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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1317/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Quazi courts functioning in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of divorce cases that have been heard from the year 2015 to date based on the determinations given by the Quazi courts;
 - (iii) the number of Quazis above the age of 60 serving in the Quazi courts;
 - (iv) the number of Quazis with degree qualifications; and
 - (v) the methodology adopted to select Quazis?
- (b) If not, why?

1467/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of government Ayurvedic hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of those hospitals, the number of Ayurvedic hospitals belonging to the central government and provincial councils separately;
 - (iii) whether new Ayurvedic hospitals are to be established; and
 - (iv) of the areas where they will be constructed?
- (b) If not, why?

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1515/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of cinema halls in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) that number, the number of cinema halls that screen films at present;
 - (iii) the number of films that has been screened by the National Film Corporation from 2019 up to date, in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (iv) the amount of money given out as loans for producing films from 2019 up to date, in relation to each year, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1554/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the endemic herbal plants in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka exports herbal plants;
 - (iii) if so, what those herbal plant varieties are; and
 - (iv) of the annual revenue earned through the export of them?
- (b) If not, why?

1585/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the areas in Sri Lanka where Cinnamon is cultivated;
 - (ii) the areas where Cinnamon related products are made in abundance;
 - (iii) the basis on which Cinnamon saplings and fertilizer are made available for Cinnamon cultivation; and
 - (iv) the extent of land in which Cinnamon has been cultivated after 2019?
- (b) If not, why?

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1626/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures taken to protect Muthurajawela Wetlands according to the Ramsar Convention reached by the government on 15th of October 1990;
 - (ii) whether a database has been maintained by the Central Environmental Authority and the Department of Wildlife Conservation on the fauna and flora of Muthurajawela Wetlands; and
 - (iii) of the proper action taken regarding the complaints made in relation to illegal landfilling at Muthurajawela Wetlands?
- (b) If not, why?

1648/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land owned by Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (ii) of the extent of land out of the aforesaid extent that is being for constructions and development activities by now;
 - (iii) whether those lands have been leased to the private;
 - (iv) if so, what those companies/institutions are; and
 - (v) of the annual revenue earned by the Authority through the leasing of lands?
- (b) If not, why?

2402/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the National Housing Development Authority provides financial assistance to repair the houses of the families of the kidney patients;
 - (ii) of the amount of aforesaid financial assistance;
 - (iii) of the qualifications required, to receive the aforesaid financial assistance; and
 - (iv) of the documents required to be submitted to receive the aforesaid financial assistance?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) separately, as per each district, of the number of people who have applied for aforesaid financial assistance and the number of people who received the assistance so far ;
- (ii) whether the assistance is provided to all eligible applicants;
- (iii) if so, of the date; and
- (iv) whether measures will be taken to start a program to build houses for the families of the homeless kidney patients?

(c) If not, why?

2697/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of students in Matale district who sat the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination from 2015 to date;
- (ii) those students as a percentage according to the streams of Science, Mathematics, Commerce and Arts, separately; and
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken to direct the majority of students in Matale district towards the Science or Mathematics stream at the G.C.E (Advanced Level) examination?

(b) If not, why?

2883/2023

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the financial allocations made for the development of Livestock by the supplementary budget of 2022;
- (ii) the allocations utilized and unutilized out of the above, separately; and
- (iii) the measures that have been taken to promote chicken production and dairy production in Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, February 06, 2024)

3741/2023

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (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?
- (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?

Wednesday, February 07, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1686/2023

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

- (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;

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- (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 of—
 - (i) 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) the measures that will be taken to protect aforesaid cultivated lands from animals including wild elephants and monkeys?
- (c) If not, why?

1767/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the use of machinery for harvesting of crops including paddy has increased at present;
 - (ii) if so, whether a mechanism is in place to regulate the machinery used for harvesting; and
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken in the future regarding the matter ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that farmers are facing immense difficulties since the fees charged for hiring of machinery related to agriculture have increased as well;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stipulate a maximum fee for the machinery in terms of an acre of land / bushel of paddy; and
 - (iii) if so, the time period a maximum fee will be declared ?
- (c) If not, why?

1817/2023

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (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?

