kernel based products;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there are industrialists who process coconut kernels in illegal manner and supply such products to legitimate institutions;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that Sri Lankan brand of coconut products get damaged in the international market, due to the importation of low quality products; and
 - (v) of the measures that are being taken to prevent the importation of substandard coconut kernel based products?
- (b) If not, why?

3711/2023

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately for each year, of—
 - (i) the number of road accidents;
 - (ii) the number of fatal accidents;
 - (iii) the number of persons that got killed, totally disabled, seriously injured and hospitalized with minor injuries due to road accidents;
 - (iv) the number of vehicles involved in accidents; and
 - (v) the number of vehicles destroyed beyond repair among the vehicles damaged in road accidents;
 in Sri Lanka from 2021 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the annual additional expenditure incurred by the Government on account of road accidents has been calculated; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the amount of the annual additional expenditure incurred on the sectors of health, highways and transport?
- (c) If not, why?

3720/2023

Hon. B.Y.G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who applied for the G. C. E. (Advanced Level) examination from 2019 to 2022 and the number of candidates who sat that examination in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that many of those candidates do not sit the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for that?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which new education reforms are expected to be implemented; and
 - (ii) the major reforms that are expected to be implemented regarding the G.C.E.(Ordinary Level) and G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examinations under the new education reforms;
 - (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies for teachers in the government schools in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the measures that will be taken to address that teacher shortage?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

439/2023

Hon Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the companies that submitted tenders for printing the security sticker to be affixed on the packs of imported liquor;
 - (ii) the bids offered by each of the said company/institution separately;
 - (iii) whether the copy of the tender submitted by Madras Security Printers Institution which got the above tender, will be presented;
 - (iv) the persons who approved the award of the tender to the said institution;
 - (v) the qualifications that the said institution possessed when compared with other institutions; and
 - (vi) whether the report relevant to the selection of the said the institution will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the above institution had letters confirming ISO 9001/14298/27001 certification and IHMA membership at the time of submitting tenders,;
 - (ii) if so, whether the copies thereof will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether there was a methodology to confirm that the institutions which submitted tenders for the above tender were not internationally blacklisted entities;
 - (iv) if so, what the said methodology was;
 - (v) the local representative of the said institution; and
 - (vi) whether a copy of the tripartite agreement signed by the said institution for the supply of stickers and supply of security digital codes will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?

694/2023

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the BT/PT/ Kurukkalmadam Kalaivani Maha Vidyalaya in Batticaloa has been established on Main Street at present and part of the school's playground at the place where the school had existed formerly is under the occupation of the Sri Lanka Army;
 - (ii) for this reason, it has not been possible to use this playground for sports?

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- (b) Will he inform the House of the steps that will be taken to free the above-mentioned playground from the Sri Lanka Army?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether any other playgrounds in the Eastern Province are in the Army's custody;
 - (ii) if so, how many;
 - (iii) where they are located; and
 - (iv) what steps will be taken to free such playgrounds, too, from the Sri Lanka Army?
- (d) If not, why?

823/2023

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the year in which Sri Lanka obtained local and foreign loans for the first time and the amounts of money so obtained;
 - (ii) how much Sri Lanka has obtained so far from local and foreign sources in terms of US dollars and rupees separately; and
 - (iii) which countries or organizations have provided such loans?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) what amounts of money have to be spent annually in order to import fuel, gas, milk powder, foods and pharmaceuticals into Sri Lanka, separately, in US dollars; and
 - (ii) what amounts of money have been spent in each of the years from 2019 to 2022 to import essential goods, separately, in US dollars?
- (c) If not, why?

842/2023

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the sports schools established in the Colombo District;
 - (ii) of the number of students studying at each of those sports schools separately;
 - (iii) of the allowances and other facilities provided to those students; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to develop sports schools?
- (b) If not, why?

856/2023

Hon. Gamini Waleboda,—To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an injustice is caused to people belonging to certain ethnicities when they seek the service of police officers due to limitations in the use of language on the part of such police officers;
 - (ii) how many police officers at service in the Sri Lanka Police are capable of performing duties in Tamil language;
 - (iii) whether this number of police officers are adequate; and
 - (iv) if not, what steps have been taken to increase the number of police officers who can perform duties in Tamil language?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

877/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) of the number of officers recruited to the Sri Lanka Education Administration Service under the open and limited competitive examinations from 2010 up to date;
 - (ii) the name, address and current place of work of each such officer;
 - (iii) of the above officers, the number of officers who have furnished applications for transfers from 2018 up to date, the name, address and current place of work of each such officer; and
 - (iv) of the officers mentioned in (iii) above, the number of officers who have received and not received transfers up to date, the name, address and place of work of each such officer?
- (b) Will he also inform this house of the measures that will be taken to implement a fair transfer policy for the Sri Lanka Education Administration Service as are found in the services such as the Sri Lanka Principals' Service and the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service?
- (c) If not, why?

1336/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Buddhist temples found in Mannar district;
 - (ii) whether the temples in rural areas of the said district with many shortcomings have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, what those temples are; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to develop those temples?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the temples with archaeological value out of the said temples have been identified; and
 - (ii) of the programme implemented by now to conserve those temples?
- (c) If not, why?

1722/2023

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the 15th Asian Cup 2022 cricket tournament scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka was held in another country; and
 - (ii) the opportunity to make a huge contribution to Sri Lankan tourism through cricket was lost as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the factors that prevented Sri Lanka from hosting the said tournament; and
 - (ii) of the actions that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

2022/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of International Test Cricket Stadiums established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the areas they are located; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to construct an International Test Cricket Stadium for Polonnaruwa District?
- (b) If not, why?

2886/2023

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will she admit that—
 - (i) environmentalists have pointed out that there is a plan to lease to businessmen some extent of land in Nakolagane Grama Niladhari Division in Ehetuwewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Kurunegala District, stating that the said land is the fief belonging to Nakolagane Rajamaha Temple;
 - (ii) about 20% of Sri Lanka's wild elephant population lives in the above mentioned area; and
 - (iii) the elephant-human conflict in the above area may further escalate due to the lease of the said land?
 - (b) Will she inform this House of the action that will be taken regarding the above lease?
 - (c) If not, why?
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