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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Export Development and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, relating to Cess Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1528/23 of 20th December, 2007, which was presented on 19.02.2008, be approved.

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The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka 2004,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2004 and presented on 21.07.2006 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

* Indicates Government Business

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1260/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

(a) Will he state in this House—

- (i) the number of houses in the Western Province, under the Local Government Housing (Amendment) Act, No.63 of 1979; and

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- (ii) separately, the number of housing schemes according to areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether houses of over 20 year rent basis would be transferred free of charge by each local government body through a property disposal instrument; and
 - (ii) if there is any obstacle to this, what it is?
- (c) If not, why?

1321/'07

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of officials in each grade of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) the positions and responsibilities held by the said officials separately on the basis of Ministries, Departments, Provincial Councils and other institutions;
 - (iii) the names of the officials who have retired from public service and are serving in the aforesaid institutions again; and
 - (iv) the positions and responsibilities held by them, their ages and the class of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service to which they belonged at retirement?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on the basis of relevant institution, the number of Class I and Super Grade posts of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service approved by the Department of Management Services and exist in Ministries, Departments, Local Government institutions and various institutions; and
 - (ii) the names of the persons who are acting in each of the aforesaid positions on retired and contract basis?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the persons who do not belong to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and hold posts that belong to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and approved by the Department of Management Services and the relevant positions held by them; and

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- (ii) separately, the educational and professional qualifications of the aforesaid persons?
- (d) If not, why?

1608/07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of State owned and private power stations that generate electricity and presently situated within Nuwara Eliya district and areas bordering it;
 - (ii) the number of units of electricity produced annually by each of the aforesaid power stations; and
 - (iii) the extent of land allocated for the reservoirs and other constructions and the number of families removed at the time of construction of each of the aforesaid power stations?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of Grama Niladhari divisions that have not been provided with electricity and the number of families that have not been provided with electricity supply within each Divisional Secretariat Division of Nuwara Eliya District;
 - (ii) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions and the relevant number of families provided with electricity of low voltage, within the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (iii) the measures taken to meet the needs of the aforesaid areas that have not been provided with electricity and with electricity of low voltage?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of electrification projects including the projects with Chinese aid, CIDA project and others that are to be implemented by the relevant Ministry; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid number, the number of projects allocated for Nuwara Eliya district?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 08, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1609/07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of persons who also engage in teaching profession while being employed as Samurdhi Development Officers in each Divisional Secretariat division in the Nuwara Eliya District; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent monthly by the Samurdhi Movement for the payment of their salaries?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the educational qualifications that were considered when granting appointments to the aforesaid Samurdhi Teachers;
 - (ii) the educational qualifications of each of the aforesaid Samurdhi Teachers at the time of recruitment;
 - (iii) whether they will be employed further in the relevant post;
 - (iv) if they are not employed as mentioned above will be attached to the Ministry of Education; and
 - (v) the courses of action that have been followed and the courses of action that are to be followed in order to develop their teaching profession?
- (c) If not, why?

1610/07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families that receive Samurdhi benefits in each Divisional Secretariat division in the Nuwara Eliya District;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid families, the number of families that receive allowances of Rs. 1000/=, Rs. 500/=, Rs. 300/= and Rs. 140/= at Divisional Secretariat division level; and
 - (iii) accordingly, the total amount of money paid to the Samurdhi recipients at the Divisional Secretariat division level?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the numbers of Samurdhi Managers, Development Officers and persons holding other posts in the Samurdhi movement in the above mentioned District; and
- (ii) the monthly salaries and allowances paid to them and the total of the same at the Divisional Secretariat level?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi Banks in each Divisional Secretariat division;
- (ii) the amount of savings in the accounts and the amount of loans provided for the beneficiaries in each of the aforesaid Samurdhi Banks; and
- (iii) the names of the relevant debtors and the amount of defaulted loan repayments?

(d) If not, why?

1611/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Samurdhi Managers, Development Officers and other Officers who have lost their employment at present as a result of misappropriation of Samurdhi funds in each of the Divisional Secretariat divisions of the Nuwara Eliya District; and
- (ii) the names of each of the aforesaid Officers who have engaged in the above mentioned misappropriation and the amounts of money that have been misappropriated?

(b) Will he state the courses of action that have been taken to recover the aforesaid amounts of money?

(c) If not, why?

