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Tuesday, July 23, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies under Section 32 read with Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2366/39 of 12th January 2024, which was presented on 12.07.2024, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 02/2024).

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— Regulations under the Debt Conciliation Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms under Sections 6 and 10 read with Section 63 of the Debt Conciliation Ordinance (Chapter 81) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2381/23 of 22nd April 2024, which was presented on 12.07.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Tourism and Lands and Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— Order under the Tourism Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Tourism and Lands under Section 26(1) of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority with regard to the declaration of a tourist development area and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2364/29 of 28th December 2023, which was presented on 09.07.2024, be approved.

**** Indicates Government Business.***

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*** Indicates Government Business.**

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, July 24, 2024)

2146/2024

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the privately-owned lands of artist Soleus Mandis, who resided in Mahawewa, Chilaw, has been transferred to the management of the All Ceylon Buddhist Congress;
- (ii) if so, the time period during which the said lands were transferred;
- (iii) the manner in which the said lands were transferred;
- (iv) what the relevant last will/certificate is;
- (v) the name, size, and location of each such land separately;
- (vi) whether the above lands have been subsequently alienated by the Congress; and
- (vii) if so, on which grounds?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of annual income earned separately from each land mentioned in (a) (v) above from the date of transfer to date;
- (ii) the measures taken for the development and protection of the said lands and the buildings thereon since the date of transfer to date; and
- (iii) whether a program has been proposed to develop the Children's Home "Siviraja" established on a land in Mahawewa belonging to Mr. Solius Mandis?

(c) If not, why?

2148/2024

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Gunawardena Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) of the current Commissioner of Official Languages, lacks Tamil language proficiency; and

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- (ii) as a result, it is challenging for him to address the needs of citizens who speak Tamil, which is an official language in Sri Lanka?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the Tamil language proficiency level of the current Commissioner of Official Languages; and
 - (ii) of the qualifications he has acquired in English, the link language of Sri Lanka?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, August 06, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1702/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of officers serving by now in the posts of Inspector of Police, Sergeant and Police Constable of Sri Lanka Police, separately;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies that exist for each of the said posts by now, separately;
 - (iii) the methodology followed in granting promotions to the officers serving in the said posts;
 - (iv) the time taken to be promoted to the post of Inspector of Police from the post of Police Sergeant; and
 - (v) the methodology followed by now in recruiting Police Constables to Sri Lanka police?
- (b) If not, why?

1730/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Industrial Zones, established in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the number of factories in each of aforesaid industrial Zone and separately, of the number of direct and the indirect employments, generated; and
 - (iii) the measures, taken for the development of infrastructure and the other facilities in the aforesaid Industrial Zones?
- (b) If not, why?

(4)

1740/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of warehouses of paddy belonging to the government in the Ampara district;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) the volume of paddy that can be stored in each of the above mentioned warehouses, separately; and
 - (iv) the volume of paddy that was stored in the above warehouses from 2015, in relation to each year, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are warehouses that are not used at present out of the warehouses of paddy mentioned in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if so, the number of those warehouses;
 - (iii) their locations;
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken to reuse those warehouses; and
 - (v) the programmes that have been earmarked to be implemented to make the maximum usage of the warehouses of paddy in the Ampara district?
- (c) If not, why?

1752/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of the government hospitals in the Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors serving in such hospitals;
 - (iii) of the number of ambulances deployed to such hospitals;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that building facilities are minimal at rural hospitals in the District; and
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to overcome the existing deficiencies referred to above?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that higher number of kidney patients are recorded at Anuradhapura District; and
 - (ii) if so, whether they are provided with adequate health facilities?
- (c) If not, why?

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1877/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation and Minister of Irrigation,— (2)

- (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?

1915/2024

Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of branch outlets currently maintained by Lanka Sathosa Limited;
 - (ii) of the number of outlets that are making profits and losses annually among those outlets separately;
 - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to make the loss-making outlets profitable; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to close down the loss-making outlets;
- (b) If not, why ?

1919/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe, — To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs, — (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the number of cases of child abuse and violence against children, abuse of women and violence against women that have taken place in Sri Lanka from 2019 to date;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid numbers of cases of abuse/violence, of the number of those regarding which legal action has been taken; and
 - (iii) out of the aforesaid cases, of the number of those that have been settled?
- (b) If not, why?

