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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1464/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Fisheries Co-operative Societies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of members of aforesaid societies at present;
 - (iii) as to which district has the largest number of Fisheries Co-operative Societies;
 - (iv) of the measures will be taken for the promotion of Fisheries Co-operative Societies?
- (b) If not, why?

1512/2023

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilizations and National Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of vehicles in public institutes in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles owned by Corporations and Statutory Bodies out the above vehicles;
 - (iii) the number of vehicles acquired by public institutes on rental basis; and;
 - (iv) the annual rental amount paid on vehicles that have been acquired on rental basis?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

1550/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cinnamon plants distributed among the cinnamon cultivators so far from the year 2019;
 - (ii) the number of cinnamon plants provided to each cinnamon cultivator; and
 - (iii) the areas in which the cinnamon plants have been distributed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the other facilities given to the cinnamon cultivators in addition to the cinnamon plants given; and
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money spent on promoting cinnamon cultivation so far in each year from the year 2019?
- (c) If not, why?

1586/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit—
 - (i) that floods do occur in Kalutara District frequently; and
 - (ii) there are areas which get inundated two or three times a year in the District concerned?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) what methodology is adopted for curbing floods in the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) what plans have been formulated by now to curb floods in that District; and
 - (iii) in which areas these plans are to be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

1625/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately for each year, of the number of complaints that had been resolved by 31 December 2020, out of 1556 complaints registered in the Legal Department of the Consumer Affairs Authority from 2015 to 2020; the number of complaints that was not investigated yet; the number of complaints withdrawn and the number of complaints to be called;

(3)

- (ii) of the reasons for not conducting investigations and providing solutions immediately, in regard to the complaints received by the Authority;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to introduce a suitable program to prevent the delay in conducting investigations and resolving complaints received by the Authority ?
- (b) If not, why?

1645/2023

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Motor vehicle examiners employed in the Department of Motor Traffic;
 - (ii) of the number of reports submitted by them after inspecting the vehicles involved in accidents since 2015 to date;
 - (iii) whether the root causes for frequent accidents have been identified and the recommendations thereof incorporated into those investigation reports; and
 - (iv) if so, whether actions would be taken to compile those recommendations as a policy and then be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

1688/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 28,201 persons belonging to 8,614 families receive healthcare services from Settikulam base hospital in Vavuniya; and
 - (ii) aforesaid persons have to travel to Vavuniya hospital, which is situated 40 kilometers away, due to lack of basic facilities in aforementioned hospital?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the buildings where ward numbers 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 as well as the laboratory and clinics are situated are old in Settikulam base hospital;
 - (ii) there is neither a Judicial Medical Officer nor a Coroner serving in the Settikulam hospital although a mortuary is also situated within the premises; and
 - (iii) as a result the bodies of the deceased have to be taken to Vavuniya hospital to conduct post-mortem examinations?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether allocations will be made to renovate buildings mentioned b(i) above; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to appoint a Judicial Medical Officer and a Coroner to the hospital?
- (d) If not, why?

1766/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Government Seed Production Farms in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the areas where they are established; and
 - (iii) the varieties of seeds produced in them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether varieties of seeds are imported ;
 - (ii) if so, of the varieties of seeds that are imported; and
 - (iii) of the total amount spent on importation of varieties of seeds since year 2018 to 2022?
- (c) If not, why?

2397/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of State owned Textile Centers in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) of the number of employees employed in such centers;
 - (iii) whether he admits that textile products are in decline;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to promote the production of the textile industry; and
 - (v) whether provisions have been allocated for the implementation of the said measures?
- (b) If not, why?

2552/2023

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

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) of the number of teachers sent on retirement on 31.12.2022 owing to their having completed the age of 60 years;
- (ii) whether there exists a risk of government schools becoming hampered by the retirement of such a large number of teachers all at once; and
- (iii) what courses of action will be taken to fill the vacancies that have been resulted in by the retirement concerned?

(b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Notaries (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Prevention of Frauds (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 24 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No.4 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2334/39 of 01st June 2023, which were presented on 09.12.2023, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Annual Report of the CeyNor Foundation Limited (2018),— That the Annual Report of the CeyNor Foundation Limited for the year 2018 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2018 and presented on 17.01.2023 under Section 131 of the Company Act, No. 07 of 2007, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries on 22.03.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 24.03.2023)

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbour Corporation - (CFHC)(2019),— That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbour Corporation - (CFHC) for the year 2019 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2019 and presented on 30.11.2022 under Section 30(1) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries on 22.03.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 24.03.2023)

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The Minister of Fisheries,— Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka (2020),— That the Annual Report of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka for the year 2020 together with the observations of the Auditor-General for the year ended 31.12.2020 and presented on 24.03.2023 under the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 53 of 1988, be approved.