1695/07

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorale,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether laying tar for a distance of one kilometer of the Yakanetuhenyaya road in the Delwala Grama Niladhari division of the Nivithigala Divisional Secretariat division, E-R/A/06,-69 in Ratnapura district and developing the Wattahena Vihara Mawatha in the Nivithigala Divisional Secretariat division, E-R/A/06-122, were included in the list of proposed road development work that was to be implemented under the second phase of the “Maga Neguma” programme?
- (b) Is he aware that although the construction work of these road development projects has been completed any amount of money out of the estimated sum has not been paid so far?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary action will be taken to release the proposed amounts of money for the aforesaid two roads in which the development work has been completed by now; and
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

1725/07

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that feasibility study and detailed engineering plans that are required to develop 2400 km of provincial roads in the year 2008, under the loans given by Asian Development Bank, are being prepared?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if they are being prepared, the names of the aforesaid roads;
 - (ii) whether monetary allocations have been made for each of the aforesaid roads;
 - (iii) the manner in which the relevant Ministry intervenes in the allocation of money; and
 - (iv) if any widening of roads is to be done, whether money will be used to acquire lands?
- (c) If not, why?

1726/07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the reason for not conducting the election of office bearers of Bowatta Parakumba Farmers Organization which comes under the Yakwila Agrarian Services Centre in the Katugampola electorate on 11.10.2007, even though nearly 40 members of the aforesaid farmers organization had been present?
- (b) Is he aware that, subsequently the election of office bearers was conducted with the participation of 10-15 members and a Member of Pannala Pradeshiya Sabha as the presiding officer?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will start an inquiry with regard to the election of a person who has misappropriated an amount of money exceeding Rs. 35,000/= which belonged to the Farmers Organization as the secretary in the aforesaid election of office bearers?
- (d) Will he admit that the election of a person who was not present at the election of office bearers, as the Treasurer, is illegal?
- (e) Will he take necessary action to cancel the aforesaid election of office bearers and conduct a new election by considering the facts mentioned above?
- (f) If not, why?

1730/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the construction work of 06 bridges that are built in place of the bridges which had been built across Ging Ganga and destroyed in the floods in 2003, was started on 27-03-2006; and
 - (ii) agreements had been signed to complete the construction work of the aforesaid bridges by 27.08.2007?
- (b) Will he admit that it had been mentioned in the report submitted as a reply to the resolution No.1896 of the Parliament Consultative Committee that action was being taken to complete the construction work of five bridges except one, by 31-12-2007?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons for stopping the construction work of the Katagoda bridge in spite of the above mentioned situation?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the two main cables required to hold the bridge were ordered from a foreign country;
 - (ii) the name of the institution that is delaying the payment of money to the State Development and Construction Corporation, since the estimated amounts of money for the construction of the bridges have been given to the Southern Province Rural Economic Development Programme by the Asian Development Bank; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has hitherto been given to the State Development and Construction Corporation for the Construction of the bridges?
- (e) Will he state whether the construction of Katagoda and Ahalakanda bridges will be completed by the agreed date by considering it as a special requirement?
- (f) If not, why?

1731/07

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that Rs. 20,558,799/- have been provided to the Galle District Secretariat by the letter dated 13.07.2007 under MR&DRS/F2/ of the Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services in accordance with Parliamentary Consultative Committee resolutions No.860 and 1433, to be provided to Nagoda, Neluwa, Thawalama, Baddegama and Welivitya Divithura Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) although it had been approved to pay Rs. 250,000/= for a house fully damaged and Rs. 100,000/= for partly damaged house in the Tsunami in 2004, it is not fair to approve Rs. 100,000/= less for a house fully damaged and Rs. 50,000/= less for a house partly damaged a year prior to that;
 - (ii) even though these approved monies were received with a delay of about 04 years, some Divisional Secretaries are acting to revert the received monies, putting forth unfair reasons; and
 - (iii) it is fair to provide outstanding compensation to those who have built houses in their former places of residence even by taking loans, as a result of not being provided with a land although their places of residence had been identified as unsafe and they were recommended to be provided lands?

- (c) Will he give instructions to the relevant officials to provide the total outstanding amount of compensation as a lumpsum or in installments to all those who have completed at least part of the house with the initial installments that were provided?
- (d) If not, why?