1944/2024

Hon. Milan Jayathilake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of people engaged in the ornamental fish industry targeting the international market;
 - (ii) number of ornamental fish exported per year; and
 - (iii) measures that have been taken to promote the ornamental fish industry in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

1971/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of poultry farms in Sri Lanka, their average annual egg production, the average annual egg consumption of Sri Lanka and the number of eggs imported into Sri Lanka each year separately; and
 - (ii) the measures taken to stabilize the constantly fluctuating price of eggs in the market?
- (b) If not, why?

2138/2024

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

- (a) Will he admit —
 - (i) that a policy decision has been taken with the approval of the Board of Directors of the National Livestock Development Board at the Cabinet meeting held on 08.04.2015 to remove 235 families residing in the land belonging to the National Livestock Development Board in Maberiyathanna Grama Niladhari Division of Medadumbara Divisional Secretariat Division, for the construction of the Maberiyathanna Domestic Airport ;
 - (ii) that the occupants of the said land have been in great hardship due to the delay in implementing the said decision up to now; and
 - (iii) that several houses have been damaged due to construction work?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken as per the Cabinet decision, to provide alternative land as soon as possible for the people who lose their houses due to the construction of this airport?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 07, 2024
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1996/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he admits the fact that—
 - (i) a loss of 73 million dollars is incurred due to the lease of a 14-acre land owned by the Sri Lanka Port Authority to another company/institution for services provision and the construction of warehouses without a procurement process at a price lower than the government's valuation; and
 - (ii) the Sri Lanka Ports Authority incur a loss due to the extension of the maximum lease period of 35 years to 50 years in the above lease?
- (b) If not, why?

2010/2024

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) is he aware that Tremors occur in Kandy District, frequently?
 - (ii) whether reasons for aforesaid Tremors have been substantiated by experiments;
 - (iii) if so, whether aforesaid experiment reports will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of families affected by those Tremors; and
 - (ii) the relief provided to the aforesaid families by the government ?
- (c) If not, why?

2021/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a financial institution called Privelth Global (Pvt.) Ltd has been running since 05.02.2014 in the areas of Samanthurai, Kalmunai, Pothuvil, Eravur and Maruthamunai;
 - (ii) Ahmed Shereem Mohamed Sihaf (Sihaf Shereem) who was the director of the aforesaid institution and Fatima Farzana Markar have defrauded 1400 people of more than 1700 million rupees;
 - (iii) the aforementioned director and his family are currently absconding in India; and
 - (iv) complaints have been made to Kalmunai and Samanthurai police stations in this regard?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to arrest the above persons and bring them to Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

2048/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the amount of money spent on the construction of the “Colombo Lotus Tower”;
 - (ii) whether foreign grants were received for its construction;
 - (iii) if so, separately, the amount of money received as foreign grants;
 - (iv) of the amount of public funds spent on the construction of the tower;
 - (v) of the institutions from which the said funds were obtained; and
 - (vi) separately, of the total income and the expenditure of the said tower in each year since its inception?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether tenders have been called for the construction of the Lotus Tower;
 - (ii) if not, the method of selecting the concerned construction company; and
 - (iii) of the name of the Sri Lankan agent if the said construction was carried out by a foreign company;
- (c) If not, why?

2057/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the company engaged in the mining industry in Ambalamana Grama Niladhari Division of the Pathahewahata Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy District;
 - (ii) the type of license issued to the said institution;
 - (iii) the type of minerals excavated by the said institution;
 - (iv) the land extent on which excavations are being carried out by the said institution; and
 - (v) the owners of the said land?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above excavation work has been carried out as per the prescribed standards; and
 - (ii) if not, of the measures that have been taken so far in that regard?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, August 08, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/2024

Hon. Wasantha Yapabandara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Environment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licensed quarries operative in Kandy district by now, separately according to each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha, Divisional Secretariat and the Central Environmental Authority have been reported about the harmful impact caused by these quarries on the people of Malpana, Heepitiya and Ahaspokuna in Kundasale Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iii) if so, of the measures taken in that regard?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he has been informed about the environmental issues that have arisen in the areas where these quarries are located and the damages caused to the property and the danger to the lives of residents in their neighbourhood by now;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that quarrying is done at certain sites without adhering to the proper standards; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to sustain the said industry, to ensure job security in that sector and to ensure the safety of the residents in the neighborhood of those quarries?
- (c) If not, why?

44/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of how many cigarettes that were sold in Sri Lanka from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2023 and what revenue was earned from it by the government, separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) whether the Government will take action to increase cigarette prices further;
 - (iii) if so, by what amount;
 - (iv) whether measures have been taken to discourage the sale of cigarettes; and
 - (v) if so, what those measures are?
- (b) If not, why?

