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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, April 24, 2024)

2039/2024

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) from January 2023 to date, the number of service providers in the tourism industry according to each sector separately;
- (ii) among them, the number of registered and the identified unregistered number at Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority separately;
- (iii) the manner in which they are registered;
- (iv) the number of registered service providers whose registration has been canceled from January 2022 to date; and
- (v) the name, address, business name, cancellation date of registration, reason for cancellation and the name and designation of the officer recommended for the same separately;

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of complaints/appeals received by the Tourism Development Authority from January 2022 to date from tourism associations/institutions/individuals related to the tourism industry;
- (ii) the name, address, date of receipt of the complaint/appeal and the action taken separately, of the association/institution/individual who made the complaint/appeal; and
- (iii) of the reasons if proper actions were not taken on the above complaints/appeals?

(c) If not, why?

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2040/2024

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister Tourism and Lands,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name, address, business name, date on which the request for registration was made, date on which the temporary and permanent registration certificate was issued of each service provider registered with Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority from 2022 to 2023;
- (ii) whether the locations of the service providers were inspected before the issuance of temporary certificates and permanent certificates;
- (iii) if not, of the reasons for that;
- (iv) if inspected, separately, the date, names of the officers, designations, observations, type of vehicle used, registration number, name of the owner, amount paid and the mode of payment of each location inspected;
- (v) of the number of tourism businesses that extended the temporary certificate without undergoing any inspection; and
- (vi) of the name of each business owner, business name, date of extension of the temporary certificate, name and the designation of each officer who recommended the said extension, separately?

(b) If not, why?

2041/2024

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of promotional programs implemented in foreign countries by the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau from 2022 to 2023;
- (ii) the name of each programme, the country of implementation, the date, the cost incurred by the above bureau for the same including flight tickets, accommodation facilities and other expenses incurred, separately;
- (iii) the names, addresses and positions of the individuals who participated in each of those programs representing the above bureau/external entities, separately; and
- (iv) the method by which the external individuals who participated in each of the above programmes were selected, separately?

(b) If not, why?

(3)

Tuesday, May 07, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— (1)

- (a) Is she aware that —
 - (i) every year in periods of dry weather in Kandy, reserved forests, forests associated with water catchments and small shrub jungles in many areas in the central hills including the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Kandy, Panwila and Ududumbara are set on fire; and
 - (ii) it causes damages such as drying of water springs, rolling down of stones from hilltops during rains and occurring of landslides?
- (b) If so, will she inform the House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to prevent such acts of setting fire referred to above;
 - (ii) of the steps will be taken to control the rapid spread of fires in hot weather;
 - (iii) whether she will provide a permanent solution towards protecting sensitive ecosystems; and
 - (iv) if so, what such solution is?
- (c) If not, why?

41/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the number of persons who were hanged to death following the imposition of the capital punishment after 04.02.1948 in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether arrangements would be made to make the Certificates of Death of the persons who were hanged to death, available to their relatives; and
 - (iii) if so, the time it will take?
- (b) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the Certificates of Death of Ven. Thalduwe Somarama Thero who was found guilty of assassinating the former Prime Minister late Hon S.W.R.D Bandaranayake has not been issued yet; and
 - (ii) a Certificate of Death in the name of Ven.Thalduwe Somarama Thero dated 06.07.1962 has not been registered even though it is mentioned that he was hanged to death on that day?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) whether an inquiry has been conducted in relation to the non-issuance of the Certificate of Death of Ven Thalduwe Somarama Thero;
 - (ii) if so, its conclusion;
 - (iii) if not, whether an inquiry would be conducted; and
 - (iv) whether there are any other persons in relation to whom Certificates of Death have not been issued following enforcement of the capital punishment?
- (d) If not, why?

309/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the number of official foreign trips undertaken by the Speaker of the Ninth Parliament on international relations and educational programmes for the wellbeing of the country from 20.08.2020 up to date;
 - (ii) the names of the Members of Parliament and the officials who attended each such foreign tour, separately; and
 - (iii) the benefits accrued to the country from the above foreign tours?
- (b) If not, why?

