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Tuesday, August 06, 2024

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Safeguard Measures (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Penal Code (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Mediation Boards (Amendment) 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,— Regulations under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Investment Promotion in consultation with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and with the concurrence of the Governing Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in relation to offshore banking business, under Section 71 read with Sections 27, 28 and 45 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2387/38 of 06th June 2024, which were presented on 23.07.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Order under the 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 Colombo International Container Terminals Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2382/33 of 03rd May 2024, which was presented on 25.07.2024, 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,— 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), 6 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2390/19 of 28th June 2024, which were presented on 26.07.2024, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

Institute of World Life Line Yoga (Incorporation) — Second Reading.

** Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, August 07, 2024)

2152/2024

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— To ask the Minister of Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the reasons and methods by which Sri Lanka Cement Corporation (SLCC) entered into an agreement with Asha Minerals (Pvt.) Ltd. for exploration and development violating the Mines and Minerals Act, the Intellectual Property Act and the fundamental rights of Puttalam Ilmenite Limited (PIL) which possessed required licenses long before Asha Minerals (Pvt.) Ltd.?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) reasons for not taking action for the letter dated 23.05.2023 of the Ministry of Industries;
 - (ii) outcome of the appeal of PIL forwarded to the Ministry of Finance on 19.10.2023;

(3)

- (iii) reasons for not following the instructions given to the SLCC by the Ministry of Finance on 30.01.2024 and 11.03.2024 respectively; and
 - (iv) manner in which the compliance is enforced on SLCC by the line Ministry and the sole shareholder that is Treasury?
- (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Thursday, August 08, 2024)

2146/2024

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

- (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?
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Tuesday, August 20, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 lands owned by the Land Reform Commission in Ampara district;

(4)

- (ii) extent of lands distributed among the public out of the aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) extent of lands where deeds have been handed over out of the aforesaid lands; and
 - (iv) extent of lands, 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?

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- (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?

1251/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the observations and recommendations made on the Senior Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nilantha Jayawardhana in the report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate on the Easter Sunday Attack;
 - (ii) of the date on which he was appointed to the position of the Head of Police Administration Division, the date on which he was recommended for the said position and separately of the names of the individuals and institutions that recommended him for the aforesaid position;
 - (iii) of the factors that contributed towards the appointment of the above officer to the said position in spite of being alleged in relation to the Easter Attack; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to reconsider the above appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

1287/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment,— (2)

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

1705/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a program will be prepared to regulate the prices of agro seeds that have gone up abnormally;

(6)

- (ii) of the intervention made by the Ministry of Agriculture when importing agro seeds;
 - (iii) whether interventions are made to control the prices and to guarantee the quality of agro seeds that are being imported; and
 - (iv) separately, of the types of agro seeds that are imported within a year, the quantity imported from each type and the amount spent for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

1731/2024

Hon. Jagath Priyankara,— To ask the Minister of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there was a plan to set the Negombo Prison up at Wennappuwa as a solution to the excessive congestion prevailing at the Negombo Prison;
 - (ii) of the preliminary expenditure borne on the aforesaid project, if any; and
 - (iii) the current progress of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

1745/2024

Hon. Imran Maharoof,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the time of departure from Trincomalee and the time of arrival in Colombo of the Trincomalee–Colombo train;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the night train that runs from Trincomalee to Colombo arrives in Colombo Fort Railway Station at 3.30 a.m.;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the people who travel to Colombo on the aforesaid train face various difficulties by having to wait for a long time to get public transport services from Colombo as most public transport services in the Colombo city start their operations after 5.00 a.m.; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken to address this issue?
- (b) If not, why?

1754/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, as per each district, of the number of thalassemia patients in Sri Lanka;

(7)

- (ii) whether he is aware that it costs about Rs. 48 lakhs to perform a gene transplant surgery for a thalassemia patient in a private hospital;
 - (iii) if so, whether steps are being taken to perform aforesaid surgery in government hospitals?
- (b) If not, why?

2005/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amount—
- (i) due to the pharmaceutical suppliers of Sri Lanka by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation by 31.01.2024, according to each pharmaceutical supplier; and
 - (ii) 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?

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1879/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of patients of the Kidney Disease reported from the Matale district from 2015 to date in relation to each year, separately;
 - (ii) health centers in the Matale district to treat the patients of the Kidney Disease; and
 - (iii) steps that would be taken to enhance the facilities of those centers?
- (b) If not, why?

1920/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total number of beneficiaries entitled to pension and social security benefits executed by the Sri Lanka Social Security Board;
 - (ii) of the professions eligible to get the membership of the said schemes;

(8)

- (iii) of the number of annual registrations of the said schemes;
- (iv) the annual benefits gained by the said members, separately; and
- (v) what actions have been taken to get new members registered for the said schemes?