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2538/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of paddy warehouses of the Government located in Trincomalee district;
 - (ii) the places where they have been established;
 - (iii) the quantity of paddy that can be stored in each of the above warehouses separately; and
 - (iv) the amount of paddy stored in the above warehouses from 2015 to date separately according to each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are any paddy warehouses among the paddy warehouses mentioned in (a)(i) above, which are not taken for any use currently;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such paddy warehouses;
 - (iii) of the places where they are located;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken to re-use the paddy warehouses which are not in use; and
 - (v) of the programs to be implemented to take the maximum use of the warehouses in Trincomalee district?
- (c) If not, why?

3240/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the volume of paddy purchased by the government from the Moneragala district during on year 2022 the Maha season to be distributed among the Samurdhi beneficiaries and low income families;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for Moneragala district for the purpose; and
 - (iii) of the amount spent to purchase paddy from the allocated funds?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the mill owners have been able to carry out the service expected from them when converting purchased paddy into rice; and

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- (ii) whether the divisional secretariats have successfully carried out their duties when distributing aforesaid rice among the beneficiaries?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, February 08, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2583/2023

Hon. D. Weerasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and national Policies,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of salt produced at Hambanthota saltern from 2015 up to now and the income earned through that with respect to each year;
 - (ii) of the income earned through the production of unpurified agricultural salt during the said period, with respect to each year;
 - (iii) whether more attention will be paid in future to the production of unpurified agricultural salt; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

2623/2023

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 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?
- (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;

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- (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?

2852/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of raids carried out by the Consumer Affairs Authority since 2019 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of legal actions taken in respect of those raids;
 - (iii) of the number of settlements made in respect of the above number of raids; and
 - (iv) whether the operations of the Authority are being continued to ensure the security of consumers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the measures taken regarding the sale of the same product at different rates?
- (c) If not, why?

2977/2023

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) there is a large number of Justices of the Peace throughout Sri Lanka and they are rendering a great service to the people; and
 - (ii) that some Justices of the Peace lack sufficient training to perform their duties?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Justices of the Peace appointed for each jurisdiction and for the whole island, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of new Justices of the Peace appointed per year;
 - (iii) of the basic qualifications that must be met by applicants for the post of Justice of the Peace; and
 - (iv) on appointment of Justices of the Peace, whether they are given formal training in the service relevant to the post?
- (c) If not, why?

3082/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that the salary anomalies of the Sri Lanka Transport Board employees remain unaddressed;
 - (ii) whether discussions have been held with the National Pay Commission and the Public Service Commission regarding the aforesaid anomalies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the measures that will be taken by the management of the Sri Lanka Transport Board on the decisions reached at the discussion?
- (b) If not, why?

3097/2023

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(3)

- (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?

3112/2023

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the main transportation mode in the Delft island in Jaffna is maritime transport;
 - (ii) the harbour in that island is used by the Sri Lanka Navy;

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- (iii) the ordinary fishermen face severe inconveniences because they cannot berth their boats there;
 - (iv) the boat named “Kumudunie” which is used for transportation in that island is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (v) “Wadatharagei” boat has been taken for repairs?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the length of the roads in the Delft island that belong to the Ministry of Highways;
 - (ii) the number of boats that can be kept in the Delft harbor;
 - (iii) the number of boats used for transportation in the Delft island;
 - (iv) the reason for not taking action so far to regulate the maritime transportation in the Delft island; and
 - (v) the date on which a regular transportation system will be established for the Delft island?
- (c) If not, why?

3155/2023

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

- (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?

3179/2023

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
- (i) the number of major fuel distribution centres installed in Sri Lanka for the distribution of fuel;
 - (ii) the storage capacity at each such centre, separately; and
 - (iii) the dates on which the storage capacity was increased for the last time in respect of each such centre, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform the House —
- (i) whether he accepts that the capacity at the above-mentioned centres remains at a low level compared to the present demand for fuel in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken, in that case, to increase their capacity;
 - (iii) of the courses of action have been taken in that direction;
 - (iv) whether he accepts that transporting fuel using freight trains is a cheaper and less problematic method than transporting fuel by tanker trucks (Bowsers); and
 - (v) whether, in that case, action will be taken to use rail progressively for transport of fuel?
- (c) If not, why?

