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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

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Tuesday, July 09, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgements
Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Immigration Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Annual Excise License Fees, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/38 of 12th January 2024, which was presented on 18.06.2024, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 01/2024).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, regarding Excise License Fees, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2369/32 of 01st February 2024, which was presented on 18.06.2024, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 03/2024).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/34 of 17th May 2024, which were presented on 18.06.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(1) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/35 of 17th May 2024, which were presented on 18.06.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Samadhi Meditation and Yoga Centre (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

**** Indicates Government Business.***

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1704/2024

Hon. K. P. S. Kumarasiri,— To ask from 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 number of casual workers currently employed in local government institutions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not confirming them in the service;
 - (iii) of the duties they are currently performing;
 - (iv) of the salary paid to such employees;
 - (v) whether steps are taken for their permanent employment?
- (b) If not, why?

(3)

1729/2024

Hon. Jagath Priyankara, — To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways, — (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of unguarded level crossings found in the Puttalam district at present;
 - (ii) of the names of the places where those level crossings are located;
 - (iii) separately of the number of persons who were killed and the number of those who were injured because of the said unguarded level crossings from 2015 to date; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to fix guarded railway gates at the said level crossings?
- (b) If not, why?

1739/2024

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the approved carder for Kinnia Base Hospital, Trincomalee;
 - (ii) the number of employees currently working in the above hospital;
 - (iii) the number of doctors and nurses working in the above hospital according to their language of communication separately; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to fill the existing vacancies in the above hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

1751/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date of commencement of ‘Govisetha’ lottery;
 - (ii) of the objective of introducing aforesaid lottery;
 - (iii) separately, for each year, of the amount of revenue earned from the sale of the aforesaid lottery and the amount of prizes awarded from the date of commencement to date; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to use the income, generated by the sale of aforesaid lottery, for the welfare of the farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

1878/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of students who sat the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination from Matale District in each of the years from 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) of their percentages segregated as science, commerce and arts streams, separately; and
 - (iii) what steps will be taken to get a majority of students of the Matale District enrolled to the Advanced Level science and mathematics streams?
- (b) If not, why?

1910/2024

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

- (a) Separately, will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the extent of land owned by the National Livestock Development Board and the location of them;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid lands, extent of used land area, extent of under-utilized land area and their locations; and
 - (iii) out of the lands mentioned in (i) above, the extent of land coming under the purview of Land Reform Commission and the locations of the aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the policy of the National Livestock Development Board with regard to alienation or leasing of above mentioned under-utilized lands is;
 - (ii) out of the aforementioned lands extent of land alienated or leased out and their locations, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1914/2024

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatta, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a forecast has been made in relation to the electricity requirement of Sri Lanka for the next 05 years;
 - (ii) if so, whether the details of the electricity requirement of Sri Lanka for the next 05 years would be presented; and
 - (iii) the plans which are proposed to be implemented in the next 05 years in order to meet such electricity requirement?
- (b) If not, why?

(5)

1918/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lankan female workers who have gone abroad to date from year 2019;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid, the number of female workers those serving as domestic workers and in other professions, separately;
 - (iii) of the number of skilled and unskilled labourers out of the aforementioned number of female workers separately; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the Foreign Employment Bureau for the welfare of the aforesaid female workers?
- (b) If not, why?

1943/2024

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the electricity crisis in Sri Lanka still continues;
 - (ii) of the impact on Sri Lanka's economy due to the electricity crisis;
 - (iii) of the measures taken to resolve the electricity crisis; and
 - (iv) of the period of time that will be taken to resolve this?
- (b) If not, why?

2004/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money to be paid to the suppliers of drugs by the Medical Supplies Division, at present;
 - (ii) whether payments have been made to supplying companies against which legal actions have been filed over frauds;
 - (iii) if so, what those supplying companies are; and
 - (iv) the amount of money paid to each such supplying company, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the drug supplying companies other than the supplying companies mentioned in (a) (ii) above for which payments have been delayed at present;

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- (ii) the amount of money to be paid to each such supplying company, separately; and
 - (iii) whether an interest would be paid to those supplying companies to compensate for the delay in making payments?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2/2024

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

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

42/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Gunathilaka Memorial Hall, which was donated to Rahula Vidyalaya, Matara by Ms. Sarah Lorencina Wijesinghe who resided at Miriswatta Walawwa in Kamburupitiya, in memory of her parents, had been demolished;
 - (ii) if so, of the reasons to demolish the aforesaid hall; and
 - (iii) of the date it was demolished is?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the estimated cost for the new memorial hall that will be constructed in place of Gunathilaka memorial hall;
 - (ii) of the expected sources that will cover the cost;
 - (iii) of the amount that will be borne by the Ministry of Education to construct the new memorial hall;
 - (iv) whether the Urban Development Authority has provided the necessary funds for the purpose; and
 - (v) if so, the aforesaid amount is?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) up to what extent the construction of the new memorial hall has been completed;
 - (ii) the date expected to complete the rest of the construction; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for the delay in completing the construction ?
- (d) If not, why?