313/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which the Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala was declared open;
 - (ii) the annual income and expenditure of the said airport from the said date up to date, separately according to each year; and
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken regarding the drop of revenue of the said airport?
- (b) If not, why?

362/2024

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) of the number of Presidential Commissions of Inquiry appointed since 1990 by each Executive President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of such commissions, according to the subject areas of national security, national economy, education, electoral reforms and disclosure of corruption and separately according to each executive president; and
 - (iii) of the offenders detected and the punishments recommended to be meted out to them separately by each commission; according to the reports of the commissions mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) of the amount of money spent for each of the above mentioned commissions separately;
 - (ii) whether the final reports of the above commissions are available for the reference of the public;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons thereof;
 - (iv) of the commissions which have not hitherto issued a final report; and
 - (v) of the period in which each such Commission was appointed and the members separately;
- (c) If not, why?

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371/2024

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

- (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?

2079/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of religious festivals that have been broadcast live from 2015 to date, by state-owned radio channels and television channels, separately according to each year;
 - (ii) the names of those festivals;
 - (iii) the amount of expenditure incurred in covering the aforesaid events;
 - (iv) the amount charged so far and the amount to be charged for the coverage of those events, separately each year; and
 - (v) the steps to be taken to recover the amount due?
- (b) If not, why?

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2087/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the members of the five-member committee appointed to investigate into incidents alleged to have taken place during the T-20 cricket tournament held in Australia in the year 2022;
 - (ii) separately, of names, designations, addresses of the players and officials of the Sri Lanka Cricket who were accused in connection with the incidents alleged to have taken place during the above tournament and the allegations against each of the above players/officials as per the said committee report;
 - (iii) of the recommendations given by the above committee; and
 - (iv) of the measures that will be taken to implement the above recommendations expeditiously?
- (b) If not, why?

2111/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,—(2)

- (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?
- (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?

2149/2024

Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) applications were called through a Gazette Notification dated 31.08.2018 to fill the vacancies in the post of government teacher excluding Eastern Province and an open competitive examination in this connection was held in 2019;
 - (ii) the results of the above examination have been released after a prolonged period of 05 years; and
 - (iii) however, the final results of the interview have not yet been published?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the above vacancies have already been filled;
 - (ii) if so, on what basis were the above vacancies filled;
 - (iii) the current status of those who have passed the aforementioned examination;
 - (iv) the current progress of holding the aforesaid final interview;
 - (v) if the above vacancies are not yet filled, the date the vacancies are going to be filled; and
 - (vi) on what basis the above vacancies are filled?
- (c) If not, why?

2150/2024

Hon. Imthiaz Bakeer Markar,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the methodology followed in providing 'Urban Housing Ownership' mentioned in the 2024 budget proposals;
 - (ii) of the number of houses selected to be given title deeds among the apartment schemes belonging to the National Housing Development Authority and the Urban Development Authority separately according to each housing scheme;
 - (iii) of the number of residents who have been given title deeds among the residents of the apartments separately according to each housing scheme;
 - (iv) of the expected dates on which title deeds will be given to residents of apartments who have not been given title deeds so far;
 - (v) whether the residents of apartments will be exempted from paying rent or rent premiums from the year 2024 after the title deeds are issued; and
 - (vi) whether residents of apartments are exempted from payment of notary fees, stamp duty and tax when issuing title deeds?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, August 09, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

383/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,—To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the date on which the Kantale Sugar Limited was started;
 - (ii) separately, the volume of sugar and the volume of spirits produced annually during the period when its factory had been in operation; and
 - (iii) the date on which the factory concerned was closed down?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether action has been taken to restructure the factory after its closure;
 - (ii) if so, what institution/s came forth for it;
 - (iii) which of the institutions was selected from among them;
 - (iv) of the state of the sugar factory at present; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to start the factory again?
- (c) If not, why?

470/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Kelani river is subject to severe environment pollution at many points;
 - (ii) whether those points have been identified;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such points and their names, separately; and
 - (iv) of the steps that would be taken to prevent the pollution of the Kelani river?
- (b) If not, why?

514/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware —
 - (i) that there is an archaeological site named “Hurullewa” within the Galkiriyagama Police Division in the Palagala Divisional Secretariat Division of Anuradhapura District; and
 - (ii) that the archaeological site concerned has been bulldozed and destroyed by some persons;
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that he will take regarding such destruction?
- (c) If not, why?