3412/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sri Lanka Transport Board busses that were involved in road accidents during the year 2022;
 - (ii) of the number of passengers killed and injured separately as a result of those accidents;
 - (iii) whether investigations have been conducted by the Ministry regarding the above accidents; and
 - (iv) if so, of the conclusions of those investigations?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the number of private buses that were involved in road accidents during the year 2022; and
 - (ii) the number of passengers killed and injured separately as a result of those accidents?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the steps taken by the Ministry to reduce accidents?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, February 09, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3368/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of semi-government and private sector employees separately contributing to the Employees' Provident Fund;

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- (ii) of the amount of money in the fund at the moment;
 - (iii) of the money is used for other programs; and
 - (iv) if yes, what those programs are?
- (b) if not, why?

3401/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the conditions of confirmation of the employees, recruited to the Department of Multipurpose Development Task Force, as per the relevant Cabinet approval;
 - (ii) whether there are employees who can not be confirmed in accordance with aforesaid conditions;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of aforesaid employees; and
 - (iv) separately, of the period of service of each aforesaid employee and the reason for non-confirmation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that a gross injustice is caused when the qualified employees, recruited to aforesaid Department, are not confirmed; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to confirm aforesaid employees?
- (c) If not, why?

3426/2023

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that some medical tests are not carried out in government hospitals and therefore the patients have to get them done in private hospitals/private medical laboratories; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that private hospitals/private medical laboratories charge different rates for the same medical tests?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, whether steps will be taken to regulate the charging of difference rates for the same medical test and to set a minimum rate for medical tests conducted by private hospitals/private medical laboratories?
- (c) If not, why?

3486/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) Kandy city has been declared as a world heritage site by the UNESCO organization; and
 - (ii) numerous historically important places for Sri Lanka have been located in the aforementioned city;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) which sacred places and buildings situated in Kandy city have been recognized as the world heritages;
 - (ii) whether financial aids will be granted by the UNESO to protect the aforesaid places;
 - (iii) if so, the total amount of financial aids granted annually;
 - (iv) which private buildings situated in Kandy city have been recognized as the world heritages;
 - (v) whether any financial aid will be granted for the owners of the said buildings; and
 - (vi) if so, the amount of the financial aid mentioned above?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether places mentioned in above (b)(i) will remain the same;
 - (ii) whether approval has been granted for any renovation made in them; and
 - (iii) of the programmes that have been implemented to keep/continue the Kandy city as a world heritage site?
- (d) If not, why?

3560/2023

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the administration of Sevanagala Sugar Factory, that came with police officers on 01.07.2023, has taken steps to disconnect the water and electricity supply of the houses of the Onduma housing complex;
 - (ii) the administration had promised to recruit dependents of workers at their retirement or to provide land for residence, during the period 1983-1986 when the employees were made to settle down in the houses of the said housing complex; and
 - (iii) those employees have worked for the betterment of the institution by residing in those houses for 30-40 years?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the resident employees are being treated unfairly and that plots of land in the establishment are being allotted to other outsiders for settlement;
 - (ii) whether the workers residing in the above houses will be allowed to stay in them further?
- (c) If not, why?

3646/2023

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

- (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) of 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 inform this House—
 - (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,—(3)

- (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,—(2)

- (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?

3708/2023

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

- (a) Will he state, separately of—
 - (i) the number of complaints received by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in each year from 2010 to date;

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- (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 of—
- (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?