(Considered by the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Fisheries on 06.07.2023 and presented its report to Parliament on 09.08.2023)

Sri Lanka Baptist Sangamaya (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

Saweera Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

Pavithra Wanniarachchi Sahurda Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, January 09, 2024)

1519/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of employees of the Central Environment Authority who have gone abroad from 2015 up to date;
- (ii) of those employees the number of employees who went abroad for higher education purposes and the number of employees who went abroad for conferences/ Training workshops, separately;
- (iii) the amount of money spent by the Central Environment Authority on higher education purposes/Conferences/training workshops from 2015 up to date, in relation to each year, separately; and
- (iv) the amount of foreign funds received by the Authority for Higher education purposes/Conferences/Training workshops during the above period in relation to each year, separately?

(b) If not, why?

(7)

3177/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, as per each year, of the annual coconut yield in Sri Lanka for five years prior to the year that organic fertilizer was introduced banning chemical fertilizer, and the amount of fertilizer provided by the government to the coconut cultivators during aforesaid five years;
- (ii) the subsidies given to the coconut cultivators during aforesaid period ?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

- (i) separately, as per each year, the annual coconut yield from the year that introduced organic fertilizers to date and the amount of fertilizer provided by the government to the coconut cultivators during aforesaid period;
- (ii) the subsidies given to coconut cultivators during aforesaid period ?

(c) Will he further inform this House—

- (i) of the percentage of increase/decrease in coconut production before and after the ban on chemical fertilizers;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken to increase coconut production in Sri Lanka ?

(d) If not, why?

3675/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Presidents and Members of Parliament receiving the pension in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) separately, of the names of the said Presidents and Members of Parliament ;
- (iii) separately, of the details of the specific staff provided to each of the said Presidents and Members of Parliament with government allowances; and
- (iv) separately, of the designations of the said staff members provided to each of the said Presidents and Members of Parliament?

(8)

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether officers of the armed forces or Sri Lanka Police Department have been deployed to provide security for the said Presidents and Members of Parliament;
- (ii) if so, of the number of officers of the armed forces and Sri Lanka Police Department who have been deployed to provide security for the said Presidents and Members of Parliament separately;

(c) If not, why?

3704/2023

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Presidential Commissions of Inquiry appointed since 1990 by each Executive President of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of such Commissions, according to the subject areas of national security, national economy, education, electoral reforms and disclosure of corruption and separately according to each Executive President;
- (iii) the offenders detected and the punishments recommended to be meted out to them separately by each commission; according to the reports of the commissions mentioned in (i) above,

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of money spent for each of the above mentioned commissions separately;
- (ii) whether the final reports of the above commissions are available for the reference of the public;
- (iii) if not, the reasons thereof;
- (iv) the commissions which have not hitherto issued a final report;
- (v) the period in which each such Commission was appointed and the members separately;

(c) If not, why?

3712/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House,—

- (i) of the names of officials who participated in foreign official visits representing each ministry, department, board, state corporation and statutory body and the ministers, state ministers, members of Parliament, and officials who participated in foreign official visits representing the Parliament of Sri Lanka from 01 January, 2022 to 30 September, 2023 separately;

(9)

- (ii) of the amount of money spent on each of the said official foreign visit;
- (iii) separately, of the distinctive benefits gained from each of the aforementioned foreign visits;
- (iv) whether the opportunities are provided for foreign visits spending such a colossal amount of money at a time when Sri Lanka is undergoing an economic crisis?

(b) If not, why?

3729/2023

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether he is aware that Ms. Fatima Zahra, a low income earner with a 5-year-old disabled child, residing at No. 180/70 J, Grandpass Road, Colombo 14, of the New Bazar Grama Niladhari division of Colombo Divisional Secretariat, has not been provided with the Aswesuma monthly financial assistance to date; and
- (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to provide immediate financial assistance to Ms. Zahra regarding the application bearing the Registration No. NH-1-1-03-01-070-00719 ?

(b) If not, why?