545/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the name of each agency that has carried out the advertising work of the Development Lotteries Board from the year 2019 to date;
 - (ii) of the amount spent by the said board for advertising work during the said period separately according to each year;
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted by the said board in selecting an agency for advertising work;
 - (iv) of the amount spent on advertising work as a percentage of the total revenue of the Development Lotteries Board; and
 - (v) of the growth in the sale of lotteries of the board from 2019 to date after the advertising work, separately according to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

567/2024

Hon. Sanjeeva Edirimanna,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Lands,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of types of deeds in use in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of those deed types;
 - (iii) the number of deeds given from 2019 up to date and the number of deeds to be given in future under the programme of regularization of government lands, separately; and
 - (iv) the periods of time within which the deeds to be given in future will be given?
- (b) If not, why?

598/2024

Hon. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment — (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankan workers who went abroad in each year from 2017 to 2021;
 - (ii) separately, the total number of Sri Lankan workers who were abroad at the end of each of the years mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the number of Sri Lankan workers who have returned to Sri Lanka in 2020 and 2021?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) separately, the amount of foreign exchange remitted by Sri Lankan workers in each year from 2017 to 2021 in US dollars; and
 - (ii) separately, the drop recorded in the total amount of foreign exchange remitted by them annually during the aforementioned period; and
 - (iii) the specific reason for the decrease in the amount of foreign exchange remitted by them to the country?
- (c) If not, why?

619/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that two aircraft of the United States Air Force arrived at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, on February 14th afternoon, 2023;
 - (ii) of the number of persons on board the aforesaid aircraft;
 - (iii) separately, of the name, passport number, visa number, institution represented and position of each aforesaid person;
 - (iv) separately, of the name of each individual with whom they met in Sri Lanka, the institution he/she represented and the position;
 - (v) of the matters discussed at those meetings; and
 - (vi) of the agreements reached at those meetings?
- (b) If not, why?

635/2024

Hon. B. Y. G. Rathnasekara, — To ask the Minister of Public Security, —(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of murders that were committed in Sri Lanka in year 2023;
 - (ii) of the number of suspects that have been arrested in connection with the aforesaid murders; and
 - (iii) out of the said number of suspects, of the number of those who have been prosecuted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) volume of narcotics that were seized during year 2023;
 - (ii) action that has been taken in respect of the said narcotics; and
 - (iii) progress of the ‘Yukthiya’ programme that has been implemented by the Sri Lanka Police?
- (c) If not, why?

1095/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of graphite mines in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the number of employees employed therein;
 - (iii) of their annual production of graphite;
 - (iv) of the countries to which the said graphite is exported;
 - (v) whether graphite is used for domestic production purposes; and
 - (vi) if so, what the said products are?
- (b) If not, why?

1227/2024

Hon. Kumarasiri Rathnayaka,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of SLTB (Sri Lanka Transport Board) depots in the Monaragala District;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of employees working in each of the said depots with their designation; and
 - (iii) of the number of buses that are currently in running condition, the number of buses that could be added to the fleet after repairing them and the number of buses that cannot be repaired?
- (b) If not, why?

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P.2/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions with a focus on the development work undertaken by the relevant ministries,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal procedure be formulated by the government to make use of the research theses written by the students of the universities and the other tertiary education institutions to achieve the long-term, medium-term and short-term objectives of the relevant ministries when the future development processes are undertaken as it is of utmost importance to draft the research theses of the students of universities and other tertiary education institutions functioning in Sri Lanka at present related to their courses of study, with a focus on the economic, social and cultural developments in Sri Lanka, and whereas an officer responsible for each ministry at ministry level is required to be appointed to coordinate between the thesis supervisor and the ministry concerned.

P.3/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking the initiative to protect the Buddhist places of worship worldwide,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be formulated by the government enabling Sri Lanka to initiate advocating the Buddhist leaders and organizations around the world with a view to establishing a strong organization to tighten the security of the Buddhist temples worshipped by the Buddhists living around the world to lobby on behalf of Buddhists at the international level.

P.4/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the Maintenance Boards for Elders island wide,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary steps be taken by the government enabling the expansion of Maintenance Boards for Elders functioning under the National Council and Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Health to the provincial, district and divisional secretariat levels with the objective of facilitating the elders, who spend the last stage of life, to lodge complaints regarding various injustices faced by them due to the discrimination caused by their family members and certain organizations.

P.5/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Combining the knowledge on Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching process,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be implemented by the government to make the food culture of Sri Lanka known among local and foreign people and elevate the Sri Lankan identity by endowing the future generations with the Sri Lanka food culture pedagogy through pedagogical methodologies as food art of Sri Lanka is comprised of a number aspects including the art of flavors and mixation, art of cooking food, art of coloring and the art of food carving.