1970/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Vocational Training Centres/Institutions registered under the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission;
 - (ii) the number of vocational training centers/institutions in the public sector and private sector separately out of the above institutions; and
 - (iii) the number of courses conducted by the vocational training centers/institutes mentioned in (ii) above;
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the period for which the Vocational Training Centres/Institutions are registered; and
 - (ii) the amount charged for extending the registration of vocational training centres/institutes?
- (c) If not, why?

1993/2024

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (2)

- (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;

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- (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; and
 - (ii) whether the workers residing in the above houses will be allowed to stay in them further?
- (c) If not, why?

2009/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the state has acquired lands adjoining the Kandy city in order to develop the city
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid extent of lands; and
 - (iii) of the number of aforesaid land owners ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether compensation have been granted for the lands, so acquired;
 - (ii) if so, of the total amount of compensation, granted; and
 - (iii) separately, of the amount of compensation granted to each aforesaid land owner ?
- (c) If not , why ?

2025/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether he is aware that it is was stated in Parliament on 10.02.2021 by the then State Minister of Finance that the approval of the Cabinet has been sought to restructure The Finance Company Limited;
 - (ii) the date on which the said approval was given; and

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- (iii) the date on which a suitable investor will be identified and called for that entity ?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the Central Bank of Sri Lanka filed a case in the Commercial High Court on 15.02.2021 under the No. CH/19/2021/CO asking for permission to dissolve the above institution;
 - (ii) the said course of action is against the statement mentioned in (a) (i) above; and
 - (iii) the depositors of the above institution have been confused by it?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the date on which an amount of Rs.500,000 will be given to each aggrieved depositor using the funds of the Sri Lanka Deposit Insurance and Liquidity Support Scheme (SLDILSS);
 - (ii) whether the full amount can be given to the depositors concerned using the amount of 60 billion rupees in the aforesaid fund; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2046/2024

Hon. Lalith Ellawala,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the construction of Galthude-Atulugama-Vidagama road was initiated with financial grants of the Asian Development Bank;
 - (ii) the residents on both sides of the above road allowed demolishing their houses and boundary walls to widen the road without any compensation;
 - (iii) the construction of the above road has been completely halted by now; and
 - (iv) a large number of people in the area, including more than 3000 students studying at Al Ghazzali College, Atulugama, which is located next to the aforementioned road have been faced to difficulties as they are unable to walk or travel due to this matter?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the reasons for the development activities of the above road to be halted mid-way; and
 - (ii) the date on which the said development activities will be resumed?
- (c) If not, why?

2056/2024

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

- (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 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?

2078/2024

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Defense,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, as per each year, of the number of army soldiers and the officers who have deserted the service since 2010 to date;
 - (ii) of the causes that affect them for the desertion of the service;
 - (iii) whether the illegal activities of such army soldiers who have deserted the service has become a reason for the increment of crimes in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the Ministry to control aforesaid activities ?
- (b) If not, why?

2086/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of firearms that Rakna Lanka Security Company had given to Avantguard Company;

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- (ii) the number of firearms that have been returned and the number of firearms that have not been returned by Avantgarde Company so far, separately;
 - (iii) as to what steps be taken to recover the unreturned firearms?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 25, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

312/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount currently spent by the Ceylon Electricity Board to generate a unit of electricity;
 - (ii) of the amount spent for generating a unit of solar power;
 - (iii) whether there is a program to increase the solar power generation ;
 - (iv) if so, what the said arrangement is; and
 - (v) if not, whether such a program would be prepared?;
- (b) If not, why?