(b) If not, why?

1945/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of varieties of sugarcane in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) what those varieties are;
 - (iii) the varieties of sugarcane that are cultivated in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (iv) the variety of sugarcane that produces the most amount of molasses; and
 - (v) the varieties of sugarcane that produce less amount of molasses?
- (b) If not, why?

1972/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total length of the railway tracks in Sri Lanka in kilometres;
 - (ii) separately, of the total number of locomotives and carriages that are in operation at present;
 - (iii) whether the railway carriages and the locomotives that were imported from India in the past have been put into operation at present; and
 - (iv) if not, of the reasons for not putting them into operation?
- (b) If not, why?

1995/2024

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that cultivated lands in many regions of the South-Eastern plains including Hambantota, Udawalawa region, Kirama Oya region and Malalaara region have been destroyed due to the severe drought;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to implement the two solutions proposed by the 'Surakimu Ruhuna' organization, streamlining the old irrigation conservation system and diverting excess water from the wet zone to the above areas (Kalu Ganga Diversion Project);

(9)

- (iii) if not, what are the immediate measures expected to be implemented to avoid the water shortage in the above mentioned regions; and
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to start the Gin and Nilwala River projects that have been currently halted?

(b) If not, why?

2011/2024

Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the—

- (i) number of Grama Niladhari divisions in Kandy district without clean drinking water facilities;
- (ii) names of each Grama Niladhari division and the number of families without clean drinking water, separately; and
- (iii) measures that will be taken to solve the drinking water issue in Kandy district?

(b) If not, why?

2026/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the total extent of paddy lands in Batticaloa District, in acres;
- (ii) of the extent of lands that can be cultivated separately, for only one season, for two seasons and for three seasons of the year;
- (iii) whether there are plans to increase paddy production in aforesaid lands; and
- (iv) if so, of aforesaid plans?

(b) If not, why?

2044/2024

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

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

- (i) number of Presidents and Members of Parliament who are receiving the pension in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) names of the said Presidents and Members of Parliament; and
- (iii) specific staff provided to each of the said Presidents and Members of Parliament with government allowances by their designations, separately?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether officers of the armed forces or Sri Lanka Police have been deployed to provide security for the said Presidents and Members of Parliament mentioned in (a) (i); and
- (ii) if so, of the number of officers of the armed forces and Sri Lanka Police who have been deployed to provide security for the said Presidents and Members of Parliament separately?

(c) If not, why?

2058/2024

Hon. Velu Kumar,—To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether he is aware that child care centres (crèche) have been established in estates for mothers to leave their children under care when they go to work;
- (ii) of the age limit of children who are admitted to such centres; and
- (iii) how many children are looked after at these centres at present?

(b) Will he also inform the House—

- (i) of the qualifications that caretakers in charge of afore-mentioned centres should possess;
- (ii) of the standards and regulations that should be followed in operating such centres; and
- (iii) whether steps will be taken to formulate standards and regulations if such are not available?

(c) If not, why?

2139/2024

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the infrastructure facilities such as a crop farm, animal farm, paddy field and the irrigation facilities which are essential for the practical activities of the students following the Diploma Course in Agriculture at the Hardy Institute of Technology, Ampara have not been fulfilled although almost 04 years have lapsed since the commencement of the said course;
- (ii) the study tours which are an essential part of the Agricultural Science course, are not organized due to the lack of proper supervision of the above course by the Heads of Agriculture Departments; and

(11)

- (iii) no systematic program has been implemented to recruit external instructors to avoid the shortage of instructors required for the course, although there is a high demand for the Agricultural Science course?
- (b) If so, will he inform this house of the solutions given for the above problems?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, August 22, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

6/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total extent of lands belonging to the Sri Lanka Railways Department;
 - (ii) of the extent of those lands used for construction and development activities at present;
 - (iii) whether any portions of land belonging to the Department have been made available to the private sector on lease basis;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the companies/institutions to which such lands have been made available; and
 - (v) of the income earned annually by the Sri Lanka Railways Department through leasing out lands?
- (b) If not, why?

45/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the police officers attached to the Parliament Police Division which functions under the Special Security Wing are engaged in VIP security duties throughout the day; and
 - (ii) nevertheless these officers are not given certain perks, and allowances made available to police officers who serve in the President's, Prime Minister's and Ministerial Security Divisions?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the perks and allowances granted to the police officers serving at the Parliamentary Police Division;

(12)

- (ii) of the perks and allowances made available to police officers serving in each of the other VIP security services, separately in respect of each such VIP security service;
 - (iii) whether he will take action to grant such perks and allowances to the police officers serving at the Parliamentary Police Division that are not given to them at present; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which this will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

312/2024

Hon. Heshan 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?

