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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

132/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of government hospitals located in the Puttalam District;
 - (ii) number of vacancies exist in each of the posts of medical officer and nurse and in paramedical services, separately in each of those hospitals;
 - (iii) measures will be taken to fill those vacancies; and
 - (iv) measures will be taken to further improve the hospital system in the Puttalam District?
- (b) If not, why?

145/2024

Hon. Dewananda Suraweera,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of cooperative societies engaged in financing activities at present;
 - (ii) whether the Cooperative Rural Bank in Maharagama falls into that category;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that depositors have not been able withdraw their money because of irregularities on the part of the Chairs and the Board of Directors of the Maharagama Cooperative Society; and
 - (iv) of the measures will be taken in order to solve this problem?
- (b) If not, why?

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146/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that steps were taken under the “The Nearest School is the Best School” (Langama Paasala Hondama Paasala) Project to construct a new school with modern facilities in the K/Ramukkana Vidyaloka Primary School premises;
 - (ii) of the amount of money has been spent for it so far; and
 - (iii) of the progress of construction works as per the plan for the construction of this new school?
- (b) Will she also inform this House —
 - (i) whether she is aware that the construction works have been stopped after completing only half of this four-storeyed school building, constructions of which were commenced under the above-mentioned Project;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to remove the rubble and remnants heaped in the playground of that school; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to allocate the provisions necessary for completing the project to construct the aforementioned school?
- (c) If not, why?

173/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the—
 - (i) economic growth rate in Sri Lanka for the last 30 years; and
 - (ii) projection for economic growth over the next 15 years specifying the reliance on agriculture sector, Industry sector and services sector?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) ten key sectors identified by the government for rapid development;
 - (ii) of the extent to which the government intends concentrating on and harness local investors including the projected value in Sri Lanka Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) for the next 10 years; and
 - (iii) of the extent to which the government intends concentrating on and harness foreign investors including the projected value in Sri Lanka Rupees (SLR) and United States Dollars (USD) for the next 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

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181/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of families displaced due to landslides in each district from 2019 up to now separately;
 - (ii) number of families that have already been settled in temporary houses and the number of families that have been settled in the houses of relatives/ friends out of the aforesaid families, separately;
 - (iii) reason why the aforesaid families have not received alternative houses/ lands so far;
 - (iv) steps that will be taken to resolve the above problem;
 - (v) measures to be taken in the future in such disaster situations?
- (b) If not, why?

187/2024

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) pigs are currently dying due to an epidemic spreading among the pigs raised on animal farms in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) both small-scale and large-scale animal farms have had to be closed down completely consequent to this situation;
 - (iii) as no specific vaccine or medicine is available for the said disease, dying of animals in this manner is causing huge losses to the owners of these animal farms; and
 - (iv) no compensation or relief is being provided to these farm owners for the losses/damages that have been caused to them?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide some compensation/relief for the animals that die because of the disease mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such compensation/relief will be provided?
- (c) If not, why?

236/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept—
 - (i) that there has been a shortage of medicines and the prices of medicines have increased unusually because of the lack of coordination between the parties involved in the medical supply process as well as because of the failure to maintain the database properly; and
 - (ii) that this situation has become a challenge for the existence of the entire health system?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a computer software system is available to manage the stocks of medicines in the public health system;
- (ii) if so, what the aforesaid system is;
- (iii) whether the aforesaid system is updated regularly;
- (iv) whether the process of purchasing medicines and the distribution of stocks are monitored regularly;
- (v) who bears the responsibility for that;
- (vi) of the irregularities and the weaknesses, which have been identified in this entire process; and
- (vii) of the measures that are being taken to prevent them?

(c) If not, why?

238/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he is aware of the shortage of medicines, surgical and medical equipment, laboratory testing tools, and diagnostic equipment like reactants and X-ray machines in both government and private hospitals in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, whether there is a report on the medicines and equipment there are currently available, as well as those in short supply, from among the items mentioned in (i) above;
- (iii) of the plans have been made to ensure the continuous supply of the above medicines and equipment until the end of 2025;
- (iv) whether there is a possibility of a shortage of any medicine or equipment;
- (v) of the measures that are being taken to procure the above medicines and equipment and to mitigate the risks that may arise from their absence?