355/2024

Hon. Gevindu Cumaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the present Minister of Power and Energy was appointed; and
 - (ii) the tariff charged per unit of electricity in each consumption category as at the aforesaid date and as at 31.01.2024 and the increase in that tariff separately as a percentage?
- (b) Will he also state the number of electricity consumers separately —
 - (i) as at the date mentioned in (a)(i) and as at 31.01.2024; and
 - (ii) who were issued with red notices and whose power connections were disconnected from the date mentioned in (a)(i) up to 31.01.2024?
- (c) Will he further state of —
 - (i) the number of consumers who got new electricity connections and whose power connections were disconnected from 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2020 separately;

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- (ii) the difference between the said two numbers;
 - (iii) the number of consumers who got electricity connections and whose power connections were disconnected from the date mentioned in (a)(i) to 31.01.2024 separately;
 - (iv) the difference between the said two numbers; and
 - (v) the number of electricity consumers who got electricity connections and whose power connections were disconnected during the term of the current Minister as an annual average?
- (d) If not, why?

356/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to each Divisional Secretary's division of,
- (i) the number of government schools in Sri Lanka as Sinhala Medium, Tamil Medium and Sinhala and Tamil Medium schools;
 - (ii) the number of students studying in those schools on the classification of below 10, between 10 to 20, between 20 to 50, between 50 to 100 and between 100 to 200;
 - (iii) the number of schools which offer subject streams of Mathematics, Science and Technology for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) from among the government schools; and
 - (iv) the number of government schools which offer G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and G.C.E (Advanced Level) streams in the medium of English, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

366/2024

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of patients diagnosed with the kidney disease 'of unknown etiology', separately for each year from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) the districts where kidney patients are reported in large numbers and the number of such patients reported from each of those districts, separately; and
 - (iii) the other districts where kidney patients are reported and the number reported from each of those districts, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the monthly allowance provided to a kidney patient by the government; and
 - (ii) the number of kidney patients who receive that allowance by now?
- (c) If not, why?

2042/2024

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 the public servants?
- (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?

2055/2024

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 of —
 - (i) the sacred places and buildings situated in Kandy city that 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) the which private buildings situated in Kandy city that 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

(7)

- (iii) of the programmes that have been implemented to keep/continue the Kandy city as a world heritage site?

(d) If not, why?

2073/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of recommendations / regulations made by the Public Utilities Commission with regard to reduction of electricity tariffs;
- (ii) of the aforesaid recommendations / regulations are;
- (iii) whether he is aware that civil society organizations accuse that there is no rationale behind the reduction of electricity tariffs and opinions of the public have been ignored in this regard;
- (iv) if so, of the measures that will be taken to address the aforesaid accusations ?

(b) If not, why?

2081/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of 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, separately;
- (iii) of the amount that 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?

Wednesday, May 08, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

371/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has entered into an agreement to obtain financial consultancy services from M/S Lazards-France company;

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- (ii) if so, of the primary obligations of the above company as per the said agreement; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money to be paid by the Government of Sri Lanka in terms of the above agreement and the amount paid so far separately in Sri Lankan Rupees and US Dollars?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the Government has entered into an agreement to procure legal consultancy services from M/S Clifford Chance LLP Company;
 - (ii) of the primary obligations of the above company as per the said agreement; and
 - (iii) of the amount of money to be paid by the Government of Sri Lanka in terms of the above agreement and the amount paid so far separately in Sri Lanka Rupees and US Dollars?
- (c) If not, why?

378/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House –
- (i) of the value of net assets of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) separately, the profit / loss recorded from year 2018 to 2022 according to each year by the institution;
 - (iii) if the Corporation is incurring losses, the reasons are; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to prevent the losses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the institutions that payments are due to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) separately, the payment due from each institution; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to collect the due payments?
- (c) If not, why?