1751/07

Hon. S.A. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of families who lost their houses due to the Tsunami disaster in the Panadura Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid families, the number of families for which the houses will be built with the intervention of the government;
 - (iii) if lands have not been found for the aforesaid purpose in the Panadura Divisional Secretariat Division itself, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) if lands have been found from other Divisional Secretariat Divisions the names of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (v) whether a land named Delgahawatta at Mahawila in Bandaragama Divisional Secretariat Division has been acquired for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (vi) the extent, the estimated value and the name of the owner of the aforesaid land, if it has been acquired;
 - (vii) separately, the number of houses planned to be built in it, the number of houses of which the construction work has already been started, and the number of plots of lands in which the construction work has not been started;
 - (viii) whether action has been taken to give the portion of the aforesaid land in which the construction of houses has not yet been started, to the first owner, to an institution or to an individual for another purpose;
 - (ix) the purpose for which the aforesaid portion of land will be used; and
 - (x) the name and the address of the aforesaid person and the reasons for giving that portion of land to the aforesaid person in the manner mentioned above?

- (b) Will he admit that an injustice is caused to the people who lost their houses in Tsunami and live in camps as they did not receive houses up to now, as a result of giving the aforesaid portion of land as mentioned above?
 - (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0792/06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western Province in issuing licenses for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licenses issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for license and the dates on which licenses were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licenses;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licenses?
- (e) If not, why?

0795/'06

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Central Province when issuing licenses for buses for passenger transport services?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licenses issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for license and the dates on which licenses were issued?
 - (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
 - (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licenses;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval would be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licenses?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Wednesday, April 09, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1612/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the number of students who are not permanent residents in Nuwara Eliya district and study in General Certificate of Education (O/L) classes and Science, Arts and Commerce subjects in Advanced Level classes, on the basis of each school and on the basis of each Education Zone in the same district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each school, the number of students who have gained university admission from Nuwara Eliya district during the last ten years; and
 - (ii) out of the number of students mentioned in (i) above, the number of students who are not permanent residents of the aforesaid district?
- (c) If not, why?

1613/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of—
 - (i) the number of National Hospitals, Provincial Council Hospitals and Estate Hospitals in the Nuwara-Eliya District;
 - (ii) the number of specialist doctors, medical officers and assistant medical practitioners working in each of the aforesaid hospitals;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies in each of the aforesaid categories in each of the aforesaid hospitals; and
 - (iv) the number of members in the paramedical, nursing and junior staffs of each of the aforesaid hospitals?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Central Government for developing the Nuwara-Eliya hospital;

- (ii) separately, the projects for which the aforesaid amounts of money have been utilized and the amounts of money so utilized;
 - (iii) the institution that does the construction work at present; and
 - (iv) whether he is satisfied about the standard of those constructions?
- (c) If not, why?

1614/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of farms belonging to the Ministry concerned in the Nuwara-Eliya District;
 - (ii) separately, the extents of lands which belong to each of the aforesaid farms at present; and
 - (iii) the number of permanent, casual, and substitute workers currently employed in those farms?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
- (i) the extent of lands that have been transferred to individuals and private companies from the aforesaid farms during the last 10 years;
 - (ii) the extents of lands given to the company named Huejay International from the Meepilimana seed farm; and
 - (iii) the years in which it was done?
- (c) Will he state whether there is a programme to develop farms without privatizing the same?
- (d) If not, why?

1752/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year in which Sri Lanka Telecom was privatized;
 - (ii) the procedure followed in the process of privatization;

- (iii) separately, the companies that submitted tenders and their bids, if tenders were called; and
- (iv) the basis on which the relevant company was selected?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the amounts of shares that have been vested in the government and each of the institutions and their percentages, in the privatization of the shares of the company?
- (c) Will he state separately the dividends the government has received for each year, from the year in which the Sri Lanka Telecom was privatized up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

1753/07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Lanka Gas Company was divested to the Shell Gas Company; and
 - (ii) of the procedure followed in this regard?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the companies that submitted tenders and their bids, if tenders were called; and
 - (ii) the basis on which Shell Gas Company was selected?
- (c) Will he submit separately—
 - (i) the amounts of shares of the above Gas Company possessed by the Government and other companies; and
 - (ii) the amounts of the dividends the government has received from the year in which the relevant Gas Company was divested to the Shell Gas Company?
- (d) If not, why?

1773/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether practical tests for Music and Dancing subjects at the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) Examination were held in the years 2005 and 2006;
 - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid practical tests are held; and
 - (iii) the percentage of marks awarded for the practical tests?
- (b) If not, why?