(b) If not, why?

242/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether action will be taken in the time to come for the construction of the flyover proposed to be built across the Kirulapona junction;
- (ii) if so, the timeframe for its construction; and
- (iii) whether it is locally or from abroad that funds necessary for it will be obtained?

(b) If not, why?

251/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that —
 - (i) those responsible for the Easter Attack carried out in Sri Lanka in 2019 have not been able to be brought before the law to date; and
 - (ii) the Catholic Church led by His Eminence the Cardinal and other religious leaders expect that the masterminds and other responsible persons connected to the above attack will be brought before law very soon; and
- (b) If so, will he inform the House whether steps will be taken to bring those respondents associated with the above attack before law and ensure justice and fairness for the victims of the above attack?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— Order made by the then Minister of Investment Promotion under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended relating to Colombo West International Terminal (Private) Limited and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2401/19 of 10th September 2024.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, January 07, 2025)

128/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) extent of the lands that has been allocated / acquired to construct the proposed domestic airport in Maberiyatenna in the Medadumbara Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy District;
 - (ii) extent of the government plantations and private plantations situated among the lands concerned;
 - (iii) number of private residences, factories, estate schools and institutions that provide public services in the lands mentioned in (i) above;
 - (iv) names and addresses of those who have been identified as losing their private residences when the lands are acquired for that project; and

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- (v) policy decisions and the alternative measures that have been taken to resettle the people who lose their houses?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, January 08, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

3/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of various projects that have been implemented in connection with the Southern Expressway; and
 - (ii) amounts that have been borrowed as local loans and foreign loans, the sources from which those loans were obtained, along with the amount that has been spent up to now and the amount that has not been utilized in respect of each project separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
 - (i) facts that have been pointed out in the audit report with regard to the projects concerned; and
 - (ii) courses of action that will be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

59/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of institutions including corporations and companies that come under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation;
 - (ii) the name of each of those institutions, the number of employees in service in each of it and the functions assigned to it, separately;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there was a proposal previously to amalgamate different institutions performing the same task; and
 - (iv) of the current situation with regard to that proposal?
- (b) If not, why?

66/2024

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) illegal mining of ilmenite is being carried out in the Koralaipattu North, Vakara Divisional Secretary's Division of the Batticaloa District; and

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- (ii) the said illegal mining may cause issues relating to the health and the livelihoods of the people living in the area and relating to drinking water in that area?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to prohibit the said illegal ilmenite mining activities in that area?
- (c) If not, why?

79/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) paddy harvest in Sri Lanka from the year 2015 to date, separately in respect of each season;
 - (ii) percentage of paddy purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board from the aforesaid paddy harvest, in respect of each season;
 - (iii) steps that are taken to control the price of paddy through the Paddy Marketing Board ?
- (b) If not, why?

261/2024

Hon. Chandima Hettiaratchi, — To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of hospitals belong to the Provincial Council situated within the Kalutara District;
 - (ii) whether the Provincial Council has any other centres/institutions which provide health services apart from hospitals in that District;
 - (iii) if so, what those centres/institutions are;
 - (iv) of the number of hospitals situated within the Kalutara District which belong to the line Ministry;
 - (v) whether the line Ministry has any other centres/ institutions which provide health services apart from hospitals in that District; and
 - (vi) if so, what those centres/institutions are?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether treatment units for non-communicable diseases have been established in the centres/institutions referred to in (a) (ii) and (v) above;
 - (ii) if so, number of such units there are; and
 - (iii) of the places they are located?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, January 09, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

87/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of state-owned radio stations;
 - (ii) names of the said radio stations;
 - (iii) number of employees serving in each of the said radio stations, separately;
 - (iv) annual profit gained/loss incurred by each radio station in each year since 2015 up to now, separately; and
 - (v) measures that will be taken to maintain the said radio stations without loss?
- (b) If not, why?