464/2024

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation,— (2)

- (a) Will she inform this House of—
- (i) the revenue earned by the Department of Forest Conservation, as the license fee for granite quarrying in the lands owned by the Department, separately according to each year from the year 2015 to date;

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- (ii) the date on which it was decided to reduce the license fee by 50%;
- (iii) the factors behind the reduction of license fees;
- (iv) the amount of revenue lost by the Department of Forest Conservation as a result of the said decision, from the date of implementation of the decision referred to in (ii) above, to date separately according to each year; and
- (v) the reasons available for justifying the decision referred to in (ii) above?

(b) If not, why?

509/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House, separately of—

- (i) the number of officers recruited to the Sri Lanka Education Administration Service under the open and limited competitive examinations in relation to each year from 2010 up to date;
- (ii) the name, address and current place of work of each such officer;
- (iii) 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) 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?

1242/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Police Stations established in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the number of Police officers deployed at the above mentioned Police stations and for other duties, separately; and
- (iii) if vacancies exist in the Sri Lanka Police service at present, the number of such vacancies in relation to each post, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Police officers deployed for the personal security of the Members of Parliament;

(10)

- (ii) whether Police officers have been deployed for the security of other individuals or institutions other than Members of Parliament; and
 - (iii) If so, the number of such Police officers in relation to each individual/ institution?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 09, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

540/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cinema halls in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of that number, the number of cinema halls that screen films at present;
 - (iii) the number of films that have 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?

563/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,—To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of hectares of land belonging to the State Plantation Corporation;
 - (ii) type of crops that have been planted on such lands;
 - (iii) extent of lands belonging to the Corporation has been leased out for short-term cultivation;
 - (iv) areas where such lands are situated; and
 - (v) income that has been earned through the leasing out of these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

589/2024

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,— 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) separately, of the total number of public servants of Sri Lanka serving in each Ministry/Department as at 31.12.2022;

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- (ii) of the number of public servants retired during the period from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of public servants recruited and retired during the period from year 2020 to 2022 according to each year; and
 - (iv) of the total number of public servants as at 01.01.2023?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware a large number of vacancies exist in the public service at present;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid number of vacancies are;
 - (iii) whether he admits that there has been a breakdown in the public service due to not filling the vacancies created recently; and
 - (iv) of the program that has been prepared to run the public service efficiently preventing the aforesaid breakdown?
- (c) If not, why?

613/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Liquor licenses issued by the Excise Department of Sri Lanka as at 01.01.2023;
 - (ii) the types of Liquor licenses in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (iii) the number of licenses issued in relation to each such type of Liquor, separately;
 - (iv) the number of Liquor licenses issued from 01.01.2023 to 01.01.2024;
 - (v) that number, as a percentage of the total number of licenses issued so far; and
 - (vi) that percentage in relation to each type of Liquor license, separately?
- (b) Whether he admit that—
- (i) the abundance of Liquor results in the consumption of Liquor increasing; and
 - (ii) it leads to diseases associated with Liquor increasing and thereby necessitating the allocation for health to be enhanced ?
- (c) If not, why?

637/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of government schools that have been closed so far; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to use the lands and buildings of those schools for other productive purposes?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) of the total number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad for education in the year 2023; and
 - (ii) of the amount of foreign exchange that has to be spent for aforesaid students per year?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of development officers who have been absorbed into the teachers' service; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to overcome the current shortage of principals ?
- (d) If not, why?

1091/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of wild elephants that died in collisions with trains since 2015;
 - (ii) whether there is a systematic method in place to avoid trains colliding with wild elephants;
 - (iii) whether there is a combined mission of the Department of Railway and the Department of Wildlife Conservation regarding the said matter; and
 - (iv) of the measure to be implemented by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to avoid elephant-train collisions in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the ornamental fish exporters are in severe difficulty owing to the increase of electricity tariff;
 - (ii) of the number of ornamental fish exporters in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) of the revenue earned through the export of ornamental fish from 2019 up to now, separately for each year; and

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(iv) of the programme implemented to protect the ornamental fish industry?

(b) If not, why?