359/2024

Hon. Dulas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Public Security,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately for each year, of the number of—
- (i) road accidents;
 - (ii) fatal road accidents;
 - (iii) persons that got killed, totally disabled, seriously injured and hospitalized with minor injuries due to road accidents;
 - (iv) vehicles involved in accidents; and
 - (v) vehicles destroyed beyond repair among the vehicles damaged in road accidents;
- in Sri Lanka from 2021 to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether the annual additional expenditure incurred by the Government on account of road accidents has been calculated; and
 - (ii) if so, separately of the amount of the annual additional expenditure incurred on the sectors of health, highways and transport?
- (c) 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 based 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) if so, whether the investigation report will be submitted;
 - (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?

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) of 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?

2088/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) approved cadre for the Railway Security Service;
 - (ii) number of vacancies in the service at present; and
 - (iii) measures that will be taken to further strengthen this service, which renders a very important service with regard to the security of railway passengers and railway property?
- (b) If not, why?

2105/2024

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) date on which an expert committee was appointed to inquire into the facts regarding the recovery of compensation in connection with the “Express Pearl” shipwreck;
 - (ii) number of members of the said committee;
 - (iii) name, position, address and educational qualifications of each member, separately; and
 - (iv) number of days on which the meetings of the said committee were held along with said the dates, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether knows that the above committee is inactive at present;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons that contributed to it; and
 - (iii) the action that will be taken to recover the compensation related to the "Express Pearl" shipwreck in such situation in which the above committee has become inactive?
- (c) If not, why?

2151/2024

Hon. Imtiaz Bakir Makar,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Government Nurses Training Schools and their names;
 - (ii) the content and duration of each training course conducted by the above schools separately;
 - (iii) the certificates awarded to the trainees who complete the nursing training; and
 - (iv) the number of trainees who complete the training annually, separately according to each school?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether trainees who have received nursing training from Government Nurses Training Schools must necessarily work in Government Hospitals;
 - (ii) if not, whether they are permitted to work in private or foreign hospitals;
 - (iii) of the procedure followed in appointing them to Government Hospitals;
 - (iv) the number of vacancies occurring per year in the post of nurse in government hospitals;
 - (v) whether the number of trainees undergoing training in Government Nurses Training Schools is sufficient to fill the above number of vacancies; and
 - (vi) if not, what steps have been taken to fill up the above vacancies?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, August 23, 2024

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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?

467/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the decision to ban the importation of Refuse Plastic to Sri Lanka, was taken;
 - (ii) the volume of Refuse Plastic imported from 2018 up to date, in relation to each year, separately;
 - (iii) the number of institutions to which permission has been granted by the Central Environment Authority to import Refuse Plastic;
 - (iv) their names;
 - (v) the reasons that led to permission being granted to a number of institutions by the Central Environment Authority to import Refuse Plastic despite the decision to ban the importation of Refuse Plastic; and
 - (vi) the measures that would be taken in this regard?
- (b) 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 this House —
 - (i) of the number of 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) of the number of employees who 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) of the reasons, 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;
 - (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?

592/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Members of Parliament who received the Pension and are receiving the Pension and the pension of each such Member of Parliament, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of Members of Parliament out of those Members of Parliament who represented the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, and the Pension of each such Member of Parliament and the period of service, separately;
 - (iii) of the period of time a Member of Parliament should complete to be eligible for Pension entitlements;
 - (iv) of the Pension of a Member of Parliament who has completed a period of service of 5 years; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the Pension of a Member of Parliament varies according to his period of service?
- (b) If not, why?

614/2024

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of microfinance institutions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of such institutions, the number which have got registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there are microfinance institutions that are not duly registered;
 - (iv) if so, the number of such institutions, their names and addresses; and
 - (v) the number of loans provided by microfinance institutions registered and unregistered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and their interest percentages, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the microfinance institutions have given a grace period for commencement of loan repayment;
 - (ii) if so, what the grace period is;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that employees of microfinance institutions inflict physical and psychological abuse on people who default on loans;
 - (iv) if so, what action has been taken against those institutions;

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- (v) whether he accepts the fact that microfinance institutions should be regulated; and
- (vi) if so, of the regulatory program?
- (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 ?
- (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?

1130/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the countries from where seeds are imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) institutes/companies importing seeds from the above countries?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the price of imported seeds has increased rapidly;
 - (ii) of the procedure to be followed to protect the farmer/consumer who has been inconvenienced as a result; and
 - (iii) whether it is possible to provide imported seeds at subsidized rates?
 - (c) If not, why?
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