101/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the tariff charged for a unit of electricity under each of the domestic and commercial categories as of 20.11.2024, separately;
 - (ii) of the details of the electricity tariff revisions made from 21.10.2024 to date;
 - (iii) whether the above revisions have been made subject to the decisions/approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether the decisions given by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka will be accepted; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to dissolve the said Commission?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to maintain a fixed price for electricity; and
 - (ii) if so, the fixed price?
- (c) If not, why?

109/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of private power plants in operation at present in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of those power plants;
 - (iii) name and address of the owner of each power plant separately; and

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- (iv) amount paid to the owners of those power plants from 2015 to date, separately each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this house —
 - (i) whether he is aware that the agreements reached with the aforesaid power plant owners are very unfavourable; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that would be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

133/2024

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of civil cases that are pending before courts within the judicial system of Sri Lanka for over five years and for over ten years, separately; and
 - (ii) measures that will be taken to prevent the delay in ending cases?
- (b) If not, why?

147/2024

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that the construction of the two three-storeyed buildings, along with an auditorium each, started under the project styled “The Nearest School is the Best School” for Bandaragama K/Wevita Maithree Maha Vidyalaya and K/Kindelpitiya Sri Saralankara Maha Vidyalaya have been abandoned without completion;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that has been spent so far on the construction of each of the aforesaid buildings and the amount required to complete the remaining work; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide the necessary funds to complete these constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

174/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—To ask the Minister of Labour,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis—
 - (i) separately the labour force in Sri Lanka for the last 5 years in government sector and private sector;
 - (ii) separately the number of government servants both permanent and casual for the last 10 years;

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- (iii) of the total financial cost of salaries and emoluments for the government servants for the last 10 years; and
- (iv) of the total amount of pensions paid over the last 10 years?
- (b) Will he also inform this House on yearly basis—
 - (i) separately the prognosis of the labour force in Sri Lanka for the next 10 years in government sector and private sector;
 - (ii) separately the number of government servants intended to be recruited for the next 5 years;
 - (iii) of the projected pensions expenditure for the next 10 years; and
 - (iv) of the projected number of pensioners for the next 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

182/2024

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,—To ask the Minister of Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of electricity power stations that have been added to the national grid since 2019 up to now and their names of those power stations;
 - (ii) volume of electricity is expected to be generated by each such electricity power station and the volume of electricity that is generated by each at present, separately;
 - (iii) number of the electricity power stations referred to above are driven with renewable energy;
 - (iv) names of those power stations are; and
 - (v) volume of electricity is generated from each such electricity power station, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the—
 - (i) plans that have been put in place for the expansion of the national power grid in the next two years; and
 - (ii) plans for the expansion of renewable energy are?
- (c) If not, why?

237/2024

Hon. (Ms.) Lakmali Hemachandra, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the types of visas issued to Sri Lankan workers leaving for employment in Korea;
 - (ii) of the basis of the decision taken by the previous government to send Sri Lankan workers for employment in Korea under E8 visa;

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- (iii) of the number of Sri Lankan workers who have left for employment in Korea under the visa mentioned above;
- (iv) whether he is aware that the said workers are in distress;
- (v) if so, the number of workers who are in distress; and
- (vi) of the actions that will be taken regarding them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan workers are sent for employment in Korea only under E8 visas; and
 - (ii) of the other types of visas issued, if any?
- (c) If not, why?