1148/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi,— To ask the Minister of Labor and Foreign Employment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of Sri Lankans who have migrated for employment since 01.01.2023 to date; and

(ii) the said number separately by country of service?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the opportunity is available to direct Sri Lankans for foreign jobs in the future as well;

(ii) if so, what the particular countries are;

(iii) of the steps that have been taken to direct Sri Lankans for the said foreign employment opportunities?

(c) If not, why?

1153/2024

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) the number of archaeological sites administrated by the Central Cultural Fund;

(ii) whether suitable sanitary facilities are provided at those places for local and foreign tourists;

(iii) of the programs currently implemented by the Central Cultural Fund to attract tourists to archaeological sites; and

(iv) whether proper measures have been taken to remove unauthorized constructions and prevent new constructions at archaeological sites?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the official website showing the archaeological sites has been updated; and

(ii) if so, how often such updates will be made?

(c) If not, why?

(14)

1250/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the progress with regard to increasing the tea plantation workers' daily wage on par with the increased cost of living in the last few years in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if there is a progress, the amount of the wage increment;
 - (iii) the date of payment of the aforementioned increased would be implemented; and
 - (iv) the impediments the Minister is facing if there has been no progress?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, May 10, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1253/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licenses that have been issued by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau since 2015;
 - (ii) of the procedure followed by the said Bureau in issuing licenses;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that it has been revealed in the Committee on Public Enterprises in Parliament that the independence of the licensing process is being influenced;
 - (iv) if so, of the measures that have been taken to ensure the independence of the licensing process; and
 - (v) of the measures that will be taken to restore the above institution out of the corrupt situation which is prevalent?
- (b) If not, why?

1282/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an assessment has been conducted regarding the annual crop damage due to wildlife activity;
 - (ii) if so, of the steps thereon; and
 - (iii) of the measures adopted as of now to minimize the damage?
- (b) If not, why?

1287/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the ‘Shrama Wasana Fund’ was initiated;
 - (ii) its initial objectives;
 - (iii) the number of people who have benefitted from that Fund from 2015 to date;
 - (iv) the sources of this fund; and
 - (v) the steps that would be taken to strengthen the Fund further?
- (b) If not, why?

1701/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) of the role and function of the Grama Niladhari and that of the Registrar in registering the natural deaths occurring at home, separately; and
 - (ii) of the legally prescribed method in ascertaining the cause of death of the deceased in the case of a natural death?
- (b) If not, why?

1703/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of non-academic staff employed in public schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of their designations;
 - (iii) whether duties have been assigned to them from a specific list of duties; and
 - (iv) whether there is a promotion procedure for the above employees?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of measures that will be taken regarding the graduated employees among the said employees; and
 - (ii) whether steps are taken to recruit them as teachers considering their degree and experience?
- (c) If not, why?

1728/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of education divisions located in the Puttalam district;
 - (ii) of the names of those education divisions;
 - (iii) separately of the number of national schools and the number of provincial council schools located in each of those education divisions and the names of those schools;
 - (iv) separately of the number of teacher vacancies existing for each subject in each of the said education divisions; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken to fill those teacher vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

1738/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands in the Northern and Eastern Provinces have recently been acquired by the government; and
 - (ii) the lands in Irakkakkandi, Pulmude, Kinnia, Muthur and Toppur in Trincomalee district are being surveyed by the Survey Department of Sri Lanka without the permission of their owners?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for carrying out the above survey; and
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the acquisition of land as mentioned above will adversely affect the livelihood of the farmers who have been traditionally engaged in agricultural activities on those lands?
- (c) If not, why?

1750/2024

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the construction activities of the Mannar Wind Power Station were commenced;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated as the cost of construction of the said power station;
 - (iii) amount of megawatts expected to be added to the national grid from the aforesaid power station; and
 - (iv) the date on which it is expected to complete the construction activities of the aforesaid power station?
- (b) If not, why?

