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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to “Dedicated Textile Manufacturing Zone” in Eravur, Batticaloa District and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2377/41 of 28th March 2024, which was presented on 14.05.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under Petroleum Resources Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 read with Sections 4(a) and 16(4) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and under Section 48 read with Section 13(3) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2374/17 of 05th March 2024, which were presented on 13.05.2024, be approved.

**** Indicates Government Business.***

Tuesday, June 04, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

**** Indicates Government Business.***

(2)

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, June 04, 2024)

2094/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the general assembly of Singakkakuliya devalaya, Wennappuwa was convened on 25.02.2024 for an election and later it was cancelled;
 - (ii) whether a court order has been issued for the annulment of the general assembly;
 - (iii) whether the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs or any other officer has issued a letter informing him to cancel the aforesaid general assembly; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the letter is produced?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the members have been enrolled for Singakkuliya devalaya by charging membership fees;
 - (ii) whether objections have been raised by the members of the aforesaid devalaya, against the cancellation of the general assembly;
 - (iii) if so, whether it is accepted that the human rights and rights of the members of the aforesaid devalaya have been violated due to the cancellation of the general assembly; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps taken to rectify the situation?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— (2)

- (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

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- (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 a sustainable solution will be provided 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,— (3)

- (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?
- (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?

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311/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage — 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) whether entrance fees are levied on local and foreign tourists who visit *Bopath Ella* in Kuruvita, Ratnapura;
- (ii) if so, what organization collects such fees;
- (iii) of the annual income earned by the organization concerned through collecting fees;
- (iv) whether measures have been taken to use money from this income in order to develop facilities which the visitors to the waterfall need; and
- (v) of the different fees levied on local child tourists and foreign child tourists who visit the waterfall, separately?

(b) If not, why?

358/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka as at 30.10.2023 as per each age group 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40 and above 40 years, their gender, the nature of disability and the district;
 - (ii) out of the total number of people with disabilities aged between 5-20 years, of the number of differently-abled people those who are receiving their primary, secondary and tertiary education, and receive no education as per gender basis; and
 - (iii) separately, out of the total number of people with disabilities aged above 20 years, of the number of differently-abled people those who are serving in the state, private and self-employed sectors as per gender basis?
- (b) the figure of the (iii) above, as a percentage of the total number of persons with disabilities?
- (c) If not, why?

368/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the number of persons who had applied for dual citizenship each year, from year 2015 to year 2020;
- (ii) separately, the number of persons who have been granted dual citizenship; and

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- (iii) whether there is a specific period for the entire process from applying for dual citizenship and being granted?

(b) If not, why?

371/2024

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

(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;
- (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?

380/2024

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

(a) Will he inform the House —

- (i) of the places where fuel stocks ordered by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are unloaded and the methods of unloading, separately;
- (ii) if unloading is carried out using pipes, how many pipes are used for the purpose;
- (iii) if the piping system is defunct or defective, whether estimates have been prepared to renovate it;
- (iv) if so, what the estimated amount is; and
- (v) of the number of days spent for unloading a shipload of fuel when defects exist in the piping system and the number of days spent for it when the piping system is working efficiently?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of shiploads of fuel are ordered by Sri Lanka usually; and
 - (ii) amount that has to be paid as late fees per day per fuel ship?
- (c) If not, why?

1244/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project named ‘Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) is being implemented in the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) if so, whether he will state the Divisional Secretariat Divisions within which the Project concerned is implemented, the timeline for the implementation of the Project in each such Division, and the amounts allocated for agro projects and irrigation projects in each such Division, separately;
 - (iii) of the agro projects and irrigation projects, which have been completed in terms of their implementation as at present under this project, separately; and
 - (iv) of agro projects and irrigation projects which are still being implemented, the present progress of each such project, and the proposed dates for completion, in respect of each project, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

2111/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately of the—
 - (i) capital gains earned by the recognized 14 primary dealers separately for the period ending 30.06.2022 in respect of Treasury Bills and Bonds issued by the Sri Lankan government;
 - (ii) capital gains earned by the same dealers separately for the period ending 30.06.2023 in respect of Treasury Bills and Bonds issued by the Sri Lankan government;
 - (iii) total capital gains earned by these dealers for the period ending 30.06.2022; and
 - (iv) total capital gains earned by these dealers for the period ending 30.06.2023?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether there was a significant increase in capital gains earned by these dealers for the period ending 30.06.2023;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of tax paid by these dealers on this windfall?
- (c) If not, why?

2131/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the building line limit related to Wijesekara Mawatha/Road, located in 540-B Jayathilaka grama sewa division of Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council, has been reduced to 10 feet according to the 2020-2031 development plan even though as per the 2007-2020 Development Plan it remained 20 feet from the center of the road ;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons for reducing the building line limit of the aforesaid road to 10 feet from the center of the road as per the 2020-2031 development plan;
 - (iii) whether it been decided to maintain the building line limit of the other roads of the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Municipal Council area at 20 feet from the center of the road, in terms of the 2020-2031 Development Plan, as previously done;
 - (iv) if so, whether steps are taken to maintain the building line limit of the aforesaid road as well at 20 feet from the center of the road; and
 - (v) whether the building construction activities on both sides of the aforesaid road comply with the rules of the Urban Development Authority?
- (b) If not, why not?