239/2024

Hon. (Dr.) Nishantha Samaraweera,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) specialist doctors, doctors and other trained health professionals have left the country because of the economic crisis that existed in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) it has caused an adverse effect on the health service in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the numbers of specialist doctors, doctors, nursing officers, supplementary and paramedical service officers and junior staff —
 - (i) who are currently serving in the health service of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) who are necessary for ensuring a proper public health service in the future;
 - (iii) who have left the service before reaching the age of retirement from the year 2022 to November 2024; and
 - (iv) who are currently undergoing training in various academic institutions including specialist training?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps that will be taken to recruit them into the health service expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

247/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,—To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the publication ‘Provisional Clinical Practice Guidelines on COVID-19 suspected and confirmed Patients’;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the experts who contributed content and recommendations to the publication;
 - (iii) of their affiliations and designations at the time of their serving as expert resource persons;

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- (iv) of the authority responsible for appointing them; and
 - (v) of the criteria/basis followed to select them?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of Section 7 of the above publication;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the specific expert resource persons responsible for the content and recommendations in the abovementioned Section;
 - (iii) separately, the process, documents and references used to develop the content and recommendations in Section 7; and
 - (iv) whether the recommendations in Section 7 are subject to the professional opinion of experts in the fields of medical ethics and medical anthropology either locally or internationally?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, January 10, 2025

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

4/2024

Hon. Heshu Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) total number of government institutions including Ministries, departments and statutory boards existing in Sri Lanka at present ;
 - (ii) names of the security companies providing security services at each of the institutions;
 - (iii) number of government companies among them and their names; and
 - (iv) amount paid to each private security service company for the provision of security services at each of the aforesaid government institutions from the year 2015 to up to now, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that frauds take place in obtaining contracts relating to provision of security in government institutions; and
 - (ii) if so, what measures will be taken to assign state-owned security companies to perform the task of providing security services to government institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

60/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

- (a) Will she inform this House of the—
 - (i) number of state universities currently awarding Bachelor of Laws degrees in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) names of those universities;

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- (iii) number of graduates that have completed the Bachelor of Laws degree at the universities referred to above, separately in respect of each year from 2020 to date; and
 - (iv) measures have been taken to establish Faculties of Law in a few other universities with a view to promoting legal education?
- (b) If not, why?

67/2024

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the—
- (i) encroachment of land is being carried out on the pretext of shrimp farming and fishing activities in the Wakare area of the Koralepattu-North Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District; and
 - (ii) encroachment of land is also being carried out in the Puluttumanodai area of the Eravurapattu Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in such case, whether steps will be taken to prevent the aforesaid encroachment of land; and
 - (ii) what the intended steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

80/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, — To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
- (i) number of Sri Lankan missions established in foreign countries;
 - (ii) countries where the aforesaid missions have been established;
 - (iii) number of employees serving in each of the aforesaid missions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the —
- (i) educational qualifications required to join Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (ii) number of employees currently serving in Sri Lankan missions abroad without satisfying the aforesaid qualifications;
 - (iii) name, place of work and designation of each of the aforesaid employees separately;
 - (iv) steps that are being taken to recall the aforesaid employees to Sri Lanka and send suitably qualified employees to serve in Sri Lankan missions abroad?
- (c) If not, why?

88/2024

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the —
 - (i) number of humans and wild elephants killed due to human-elephant conflict since 2015 up to now by the year and the wildlife zone separately;
 - (ii) measures taken to provide a permanent solution to the human-elephant conflict?
- (b) If not, why?

102/2024

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current market prices per kilogram of Nadu rice and Samba rice separately;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to reduce the price of rice;
 - (iii) whether a price controls will be introduced for rice; and
 - (iv) if so, what the prices will be?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether rice reserves are being maintained with government intervention to provide rice to consumers without shortage;
 - (ii) if so, what the quantities of such reserves are; and
 - (iii) of the course of action is being taken regarding rice imports?
- (c) If not, why?

110/2024

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of factories in operation at present in the Bingiriya Export Processing Zone;
 - (ii) what the names of those factories are;
 - (iii) of the way in which those factories are categorized;
 - (iv) of the number of direct and indirect jobs generated through each factory, separately; and
 - (v) whether there are investors who have contracted to start new factories; and
 - (vi) if so, of the details in that regard?
- (b) If not, why?