1877/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Conservation,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that people in number of villages situated in the vicinity of Moragahakanda project site of Matale district are facing threats from wild elephant due to the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) of the names of such villages;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families that are currently facing threats from wild elephants in each village; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to mitigate threats from wild elephants?
- (b) If not, why?

1909/2024

Hon. Tissa Attanayake, — To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) reasons for the removal of Mount Lavinia main bus station where operations were carried out by the Ratmalana Depot;
 - (ii) name of the original owner and the plan number of the land, acquired for establishing the aforesaid main bus station;
 - (iii) extent of the aforesaid land;
 - (iv) extent of the land used for establishing the aforesaid main bus station;
 - (v) year in which the land was acquired for establishing the main bus station;
 - (vi) institution that owns the aforesaid land, at present?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.30/2024

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

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

P.32/2024

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

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

P.34/2024

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

P.35/2024

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

P.36/2024

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

P.37/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— Declaring the Day of the Martyrs of the Hill Country Trade Union,— That this Parliament resolves that the Hill Country Trade Union Martyrs Day be declared in order to commemorate the first worker and all the martyrs who laid down their lives in the pursuit of non-violent struggle for the rights and welfare of the plantation workers and that the day shall be set on the 10th of January as it aligns with the sacrifice of the first Hill Country martyr, “Mulloya Govinthan”, who had been shot dead by a white national in the face of their opposition to the struggle, during the first trade union struggle for salary hikes of plantation workers in Sri Lanka unfolded from December 1939 to January 1940, and whereas through democratic means, the Hill Country plantation workers have fervently fought for and secured their rights and as a testament to their struggles, the Hill Country people of Indian origin have long demanded that these martyrs who selflessly laid down their lives in the pursuit of democracy be commemorated on a designated day, and the Hill Country plantation workers stand as a community in Sri Lanka’s history, having made significant contributions to its economic growth.

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Hon. Velu Kumar,— Regularization of the Postal Service of Sri Lanka in the Plantation Sector,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary measures be initiated by the Government to regularize the postal services for the plantation community, who have been integral to the nation for nearly two centuries, whereas marking two centuries since the establishment of settlements by plantation communities in Sri Lanka, it is noteworthy that this community has faced with various difficulties due to the deprivation of the convenience of door step mail delivery, and whereas Sri Lanka’s postal service has a history spanning two centuries which commenced in 1798 and subsequently came under regularization by the English in 1882, and whereas after independence, the Postal Service of Sri Lanka has emerged as one of the pivotal government service run by the Postal Department.

Monday, May 13, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1912/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of the —
 - (i) number of international cricket matches that were played at the Pallekelle International Cricket Stadium, in each of the years from 2010 to 2022 separately;
 - (ii) amount earned as income from each of these matches separately;
 - (iii) amount of money that 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 does the maintenance activities of the Stadium?
- (b) If not, why?

1917/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of complaints received by the Department of Labour regarding labour disputes from the year 2020 to date;
 - (ii) number of settled and unsettled complaints separately;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have received compensation through the Office of the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

1940/2024

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of sales agents of the National Lotteries Board;
 - (ii) number of lottery tickets of the aforesaid board sold at district level along with the revenue earned through it in each year during the period from the year 2019 up to now, separately; and
 - (iii) amount given out of the aforesaid revenue to the President's Fund, the Mahapola Scholarship Fund, the Treasury and other welfare activities in each year during the period from the year 2019 up to now, separately ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1968/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately the number of existing Television and Radio channels in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there are television and radio channels, operated without licenses among the Television and Radio channels in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if so, of the action that has been taken in that regard; and
 - (iv) whether applications have been received to launch new television and radio channels?
- (b) If not, why?

1994/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a huge financial misappropriation has taken place in the Maharagama and Hiripitiya branches of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation in the first quarter of the year 2023;
 - (ii) if so, of the amount misappropriated;
 - (iii) whether the dishonesty of the officers has caused a delay of a week or two in the enforcement of the law in this regard ;
 - (iv) of the officers involved in this financial misappropriation;
 - (v) of the action that will be taken against the aforesaid officials;
 - (vi) of the manner in which the misappropriated money will be recovered?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Heads of the aforesaid branches should bear ultimate responsibility for the said financial misappropriation;
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken against the said Heads ;
- (c) If not, why?