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

466/2024

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,—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 places where garbage is disposed of by each of the local authorities in the Western Province, separately;

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- (ii) of the number of places there are in the Western Province where garbage has accumulated on a massive scale and what their locations are, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the people living in the vicinity of these places have had to face many problems involving the environment; and
 - (iv) of the measures will be adopted for solving such problems?
- (b) If not, why?

511/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
- (i) date of completion of the construction work of the Medawachchiya Trade Complex in Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) cost incurred on the construction of that Trade Complex; and
 - (iii) measures to be taken to open that Trade Complex soon?
- (b) If not, why?

542/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform the House of the—
- (i) number of branches the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has;
 - (ii) number of training centres function under the Bureau concerned; and
 - (iii) courses that are conducted by the said training centres;
- (b) Will he also inform the House of the —
- (i) number of skilled and unskilled workers have gone abroad in each of the years from 2020 up to now, separately; and
 - (ii) countries that have requested for skilled and unskilled workers at present and the number of such workers, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

565/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) approved carder for the Inland Revenue Department;
 - (ii) the number of employees who are assigned to and employed by the Inland Revenue Department and the number of employees assigned to the Combined Services separately;

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- (iii) amount of monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive grade officers, non-executive grade officers and junior employees assigned to the Inland Revenue Department according to each position separately; and
- (iv) amount of monthly salaries and allowances paid to executive grade officers, non-executive grade officers and junior employees assigned to the Combined Services according to each post separately?

(b) If not, why?

590/2024

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithrarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

- (i) whether approval has been granted to import birds to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, the countries for which approval has been granted to import birds;
- (iii) whether criteria relating to Avian Influenza have been considered when granting such approval;
- (iv) the other criteria considered when granting that approval; and
- (v) the measures that will be adopted in the event of the spread of Avian Influenza if the birds that are to be imported pose the risk of the spreading the disease?

(b) If not, why?

611/2024

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the foreign visits attended by the incumbent President since his assumption of office;
- (ii) separately of the Heads of States met during each of those visits;
- (iii) whether diplomatic agreements have been entered into with those heads of states;
- (iv) if so, what those agreements separately are;
- (v) of the number of other delegates who have accompanied the President on each of the aforesaid foreign visits separately; and
- (vi) of the amount spent on each such foreign tour separately?

(b) If not, why?

636/2024

Hon. B.Y.G. Rathnasekara,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the countries to which Sri Lankan workers have been sent for employment in 2023 with the intervention of the government;
 - (ii) the number of workers sent to each such country, separately;
 - (iii) the number of Sri Lankan workers that has gone for foreign employment without an intervention of the government in 2023;
 - (iv) the total foreign exchange remitted to Sri Lanka by the workers engaged in foreign employment during that year; and
 - (v) the programme that has been devised to send skilled Sri Lankan workers for foreign employment in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1092/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the “Milk production development loan scheme” is functional at present;
 - (ii) of the number of dairy farms established under the “Programme to establish 1000 dairy farms” at present;
 - (iii) the volume of liquid milk produced by those dairy farms annually;
 - (iv) the number of dairy farms scheduled to be established under this in future; and
 - (v) whether the allocations required for this programme would be disbursed continuously?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/2024

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,—(2)

- (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
 - (iv) of the programme implemented to protect the ornamental fish industry?
- (b) If not, why?

1154/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of archeological excavations currently being carried out in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the aforementioned places are;
 - (iii) whether the allocations required for aforesaid excavations / development activities are being provided continuously;
 - (iv) of the archeological sites where excavations / development activities have been suspended due to lack of funds; and
 - (v) of the number of proposed archeological sites where excavations / development activities will be carried out in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, June 20, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1248/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the steps taken to increase the wages of private sector employees in line with the increasing cost of living; and
 - (ii) the reasons if such steps have not been taken yet?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the special measures taken to protect the rights of female workers during the prevailing economic crises;
 - (ii) the measures taken to provide childcare, nutrition and similar support to the children of female workers, as there is a tendency for women to join the workforce in order to cope with the current economic crisis;
 - (iii) the steps taken to protect the rights of overseas domestic female workers; and
 - (iv) the reasons if such steps have not been taken yet?
- (c) If not, why?

1252/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that many countries in the world are promoting private medical education as of now;
 - (ii) of the number of private medical educational institutions in Sri Lanka that provide western medical education;
 - (iii) of the names of such institutions;
 - (iv) of the number of government teaching hospitals available for the clinical training required by the students studying in the above mentioned private medical educational institutions;
 - (v) of the names of such hospitals; and
 - (vi) of steps that would be taken to improve and promote private Western medical education in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1283/2024

Hon. Asanka Navaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a comprehensive report be submitted regarding the current shortages of human resources and physical resources in the government hospitals of Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to meet the above deficiencies; and
 - (iii) if so, of the steps taken so far in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1286/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of local government institutions in Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) names of those institutions;
 - (iii) annual income and expenditure of each of the said institutions from 2018 up to now, separately; and
 - (iv) steps taken to uplift the local government institutions with financial and physical resource shortages out of the local government institutions in Polonnaruwa district?
- (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 of—
 - (i) the role and function of the Grama Niladhari and that of the Registrar in registering the natural deaths occurring at home, separately; and
 - (ii) 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 Maharoof,— 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 elephants 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?
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