P.6/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Suppressing the drug rackets carried out through online marketing,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated and implemented by the government whereas substandard pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and beauty culture products are hugely sold online at present and this makes a huge threat to the safety of the lives of the people of our country.

P.7/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the society aware of the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be formulated and implemented by the government in regard to the manner in which children should be protected in the face of social challenges for the future betterment of the society and the country, having explained the value of children in a simple manner through sociological and psychological methodologies to the persons such as parents, teachers, sports coaches, school van drivers that always associate with school children.

P.8/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of elderly communities through a loan scheme,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should make a suitable arrangement to implement a loan scheme through the banking system for those who are above 60 years of age, whereas the contribution of the elderly community over 60 years can be obtained to enhance the development in the entire Sri Lankan economy by strengthening their livelihood, and whereas they are discriminated against in the society as that elderly community is not granted loan facilities through the banking system.

P.9/2024

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Launching a book on the history of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that suitable steps be taken by the government to launch a book on the history of Sri Lanka on the sponsorship of the government under a proficient board of editors upon studying archeology, literature, folklore and Roman, Greek and Persian history from the human evolution.

P.11/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Continuing the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to carry out the construction work of Ruwanpura Expressway continuously at least in phases since not only the people living in Ratnapura district but also in Badulla and Hambanthota districts will be benefitted from the construction of the Expressway as it would help gain immense benefits despite the economic difficulties the country is currently experiencing.

P.12/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to extend the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura since it is considered as one of the railway lines that generate a higher income for the Sri Lanka Railways Department, whereas people living in a number of districts, including Ratnapura, Hambanthota and Badulla will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

P.13/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Uplifting the collapsed financial institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated by the Government with immediate effect to uplift the financial institutions of the country, whereas several such institutions have collapsed throughout the past period and whereas the depositors of the said institutions encounter a number of common issues in spite of the fact that a significant impact is made by these financial institutions towards the economic development and on the financial market of a country.

P.14/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Increase of the local canned fish production,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the Government to initiate a programme with immediate effect to develop the local canned fish industry, whereas a substantial amount of money is annually spent on the importation of canned fish required by the country amidst Sri Lanka being a country surrounded by the sea.

P.15/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Repairing the disposable vehicles in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should prepare an accelerated programme to repair the disposable vehicles that are piled up in Local Authorities, which is a common scene, whereas a large amount of money can be saved by repairing those vehicles without purchasing new vehicles.

P.16/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Ensuring welfare for migrant workers,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken expeditiously to launch a programme ensuring welfare for the families of migrant workers who contribute most of the foreign exchange to Sri Lanka.

P.17/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Developing the bee honey industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited programme should be implemented by the government to develop the local bee honey industry as bee honey is of very high medicinal value and in great demand in the local and international market.

P.19/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Compilation of the Constitution of Sri Lanka in “Braille” and “Audio” mode,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary actions be taken by the Government to compile the Constitution of Sri Lanka in “Braille” and “Audio” mode for hearing and visually impaired community to gain knowledge and understanding of the fundamental law of the country, whereas the Constitution is the fundamental law and the basic model of the state in any country, whereas almost two million citizens out of nearly twenty two million Sri Lankan citizens are from the disabled community, and whereas almost six hundred thousand citizens from among the disabled community are hearing and visually impaired citizens as well .

P.20/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Computing the Z-score, the index used to select the university admissions on National Merits and School Basis at 50% each,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken by the government to categorize all three thousand forty two schools (3042) within the school system in which A/L stream is available computing the Z-score for university entrance admissions based on National Merits and school basis distinctively at 50% each in place of the district and remote district basis, whereas the number of university admissions eligible for all faculties except for art faculties among the students who have passed the A/L examination is based on the Z-score as the accepted index, accordingly, whereas 40% of the Z-score is based on national merits, 55% is based on district basis and 5% is based on the remote district basis and whereas it is unfair and unjustifiable to consider or substitute the same cut-off mark for all schools in each district.

P.21/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Mentioning only the initials of the family name along with the first name or the National Identity Card number when calling out the name of a person publicly,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take necessary measures to mention only the initials of the family name along with the first name or the National Identity Card number when calling out the name of a person publicly abolishing the law, the custom or the tradition that is rejected by the present generation and which cannot be applicable to the modern world whereas many persons are left embarrassed when their first names are called out loud along with the family name during a court hearing or when a voter is asked to cast the vote during an election or when an undergraduate's name is announced during a convocation whereas in the Sri Lankan society family names are mainly based on the duties vested to each person in the feudal society and the positions their ancestors had served the king therefore indicating the caste relevant to each profession.