360/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately on each district of the —
 - (i) number of preschools (Early Childhood Development Centers) registered in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) number of preschools functioned based on the categorization of local government authorities, non-governmental organizations, private sector, and government-affiliated institutions;
 - (iii) number of preschools based on Sinhala, Tamil and English medium;
 - (iv) number of children educating in preschool;
 - (v) number of 3-5 year aged children who do not attend preschools; and
 - (vi) total number of preschool heads?
- (b) Will he also inform this House the reasons why children do not have preschool education?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the total number of preschool teachers based on their educational qualifications;

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- (ii) of the number of preschool teachers with Early Childhood Development Diploma as a percentage of the total number of preschool teachers;
 - (iii) whether a common syllabus/course work and a teachers' guide are available for preschool teachers;
 - (iv) whether a specific mechanism is available to regulate them properly; and
 - (v) if not, the mechanism by which they are currently regulated?
- (d) If not, why?

370/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the service of the casual, substitute, contract and temporary bases employees, employed in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy and the institutions under it, has been terminated after 2019;
 - (ii) of the number of employees whose service has been so terminated;
 - (iii) separately, of the name, address and the telephone number of each aforesaid employee; and
 - (iv) of the reasons for their termination ?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether aforesaid employees whose service had been terminated are reinstated;
 - (ii) if so, of the date; and
 - (iii) of the measures that have been taken so far regarding aforesaid employees ?
- (c) If not, why?

375/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) whether any investigation has been carried out regarding the torture sustained by the tusker Muthuraja in Sri Lanka, which is currently receiving treatments in Thailand;
 - (ii) whether the investigation report will be submitted;

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- (iii) whether the tusker Muthuraja is supposed to be brought back to Sri Lanka; and
- (iv) if so, of the steps that have been taken in this regard?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether any incidents of tamed elephants being tortured have been reported in Sri Lanka in the year 2022; and
 - (ii) if so, of the steps that have been taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

382/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Vehicular Emission Test Trust Fund was established;
 - (ii) of the aims/objectives of establishing the aforesaid fund;
 - (iii) of the names of the members of the aforesaid fund;
 - (iv) of the amount to be given monthly as a percentage, to the aforesaid fund by the institutions that issue emission certificates; and
 - (v) separately, as per each year, of the amount received by the aforesaid fund from the aforesaid institutions to date, since the year it was established?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the board of trustees of the fund has prepared a long-term composite plan or annual action plans for carrying out the initial aims/objectives of the aforesaid fund;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid plans; and
 - (iii) separately, as per each year, of the amount that has been spent by the fund so far, in terms of aforesaid plans?
- (c) If not, why?

468/2024

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money spent to import medicines to Sri Lanka from 2015 up to date, in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) the number of medicines that was abandoned from use due to various reason during that period and the value of such medicines, separately; and
 - (iii) the reasons that led to medicines being abandoned from use?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the queries specified in the Audit report in respect of storage of medicines; and
 - (ii) the steps that would be taken in relation to that Audit queries?
- (c) If not, why?

513/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of paddy lands currently being cultivated under the Mahakanadarava scheme;
 - (ii) the number of farming families that cultivate paddy lands under the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iii) whether she is aware that irrigation officials have threatened the farmers that cultivate paddy lands under the Mahakanadarava scheme; and
 - (iv) if so, the action that will be taken in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

544/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardena,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways, — (1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) how many employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board have been politically victimized from the year 2015 up to now;
 - (ii) whether investigations have been conducted into such acts of political victimization;
 - (iii) how many employees have been given relief as per the investigations;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide relief in due course to those employees who have not received relief; and
 - (v) what the reasons are, if relief is not going to be provided?
- (b) If not, why?

564/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of coconut saplings given by the government for plantation each year separately from 2015 to now;
 - (ii) of the areas and the number of saplings provided separately;

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- (iii) whether a follow-up is carried out on the growth of those coconut saplings;
 - (iv) of the number of coconut saplings that record proper growth out of those coconut saplings; and
 - (v) of the number of coconut saplings expected to be distributed next year?
- (b) If not, why?

1245/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of recipients of jobs recruited at the first phase and the number of recipients of jobs recruited at the second phase of the programme of providing one hundred thousand jobs to the low-income families and the number of recipients of jobs, out of those recruited who are employed at present, separately;
 - (ii) whether a permanent place of work has been assigned to those who are employed at present;
 - (iii) the number of recipients of jobs who have not been assigned with a permanent place of work, if any;
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to confirm the above recipients of jobs on their posts; and
 - (v) if so, the dates on which it would be done?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, July 26, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

595/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of Members of Parliament, former Members of Provincial Councils, Members of Local Government and other persons, separately, whose homes, properties and offices have been damaged or destroyed during the unrest that occurred in Sri Lanka on or around 9th May 2022;
 - (ii) the value of the damage or loss caused to assets of each such Member/person separately and the total value of the damage or loss so caused;

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- (iii) the government/public properties which were damaged or destroyed during the unrest concerned;
 - (iv) the value of damage or loss caused to each of such government/public property separately; and
 - (v) the total value of the damage or loss caused to government/public properties?
- (b) If not, why?