1772/'07

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed ,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) many Muslim children are studying in Sinhala Medium in Government Schools;
 - (ii) the then Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Mr. N.D.D. Peiris released a Circular bearing No.1997/37 permitting Muslim girl students to wear a uniform in keeping with their culture; and
 - (iii) some Government schools in Colombo District do not allow the Muslim girl students to wear a uniform as above?
- (b) Will the Minister take the necessary steps to rectify this and enable the Muslim girl students to dress in keeping with their culture?
- (c) If not, why?

1331/'07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of institutions that produce and import beer;
 - (ii) the number of institutions that produce other types of liquor other than beer;

- (iii) the companies or individuals who own the aforesaid institutions; and
- (iv) the names of institutions that import liquor?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of liquor imported from year 2000 up to 30.05.2007;
 - (ii) separately, the number of litres of liquor that has been produced by each of the licensed liquor producing institutions during the aforesaid period;
 - (iii) the annual tax revenue earned by the government directly and indirectly from the above mention production and sale of liquor during the aforesaid period;
 - (iv) whether the liquor production is on the increase annually; and
 - (v) if so, whether steps will be taken to limit the production of liquor?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of licensed liquor stores that have been closed down along with the “Mathata Thitha” programme; and
 - (ii) if liquor is considered as a social menace the steps that have been taken to limit the production and sale of liquor?
- (d) If not, why?

1223/’07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each year, the total amount of loans, exceeding one million that have been granted to the borrowers by the Bank of Ceylon from year 1996 to year 2006;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been recovered along with the interest from the aforesaid loans in each year; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that was considered as bad debts in each year?
- (b) Will he present to this House the names and addresses of the borrowers and the institutions who have obtained the loans that cannot be recovered as mentioned above and the amount of loans that have been obtained by them?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) out of the amount of loans that have been granted as mentioned above, the amount of loans that has been written off as bad debts; and
 - (ii) if loans have been written off as mentioned above the names and addresses of the persons and institutions whose loans have been written off?
 - (d) Will he submit in this House the courses of action that have been followed in order to recover the loans that couldn't be recovered and considered as bad debts?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Thursday, April 10, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1615/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been allocated to the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure through the Budget from the inception of the aforesaid Ministry up to year 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, the amounts allocated, out of the aforesaid money, for developing the education, health, road and power sectors in each year?
- (b) Will he state separately, on the basis of Divisional Secretariat Division, the amounts allocated for each electricity project since the inception of the Ministry of Estate Infrastructure?
- (c) If not, why?

1616/'07

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the non-governmental organizations which are operating in Nuwara Eliya District at present;
 - (ii) the addresses of the aforesaid organizations; and
 - (iii) the fields of operation in respect of each organization?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the projects implemented by each of the aforesaid non-governmental organizations during the last 10 years; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated for each such project?
- (c) Will he state whether there is a procedure adopted by the Government in order to monitor the activities of the aforesaid non-governmental organizations?
- (d) If not, why?

1713/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) an open competitive examination was held in the year 2002 for the recruitment of Audit Superintendents of the Class 2 Grade II in the Auditor General's Department; and
 - (ii) Mr. Viraj Kahagalla of Maduru Oya junction Manampitiya has passed the above mentioned competitive examination?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the reasons for granting appointments to only 04 persons, who have passed the aforesaid competitive examination in the years 2007 and holding a competitive examination again for the remaining 15 vacancies; and
 - (ii) the reason as to why Mr. Vijay Kahagalla who had fulfilled all the qualifications and also passed the competitive examination was not granted with the relevant appointment?

- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant the aforesaid appointment to Mr. Kahagalla?
- (d) If not, why?

1758/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that a request has been made by the Society of Persons who lost their lands in the fiefdom (Nindagam area) in Pahala Beragama, Ambalantota, to provide them with lands under the Walawa left bank development project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take necessary steps to provide these people with lands;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) if lands are not provided, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1774/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the amount of money that was allocated for providing school text books in the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the number of books that was printed for each subject and each grade, in the aforesaid year;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions that printed the aforesaid school text books;
 - (iv) separately, the number of books printed by each of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (v) the basis on which the aforesaid institutions were selected;
 - (vi) the total amount of money that should be paid to the aforesaid institutions; and

- (vii) separately, the amount of money that has been paid up to now and the amount of money that is outstanding?

(b) If not, why?