3758/2023

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

- (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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana

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Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar

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Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha de Silva,— Select Committee of Parliament to carry out an in-depth investigation into the issues that have arisen related to the Nilwala river and other waterbodies in the Matara District and to make recommendations for the development of a set of new reconstruction proposals,— Whereas the Nilwala and Gin rivers that spring up from the Gongala and Rakwana mountain ranges of the Matara district, flow through Matara and Galle districts respectively, to meet the sea and further the Polwatta river too is another water source with similar significance;

And whereas in the decade of 1950, Dr. S.A. Wickramasinghe, the then Member of Parliament for Akuressa, has made the initial proposal on the diversion of the water of the Gin and Nilwala rivers of Sri Lanka to feed the south eastern Sri Lanka or the district of Hambantota further to the attention paid during the Dutch rule towards the water management and flood management of these rivers;

And whereas reports have been submitted by various experts on the possibility of systematically utilizing the water of the said rivers to maintain human activities, agricultural and industrial processes, biodiversity and environmental equilibrium by ensuring the management of annual floods through the management of water in the Gin and Nilawala rivers;

And whereas the project that was implemented after 1977 to prevent the flooding of the Nilwala river got suspended as a result of the situation that prevailed in the country during 1987-1989, converting the agricultural lands around the Nilwala river into bare lands and as a result of the flood threats that continue to prevail, serious issues came up due to sea water that flowed up the river Nilawala during droughts and got mixed with the drinking water as well as with the agricultural lands, and as a result of the Nilawala salinity barrier that was made in response to the above issue, the flooded water remained in the fields for a long time, creating a catastrophic situation where the cultivators of paddy, cinnamon, vegetable, coconut and other crops and the dairy farmers encountered a host of difficulties;

And whereas a situation has arisen that makes it extremely essential to deeply analyse the failure of the salinity barrier of Nilwala river, in a backdrop where the salinity barrier of the Gin river became successful;

That this Parliament resolves that a select committee of Parliament should be appointed to make the appropriate recommendations on the following matters:—

- (a) to identify the effective features included in the studies done by the experts and specialists on the Gin and Nilawala rivers during the period of approximately 7 1/2 decades in independent Sri Lanka, after an in-depth analysis of them;
- (b) to receive proposals on the establishment of a practical program with a scientific basis related to the methodologies that create minimum pressure on the lives of the community, with a focus on the diversion of the excess water of the upper basins of the Gin and Nilawala rivers towards the south eastern Sri Lanka;

- (c) to conduct an in-depth investigation on the productivity of the measures taken and on the local and foreign funds spent in relation to the implementation of the development proposal mentioned in (b) above on previous occasions;
- (d) to issue recommendations on the drafting and implementation of expeditious short-term, medium term and long term proposals that need to be taken to eliminate all sorts of inconveniences that have arisen owing to the Nilwala salinity barrier;
- (e) to identify the water consumers of the district as well as the suitable areas to construct new water purification plants in the areas, including Digili Oya for the water projects that can be extended in the future; to propose new strategies by making a scientific analysis of the water pumping stations operative at present;
- (f) to propose a sustainable solution to the human-crocodile conflict that occurs in the Nilwala river;
- (g) to entertain relevant proposals for utilizing the water in the rivers of Nilwala and Gin to safeguard the industrial, agricultural, livestock fields, hydroelectricity generation, other human activities and biodiversity in Southern Province prior to that water flowing down to the sea;
- (h) to identify new creative approaches and make relevant recommendations for using these water sources for transportation, fresh water fisheries industries, tourism and cultural awakening as well as to submit proposals to solve the problems created by Gin–Nilwala accelerated multi-purpose project going beyond a mere flood prevention development project;
- (i) to make relevant proposals to identify the development activities to be carried out in relation to Gin, Nilwala and Polwatta rivers, tributaries/ brooks that join the said rivers and such water feeding bodies as well as in these river basin valleys, created forest reserves on the sides of the aforesaid rivers; prevent the collection of waste; overlook the water pollution in rivers that occur due to human activities and identify the damages caused to rivers and the bio-diversity by the obstruction of water sources due to unauthorized construction and by certain hydroelectricity plants;
- (j) to identify the incomplete portions of work to be carried out in the development projects related to the aforesaid rivers, which have been discontinued, and prepare the relevant proposals to carry out the said portions of work; propose where necessary suitable courses of action including a forensic audit in regard to the expenses made in the implementation of the aforesaid projects; and
- (k) to make a deep analysis of any other development activities to be carried out, activities discontinued, unsuccessful activities related to the rivers mentioned in (i) and make suitable recommendations for carrying them out on a short-term, mid-term and long-term basis.

2. (a) That the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker;
and
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall consist of Twenty (20) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of three months (03) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