243/2024

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of housing units situated in blocks of flats that were constructed by the Urban Development Authority since the year 2010 up to now within the Colombo District, separately in respect of each multi-storey flat complex and the divisional secretariat division;
 - (ii) of the number of those housing units for which deeds have been granted so far, from among the ones referred to above;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to grant deeds to those housing units for which deeds have not been granted so far; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

249/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of Health is in agreement with the statement made by the State Minister of Indigenous Medicine on 29.11.2022 that the Ministry of Health was misled on its policy decision with regard to the cremation of COVID-19 deaths by a ‘Committee of Experts’; and
 - (ii) whether the aforementioned Committee was a government appointed Committee?
- (b) If the above Committee was a government appointed Committee, will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the recommendations of it specifically on COVID-19 death disposals;
 - (ii) appointing authority;
 - (iii) terms of Reference and/or mandate;
 - (iv) names of the members and designations;
 - (v) name of the Chair;
 - (vi) the last date it met;
 - (vii) number of meetings held;

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- (viii) the place where meetings held; and
- (ix) separately, the names of the individuals chaired each of the meetings;
- (c) If not, why?

252/2024

Hon. Ajith Gihan,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that the —
 - (i) shrimp farming, which is a foreign exchange generating industry in Sri Lanka, has been faced with a crisis at present; and
 - (ii) people in Puttlam District gained a huge economic strength from that industry?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the—
 - (i) reasons for not taking steps to develop that industry; and
 - (ii) steps that will be taken to develop the industry?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P. 1/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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. 2/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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. 3/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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. 4/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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 the then Minister on 13th February 2020 as the then 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 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. 5/2024

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. 6/2024

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, Badulla and Hambanthota will be benefitted from extending the Kelani Valley railway line up to Ratnapura.

P. 7/2024

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. 8/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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. 9/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— 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.10/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Appropriately curtailing the privileges enjoyed by people's representatives representing the Parliament of Sri Lanka, and former heads of state and their widows,— That this Parliament resolves that whereas there has been discourse in the election campaigns as well as in the society about the privileges and perks enjoyed by the people's representatives representing the Parliament of Sri Lanka, and former heads of state and their widows, the government, should pay attention to the requests from the general public and fulfill their expectations, by taking necessary measures to discuss and get a fair response from all the members of parliament from both the government and the opposition in Parliament regarding the measures necessary to appropriately reduce or abolish the privileges that have long been granted to them.

P.11/2024

Hon. Kins Nelson,— Preparation of a proper procurement program for the process of purchasing goods for cooperatives,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should formulate a proper procurement procedure for the process of purchasing goods for the cooperative societies since the cooperative movement, which is quite close to the rural community, has been facing various problems.

P.12/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Formulating a programme to enhance the state sector involvement in the importation and distribution of essential items of food,— That this Parliament resolves that the government formulate a suitable programme to enhance the involvement of the state sector in the process of importing essential food items, medicines and other items as the public is confronted with numerous inconveniences owing to the aforesaid process being monopolized by a few individuals.

P.13/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— Making arrangements for maintaining a rice reserve with the government,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate arrangement be made for maintaining a rice reserve with the government in order to control the price of rice in the market as the rice market in Sri Lanka is currently in the grip of a few private businessmen.

P.14/2024

Hon. Rohana Bandara, — Developing a programme to properly monitor the cooperative rural banks system,— That this Parliament resolves that the cooperative rural banks, which are the closest to people, be properly monitored by the government in order to address the prevailing situation as depositors of these banks are faced with various difficulties because of the collapse of a number of these banks for various reasons.

P.15/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a proper methodology for the appointment of Labor Welfare Officers,— This Parliament resolves that the government should formulate a proper methodology in appointing Labor Welfare Officers responsible for the welfare of migrant workers, who make a significant contribution to the economy of Sri Lanka, in order to avoid the many issues that have arisen because of not adopting a proper methodology so far.

P.16/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a programme to streamline the appointments made to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government prepare a programme to make all appointments to the foreign service, which is tasked with uplifting Sri Lanka's image before the international community, based on the results of competitive examinations and on merit in order to prevent political appointments made to the foreign service, which have led to the deterioration in the quality of the service leading to failure to achieve its desired objectives.