P.22/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Converting all Colleges of Education in Sri Lanka into University Faculties,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary action be taken by the Government to enforce the Cabinet decision regarding which the proposal was presented and approval obtained by me on 13th February 2020 as the Minister of Education to convert the currently functioning nineteen Colleges of Education into University Faculties to be suitable for awarding a four-year degree course with a three-year theoretical course and one-year school-based training, whereas it is necessary to make all the teachers in the school system into trained graduate teachers by the year 2023 in order to upgrade the education in Sri Lanka to the advanced international level, and whereas the majority of teachers are currently awarded a higher diploma at the end of a three-year theoretical and practical course.

P.23/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Giving at least 5% representation to citizens with disabilities in the election of representatives to all public representative bodies,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should amend the relevant Acts and Laws so that citizens with disabilities have at least 5% representation in the preparation of nominations for electing representatives to all public representative bodies, whereas the disabled community in this country has exceeded 8% of the total population as per the last census conducted in Sri Lanka, whereas the space is very little for the disabled community to be elected to public representative bodies from the local government where the rural administration takes place to the Parliament where national policies are formulated and whereas the policies related to the disabled citizens of this country have not been made and are not made in accordance with the concepts of developed countries.

P. 24/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Providing opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent a national sports team or claim a national level record to read for any degree course related to the field of sports,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare the necessary legal and higher educational structure for sportsmen and sportswomen who represent any national sports team in Sri Lanka or claim a national level record to pursue any degree course related to the field of sports, not based on their basic educational qualification or the Z-score.

P.25/2024

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Speedy implementation of the Nilwala River Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should implement speedily the preliminary plans of the Nilwala river development project with a focus on diverting the Uruboku Oya and Kirama Ara to Hambantota district in the arid zone, creating the Batuwita reservoir, Athuraliya reservoir, Kadawedduwa reservoir and Dediyaigala reservoir of the lower basin and reconstructing the abandoned bunds after making fresh studies on the safe zone and unsafe zone, all of which have a direct bearing on the districts of Matara and Hambantota, and whereas the daily lives and the economy of the people living in the Matara district and the Nilwala basin are faced with a severe crisis owing to the failure of the completion of the Nilwala River Development Scheme which was initiated in the 1980's.

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.

P.31/2024

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.

P.33/2024

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.38/2024

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.

P.39/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulation of a programme to establish the foundational framework for the digital education system,— That this parliament resolves that the government should formulate a programme to establish a foundational framework necessary for the digital education system in Sri Lanka, given the rapidly evolving global landscape at present, requiring a corresponding change in the education system accordingly.

P.41/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Protection of depositors' savings in Co-operative Rural Banks,— That this parliament resolves that the government should implement a suitable program to ensure justice for the depositors who find themselves in dire straits as certain rural banks, such as Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Co-operative Rural Bank and Maharagama Co-operative Rural Bank have gone bankrupt despite the high level of trust that rural people have in co-operative rural banks that are part of the co-operative movement.

P.42/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Investing the monies of the Employees' Provident Fund effectively,— That this parliament resolves that a suitable programme should be implemented by the government to invest monies of the Employees' Provident Fund in productive sectors so that private sector employees could yield more benefits, whereas the National Audit Report has disclosed that no benefit has been yielded by investing the funds of the Employees' Provident Fund that has been established for the welfare of private sector employees, in the shares of companies that are not listed in the share market.

P.43/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Preparation of an institutional structure flexible to the timely changes in the Department of Railways,— That this parliament resolves that the government should prepare an institutional structure flexible to the timely changes in the Department of Railways whereas the department can no longer be maintained under the departmental framework introduced during the colonial period, in a rapidly developing world with emerging technology.

P.44/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Enhancement of Financial Literacy,— That this parliament resolves that the government should prepare a suitable programme to make the public aware of Financial Literacy from school age as financial literacy is still at a low level, whereas the literacy rate, that is the ability to read and write is high in Sri Lanka.

P.46/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— Increasing the representation of women among the office bearers in political parties,— That this parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken by the government to ensure that every registered political party appoints at least 30% women within the decision-making level/capacity of its executive committee as a holistic approach to increasing women's participation in politics and women's representation in Parliament.