2007/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that abandonment of paddy fields in the wet zone has caused reduction in food production;
 - (ii) of the proposals that are being implemented for asvaddumizing abandoned paddy fields;

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- (iii) whether is it accepted that paddy fields have been abandoned as farmers have been given up the paddy cultivation;
- (iv) of the reasons that underlie for farmers to give up paddy cultivation; and
- (v) what solutions are given for it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) the number of officers assigned at ministerial, provincial and divisional levels in relation to paddy cultivation, separately;
 - (ii) whether there is a new national policy introduced to develop Agriculture; and
 - (iii) if yes, what that policy is?
- (c) If not, why?

2023/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that of—
 - (i) the Mahilur central dispensary has been established in the Mahilur area of the Eruvilpattu divisional secretariat, Manmune south of Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) the aforesaid dispensary was established, acquiring a land where the people had been settled for a long period of time; and
 - (iii) they have been given a lesser extent of land than the previous land when alternative lands were given to aforesaid people elsewhere for settlement?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a remedy for aforesaid matter?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is no permanent Doctor, ambulance service, sufficient beds and adequate toilet facilities in aforesaid dispensary which offers services to the people living in the villages , Oontachchimadam, Kurumanveli, Mahilur and Eruvil;
 - (ii) if so, whether steps are being taken to meet the aforesaid requirements;
 - (iii) of the aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

2043/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount spent to construct Mahinda Rajapakse International Cricket Stadium at Sooriyawewa;

- (ii) whether foreign donations were received for the construction of the stadium; and
- (iii) if so, separately, the value of each foreign donation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders had been called to construct the aforesaid stadium;
 - (ii) if not, the procedure followed to select the relevant construction company; and
 - (iii) if the 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?

2056/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Non Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of land divisions in the Kandy Bowhill Estate, which belonged to the Janatha Estates Development Board (JEDB) when the state owned estates were restructured in the year 1992;
 - (ii) of the names of the said land divisions; and
 - (iii) out of the said land divisions, whether any land division had been left uncultivated and abandoned by 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the land divisions or buildings of the aforementioned estate have been granted to any external party or private institution during the period from the year 1992 to 2015;
 - (ii) if so, the names of each of the said individuals/ private institutions and the total number of land divisions and buildings granted as such, separately; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families residing in each of the aforementioned land divisions/buildings mentioned in (i) above?
- (c) If not, why?

2074/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the number of proposed renewable energy projects to be implemented in Sri Lanka on foreign investments, the value of each project and the number of electricity units expected to be generated; and
 - (ii) of the measures that will be taken to further promote the implementation of renewable energy projects ?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) although the three-wheeler services fulfil the transportation needs of the people, no formal system in place to regulate the same; and
 - (ii) the passengers are inconvenienced by the irregular tolling practices of the three-wheeler drivers?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered three-wheelers in Kandy district out of the total number in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there is a formal system to regulate the three-wheeler service;
 - (iii) whether it has been proposed to introduce an identity card and a uniform for the identification of the three-wheeler drivers and to install a meter on the three-wheelers; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which the above proposals will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

43/2024

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

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the former president Hon. Maithripala Sirisena signed the gazette notification in 2019 for the inclusion of 13 forest reserves located around the Sinharaja Forest Reserve, which is a World Heritage, into the Sinharaja Forest and for increasing the area of the Sinharaja Forest Reserve up to 30,000 hectares; and
 - (ii) however, the said gazette notification has not been published so far?
- (b) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the acreage of each of the aforesaid forest reserves that had been proposed to be included into the Sinharaja World Heritage Forest Reserve as per the above gazette Notification;
 - (ii) of the reasons behind the delay in publishing the aforesaid gazette Notification;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to publish the aforesaid gazette Notification; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which the said gazette notification will be published?
- (c) If not, why?