3741/2023

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— 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) whether he is aware that secretaries of the private staff of ministers and the coordinating secretaries of the permanent secretary to a ministry are entitled to a pension in terms of Schedule "Q" of the Pensions Minutes;
- (ii) separately, of the number of those who are currently receiving the aforesaid pension and the number of those who have applied for the same; and
- (iii) whether the said secretaries (i) above will be given the entitlement to receive the widows/orphans pension and the retirement gratuity?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the subject clerks of government institutions will be provided with a training in forwarding the relevant documents to the Department of Pensions online; and
 - (ii) whether a direct telephone number of an officer of the Department of Pensions will be provided to obtain advice in that regard?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the pension that Mr. Chamal S. Piyasundara, who served as a Secretary of a Minister's private staff and as a Coordinating Secretary of the Secretary to State Ministry of Plantations, is entitled to has not been paid to date; and
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for not paying the pension to him?
- (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1818/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of villages in Gampaha district, which do not have drinking water facilities;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid villages; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to provide clean drinking water facilities to the people of the said villages?
- (b) If not, why?

2535/2023

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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?

(11)

(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?

2582/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the role of the institute, ‘Ape Gama’ is being duly performed as of now;
- (ii) whether steps have been taken to expand the services of the aforesaid institute;
- (iii) whether the maintenance of the aforesaid institute is properly carried out;
- (iv) of the income generated by the above institute from year 2015 to date; and
- (v) of the future developments to be carried out within the aforesaid institute?

(b) If not, why?

2624/2023

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether any irregularity, irregular appointment, any act of corruption or any illegal activity has taken place in Board of Investment of Sri Lanka during the period from year 2015 to 2019;
- (ii) if so, separately the nature of such acts that have taken place at the aforesaid Board; 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?

3239/2023

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of land, owned by the Land Reform Commission in Monaragala district, in acres;
 - (ii) separately, as per each Divisional Secretariat Division, of the extent of the land that has been distributed among the public, in acres;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to grant deeds for the aforesaid lands;
 - (iv) if so, separately, of the extent of land and the number of deeds, granted to the residents and the farmers from the year 2021 to date; and
 - (v) whether arrangements will be made in the future, to grant deeds for the lands for which deeds were not executed?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, January 11, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2851/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a process to purchase and stock fish during gluts in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, whether there are storage facilities available for buffer stocks;
 - (iii) whether there is a procedure to ensure the availability of fish at reasonable prices during lean periods; and
 - (iv) whether there is a safety net that protects both the fisherman and the consumer?
- (b) If not, why?

2976/2023

Hon. Hisha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the cases of unavailability of certain drugs and inadequacy of stocks are reported in some public hospitals; and
 - (ii) patients are severely inconvenienced as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the agencies responsible for procurement and distribution of medicines to public hospitals, separately;
 - (ii) the reasons for the frequent medicine shortages in public hospitals; and
 - (iii) of measures that have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?
- (c) If not, why?

3081/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the daily income, earned by Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) of the number of kilometers that the fleet of buses of Sri Lanka Transport Board run, on a daily basis;
 - (iii) of the daily fuel requirement for the aforesaid schedule; and
 - (iv) of the cost incurred on fuel ?
- (b) If not, why?

3157/2023

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— 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 persons that have been recruited by the Department of Multi-Purpose Development Task Force under the program of providing one hundred thousand employment opportunities;
 - (ii) of the respective institutions and posts to which the said employees are attached;
 - (iii) of the number of employed persons who have been confirmed in the service to date;
 - (iv) of the existing program for the confirmation of the job holders who have not yet been confirmed in the service; and
 - (v) whether a promotion strategy and welfare program have been prepared for the above employees?
- (b) If not, why?

3579/2023

Hon. Hector Appuhamy,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

- (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?

3111/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that that—
 - (i) the bridge from Velanaithurai to Punguduthivu, Madaththuveli, which is located in the Velanai Divisional Secretary's Division in the Jaffna District, is one of the longest bridges in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) it has become very dangerous to cross the aforesaid bridge; and
 - (iii) many accidents occur on this bridge?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) of the factors that cause the aforesaid accidents;
 - (iii) of the year in which the aforesaid bridge was last renovated;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that was spent on the aforesaid renovation work;
 - (v) of the funding source for such renovation; and
 - (vi) of the time frame within which the aforesaid bridge will be completely renovated?
- (c) If not, why?

3178/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the coconut prices prevailed in Sri Lanka in each of the years from 2018 to 2022, separately;
 - (ii) whether there has been an escalation in price of coconuts as against the production cost; and
 - (iii) what measures have been adopted by the government to keep the price of coconuts at a high level?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) how many coconuts were imported to Sri Lanka in each of the years from 2018 to 2022 and what expenditure was borne for it in each year, separately;
 - (ii) which countries the coconuts were imported from and who the importers were, separately; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for importing coconuts to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

3236/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of students died and injured after the cab they were travelling toppled during a vehicle parade of Dharmadutha College, Badulla held recently;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education has conducted an investigation regarding the aforesaid accident; and
 - (iii) if so, the conclusions of the aforesaid investigation ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether guidelines have been stipulated to be followed when holding vehicle parades by schools; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid guidelines are?
- (c) If not, why?