612/2024

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of public corporations, authorities, boards and other production and service institutions owned by the Government of Sri Lanka by the year 1978;
 - (ii) of the name of each such institution along with the product manufactured/service provided separately;
 - (iii) of the number of institutions currently functioning out of those mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) separately of the percentage of government ownership of each of the aforesaid institutions;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the number of institutions that have been privatized out of the production/service establishments referred to in (a)(i) above;
 - (ii) separately of the name of each such institution and the product manufactured/service provided;
 - (iii) of the institutions that have gone bankrupt out of those mentioned in (a)(i) above; and
 - (iv) of the names of such bankrupt institutions ?
- (c) If not, why?

639/2024

Hon. B.Y.G Rathnasakara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total Coconut production of Sri Lanka in 2023 in relation to each province, separately; and
 - (ii) the manner of fluctuation of the total Coconut production in 2023 as against 2022 ?

(17)

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the total Tea production of Sri Lanka in 2023;
 - (ii) the income earned from the exportation of Tea in that year; and
 - (iii) the number of researches conducted by the research institutions established for plantation crops including the Tea Research Institution and Coconut Research Institution in 2023; and
 - (iv) the main findings of such research?
- (c) If not, why?

1090/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of registered leasing companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether legal actions have been taken against the leasing companies that have not been registered properly;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that different interest rates charged by those leasing companies have caused severe inconvenience on the parties who have signed agreements with them;
 - (iv) whether a proper mechanism has been executed to regulate the interest rates charged by the said companies; and
 - (v) of the methodology adopted to safeguard the customers who have obtained leasing facilities ?
- (b) If not, why?

1129/2024

Hon. D. Weerasingha,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the —
- (i) extent of land owned by the Land Reform Commission in Ampara district;
 - (ii) extent of land distributed among the public out of the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) extent of land where deeds have been handed over out of the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) extent of land, deeds are to be handed over in the future; according to each divisional secretariat division?
- (b) If not, why?

1156/2024

Hon. Madhura Withanage, Attorney-at-Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether passenger transportation can be carried out using the vehicles that are only permitted to transport goods;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that passenger transportation is being carried out using the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) of the legitimate authority granted for passenger transportation in aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the number of fatalities resulting from accidents involving passenger transportation vehicles operating unsafely is on the rise; and
 - (v) if so, of the measures that will be taken regarding the matter?
- (b) If not, why?

1246/2024

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) progress of the Presidential Commission appointed to probe into the allegations levelled by ‘Channel 4’ on Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019,—
 - (ii) date when the report of the above Commission will be made available to this House and the public; and
 - (iii) reasons if there is no progress in the investigation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for the appointment of a Select Committee of Parliament to investigate into the same allegations levelled by ‘Channel 4’ regarding the aforesaid attacks;
 - (ii) of the progress of the above Committee;
 - (iii) if there is no progress, the reasons; and
 - (iv) of the parameters of the above Committee?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of the reasons the government has repeatedly ignored calls for an independent international inquiry on the said attacks?
- (d) If not, why?

1254/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is known that explosives were found on a plot of land in Vanathavilluwa, Puttalam prior to the Easter Sunday attack which took place in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the names and designations of the police officers who conducted the related investigations;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the investigations were not carried out consistently;
 - (iv) of the information related to the above investigations, stipulated in the Report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate on the Easter Sunday attack;
 - (v) whether it is accepted that the Easter Sunday attack could have been prevented if the above investigations had been carried out properly; and
 - (vi) of the measures that will be taken to strictly enforce the law against the accused arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday attack?
- (b) If not, why?

1288/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of government schools in the Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of those schools, the number of schools that offer subjects in the Technical stream at present;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the steps that would be taken to popularize the Technical stream among the students of the Polonnaruwa district?
- (b) If not, why?

2005/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the amount due by the pharmaceutical suppliers of Sri Lanka from the State Pharmaceutical Corporation by 31.01.2024, according to each pharmaceutical supplier; and
 - (ii) separately, of the amount due to the Indian pharmaceutical suppliers by 31.01.2024 for the medicine imported to Sri Lanka under the Indian credit facility, according to each pharmaceutical supplier?
 - (b) If not, why?
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