310/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of early childhood development centers currently functioning in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of centers registered with the government;
 - (iii) whether is it allowed to function a pre-school without being registered with the government;
 - (iv) whether there is a mechanism to oversee the pre-schools; and
 - (v) of the basic requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to manage a pre-school ?
- (b) If not, why?

357/2024

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

- (a) Will he state, separately of—
 - (i) the number of child abuse cases pending in the Magistrates Courts and High Courts of Sri Lanka;

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- (ii) the aforesaid number, as per each district based on the time classification of 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years from the commencement of the trial;
 - (iii) the number of child abuse complaints made to the Sri Lanka Police or the National Child Protection Authority from the year 2020 to date but not proceeded with legal actions, as per each district; and
 - (iv) the number of children who have been sexually abused as a result of child abuse incidents, from 2018 to 2022, on a gender based analysis ?
- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) whether data is available relating to child abuse which is not reported to the police or the authority;
 - (ii) if so, the number of aforesaid child abuse cases, annually;
 - (iii) whether it is accepted that the number of child abuse cases have gradually increased over the past two years;
 - (iv) if so, the reasons thereof; and
 - (v) the measures that are being taken to avoid delays in justice pertaining to child abuse cases ?
- (c) If not, why?

367/2024

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of hospitals in Sri Lanka that belong to the central government, provincial councils and private sector, separately;
 - (ii) the number of beds in those hospitals; and
 - (iii) the number of beds in the emergency treatment units established in the hospitals under the central government and those under the provincial councils?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
- (i) the number of registered doctors in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the number of male nursing officers and female nursing officers serving at present, separately;
 - (iii) the number of other employees other than doctors and nurses serving at government hospitals, separately according to each post; and
 - (iv) the doctor-patient ratio and patient-bed ratio that exist in Sri Lanka by now, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

372/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether explosives have been seized in Sri Lanka since the Easter bomb attack on 21 April 2019;
 - (ii) if so, the location where the explosives were seized, the type and quantity of the explosives, the names and residences of the persons arrested there and the progress of the respective investigations, separately;
 - (iii) whether the National Security Council has been informed of the said arrests; and
 - (iv) of the dates on which such notice was given?
- (b) If not, why?

379/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the reasons for the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to be involved in Future Security Transactions (Hedging Agreement);
 - (ii) the financial institutions with which the Corporation conducted Future Security Transactions from 2010 to date, in relation to each year, separately;
 - (iii) the profit made/loss incurred out of the Future Security Transactions conducted during the afore mentioned period, in relation to each year, separately; and
 - (iv) the officers/ persons who represented the Corporation at those Transactions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the losses incurred by the Future Security Transactions have had an impact on the current fuel price hikes;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken to cushion that impact; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements would be made to enter in to Future Security Transactions in future too which would potentially incur such losses?
- (c) If not, why?

465/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the number of large-scale power generation projects that have been proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka in the year 2024;

- (ii) the names of the above projects;
 - (iii) the number of units of electricity these projects are expected to add to the national power grid ; and
 - (iv) the impact made on the tariff of a unit of electricity by renewable energy projects?
- (b) If not, why?

1243/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the extent of lands owned by the Land Reform Commission in Monaragala District ;
 - (ii) the extent of lands which has been distributed among the people out of aforesaid lands; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands mentioned in (ii) above, separately according to each Divisional Secretariat Division ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether deeds have been granted for the lands, distributed among the people so far;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of deeds that have been granted to the residents and cultivators from the year 2021 to date and the respective extent of lands, separately as per each year; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements will be made to grant deeds in the future for the lands for which deeds haven't been granted?
- (c) If not, why?

2082/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of buildings rented by the Ceylon Electricity Board for establishing its regional offices and other purposes of the board;
 - (ii) separately, of the total amount of rent that has been paid so far for aforementioned buildings in each year from the year 2015;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the buildings should not be taken on rent at massive amounts of rent when CEB incurs losses as such; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken in order to control the said situation
- (b) If not, why?
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