3410/2023

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) pensions are yet to be paid to 18 employees who had retired 25 years ago after serving in Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) as recommended by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Public Petitions Committee of the Parliament;

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- (ii) all Secretaries to the Ministries have been informed to implement the recommendations made by the Human Rights Commission through the Public Administration Circular 17/2005;
 - (iii) the then Chairman of the SLBC had informed then Minister and the Secretary that aforesaid 18 employees are entitled to receive pensions; and
 - (iv) even the then Additional Director to the Ministry of Mass Media had recommended the Director General of Pensions that pensions needed to be paid to the aforesaid employees as well?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date the pensions will be paid to the aforesaid 18 employees?
- (c) 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,—(2)

- (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?

Friday, January 12, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3360/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the reason for removing Athurala Kanishta Vidyalaya that had been established in Athurala North Grama Niladhari Division in Madampagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district from the said location;

(17)

- (ii) the name of the original owner, number of the plan and the extent of the land acquired to establish the school;
- (iii) the extent of land that had been used for establishing that school;
- (iv) the year in which the said land was acquired to establish that school; and
- (v) the institution which owns the said land by now?

(b) If not, why?

3366/2023

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

(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?

3425/2023

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) of the fact that the anti-cancer drugs prescribed for the patients attending the clinics of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital daily are not being issued to the patients due to the unavailability of the same drugs in the hospital; and
- (ii) of the fact that those patients who do not have the financial strength to buy those very expensive drugs, are dying due to the cancer turning bad?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of patients who visit the clinics of Maharagama Apeksha Hospital daily;
- (ii) of the types of drugs that are currently in short supply in that hospital;
- (iii) of the course of action to be implemented to overcome the shortage of drugs and provide the essential anti-cancer drugs to that Hospital; and
- (iv) the dates on which the above course of action will be implemented?

(c) If not, why?

3483/2023

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms,—(2)

- (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 inform—
 - (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?

3753/2023

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the outstanding amounts payable by the Ministry of Health and by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka to suppliers of medicines in Sri Lanka categorizing those amounts under, in arrears for 60 days or more, 90 days or more, 120 days or more, 180 days or more and 360 days or more; and
 - (ii) the outstanding amounts payable to manufacturers of medicines in Sri Lanka categorizing those amounts under in arrears 60 days or more, 90 days or more, 120 days or more and 180 days or more?

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- (b) Will he also state separately in terms of each institution —
 - (i) the outstanding amounts payable to suppliers of medicines who have supplied medicines on orders placed under the Indian credit line; and
 - (ii) the amounts that have been paid by the Ministry of Health, the Medical Supplies Division and the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka to suppliers of medicines and manufacturers of medicines from 01.01.2023 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

3515/2023

Hon. Asanka Navarathna,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(3)

- (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;
 - (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?

3570/2023

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

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

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

3645/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the buses on a number of peripheral routes including Wewelhinna via Demodara; Kokagala via Madolsima-Kuruwigolla; PalleKeeruwa via Lunugala; Othumba via Demodara; Rokathenna and Rosette from the Badulla town operated by the Badulla depot of the Sri Lanka Transport Board are not operational at present; and
 - (ii) school children in the estate areas and people visiting the Badulla town for various purposes are severely inconvenienced owing to this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that would be taken to resume the operation of the above mentioned buses; and
 - (ii) the dates on which such operations resume?
- (c) If not, why?

3758/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in each year, separately –
 - (i) of the amount spent to pay the pensions of the retired Members of Parliament from year 2018 to 2022; and
 - (ii) of the financial value of the duty concessions related to duty free vehicle permits provided to Members of Parliament, from year 2010 to 2022 ?
- (b) If not, why?

3775/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, as at 31st December 2022—
 - (i) the total amount earned by the Employees' Provident Fund by investing its funds;
 - (ii) the value of the total deposits of the fund;
 - (iii) the total amount earned by investing its funds, as a percentage of the value of the fund's total deposits?
 - (b) Will he inform this House, as at 31st December 2022—
 - (i) the number of contributors to the Employees' Provident Fund;
 - (ii) the number of active contributors;
 - (iii) the total value of the balances in the accounts of the above active contributors;
 - (iv) the total amount earned by the Fund from investing its funds, as a percentage of the total value of the balances in the accounts of active contributors;
 - (c) If not, why?
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