P.17/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulating a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of the Sri Lanka Transport Board,—This Parliament resolves that the government do formulate a proper procurement methodology for purchasing goods and services to depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board with a view to preventing corruption as the absence of such a methodology is the main cause of the corruption rampant in the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

P.18/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—Formulating a program to make school students aware of the University of Vocational Technology,— That this Parliament resolves that a program be developed by the government to make schoolchildren aware of the courses of the University of Vocational Technology, which targets at the job market and vocational technology, deviating from the traditional university framework in Sri Lanka.

P.19/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparation of a course of action for the implementation of the recommendations given by the audit reports,— That this Parliament resolves that, as the audit reports reveal facts about various financial frauds occurring in various ministries, departments, and statutory bodies of the government, the government should prepare a programme to implement the recommendations given by the audit reports to prevent such acts of fraud and corruption from happening in the government institutions.

P.20/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Preparing the subjects falling under the provincial councils in a scientific methodology,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should prepare an appropriate programme to allocate the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils according to a proper methodology based on a scientific basis to avoid the situation that has arisen since the subjects coming under the purview of the provincial councils have been currently allocated in a way that has no scientific basis, and that various problems have arisen because of this.

P.21/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — Developing a proper methodology to strengthen the Sri Lanka Transport Board, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government should develop a proper methodology to prevent fraud and corruption that occur during the procurement of goods and services by the Sri Lanka Transport Board, since strengthening the public transport service in Sri Lanka is an essential matter.

P.22/2024

Hon Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme to increase milk production,— That this Parliament resolves that a program to increase the milk production in Sri Lanka should be implemented by the government to avoid the substantial amount of foreign exchange outflow on the annual importation of milk.

P.23/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri, — Enhancing the contribution of the livestock sector to the national product, — That this Parliament resolves that the Government of Sri Lanka should develop a programme to enhance the contribution of the livestock sector to the country's national product.

P. 24/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Abolish the Pension Scheme of the Members of Parliament of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Pension Scheme of the Members of Parliament of Sri Lanka should be abolished with immediate effect as it is very apparent that Sri Lankan voters are very hostile for Parliament Members to receive pensions after the completion of their term of office.

P. 25/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing a house for every family in Sri Lanka to live in,— That this Parliament resolves that it is necessary to facilitate the chief householder by empowering him to buy, construct or rent a house for his safety, security and well being as every family in Sri Lanka should be entitled to a house to live in.

P. 26/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making Sports Bodies in Sri Lanka free from politicization,— That this Parliament resolves that the elected politicians should be prohibited from contesting and holding leading positions in sports bodies, as it is evident that these organizations have become heavily politicised in Sri Lanka.

P. 27/2024

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making every Youth Member a gainfully employed person or self employed entrepreneur,— That this Parliament resolves that every youth member attaining the age of 18 years should have the right to gainful employment or if not employed, be provided with financial assistance to become a self- employed entrepreneur.

P.28/2024

Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Attorney at law,— Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and make appropriate recommendations regarding the cremation, instead of burial, of the bodies of COVID-19 pandemic victims,— Whereas the remains of COVID-19 Pandemic victims were cremated without the consent of the relatives based on a policy decision by the government in 2020 to the effect that there was a risk of the virus mixing with underground water while the World Health Organization had issued instructions that the bodies of those who died due to the COVID-19 pandemic could be buried, whereas the government later extended an official apology stating the decision was incorrect, whereas the relatives of those who died in the pandemic lost the opportunity to perform their final rites according to their religion or witness the bodies, whereas, instead of cremation, the bodies were buried in an isolated area called Oddamawadi, Majma Nagar in Batticaloa in the face of the protests and pressure locally and internationally, still depriving the relatives of the right to perform religious rites and pay their last respects, this parliament resolves that a select Committee of Parliament be appointed to investigate the above-mentioned serious mistakes on the part of the Government and to make recommendations, considering the need to do justice to the families and the next of kin of the deceased and considering the requests on the part of the general public.