1775/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) how often the syllabi prescribed for different grade in school education are changed;
- (ii) the grades in which the prescribed syllabi have been changed during the year 2007;
- (iii) the methodology that was followed in changing the aforesaid syllabi; and;
- (iv) the basis on which the relevant grades were selected for the change of the syllabi in the year 2007?

(b) If not, why?

1776/'07

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the recurrent expenditure and the capital expenditure allocated by the government for the National Institute of Education in the last 5 years;
- (ii) the heads of expenditure of the capital expenditure allocated for the aforesaid years; and
- (iii) the financial progress in the relevant year?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the amount of money provided to the aforesaid institution through other organizations (such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc.) and institutions, within the relevant years;
- (ii) the project for which money was provided by the aforesaid institutions; and

- (iii) the aims of the aforesaid projects?
- (c) If not, why?

1468/07

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under Section 33(3) of part 5 of Sri Lanka Transport Board Act, No.27 of 2005, the cluster bus companies which were scattered all over the Island by then were legally converted into SLTB by a Gazette Extraordinary dated 19.10.2005; and
 - (ii) under Section No.2 of Act, No.23 of 1987 for Conversion of Government Corporations or Government owned Undertakings into public companies, 49% of the shares of the aforesaid company were given to the employees and the remaining 51% of the shares are being kept under the government?
- (b) Will he admit that under Section No.2 of the aforesaid Act, those employees are entitled to the ownership of the 49% of the shares which were owned by the former share holders and the present share holders?
- (c) The aforesaid cluster bus companies were amalgamated as Sri Lanka Transport Board under Sri Lanka Transport Board Act, No.27 of 2005 and will he take measures to repay the value of the shares that were given to the employees when converting it to a public company?
- (d) if so, when?
- (e) If not, why?

1356/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Deputy Minister of Aviation is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and

- (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1359/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Mass Media (Non-cabinet) is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1361/07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, whether the offices of each Minister of Nation Building (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1473/07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that other than dried fish and Maldives fish, raw fish is imported to this country?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of Kilograms of fish purchased by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation and the financial value of that amount of fish in each of the years within the period of past 10 years?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of centres in the island where the aforesaid fish is sold; and
 - (ii) the location of the centres mentioned in (i) above?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, April 11, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0780/’06

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the name of the institution that carried out the process of privatization of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation?
- (b) Will he state the procedure followed when selecting its buyer?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the quotations under which the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation was transferred to the private sector;
 - (ii) the income that the government received from it;
 - (iii) whether the total amount of money was paid in lump sum in the aforesaid transfer;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that was paid;
 - (v) whether there is any arrears to be paid up to now with regard to the transaction of transferring the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation to the private sector; and
 - (vi) if so, the amount of money that should be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

1474/’07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that foreign companies engaged in fishing have been given permission to use the harbours in our country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an agreement is entered upon when such permission is granted;

- (ii) if so, the conditions included in the agreements mentioned above;
 - (iii) the names of the harbour at which they have been permitted to unload fish;
 - (iv) of the amount of fish that they should hand over to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation out of the fish so unloaded; and
 - (v) of the amount of fish that the aforesaid companies have handed over to the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation in the aforesaid manner during the last ten years?
- (c) If not, why?

1521/'07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of fishermen in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of persons to whom the fuel subsidy is provided, out of the aforesaid number of fishermen;
 - (iii) the monetary value of the subsidy so provided to each person; and
 - (iv) the duration of the period for which it is provided?
- (b) If not, why?

1544/'07

Hon. Luxman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign tours in which Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage, the former Secretary to the Ministry of Education, has been a participant since he was appointed to that office;
 - (ii) the names of the countries so visited;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid Secretary left the country and the period of time he spent in those countries;
 - (iv) the purpose of the aforesaid tours; and
 - (v) the benefits received by the country from those tours?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the other persons who participated in the aforesaid tours with the Secretary concerned;
- (ii) their designations;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid tours;
- (iv) the head of expenditure under which the aforesaid amount of money was spent; and
- (v) the total amount of money spent on the foreign tours up to now?

(c) If not, why?

1559/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

(a) Will he state in this House—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Construction and Engineering Services is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
- (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
- (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
- (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
- (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
- (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?

(d) If not, why?

1564/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Higher Education is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1566/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Mass Media and Information is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0934/'07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for each of the Ministers of Nation Building and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained; and
 - (iii) out of them the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House the names of the institutions or individuals from whom the aforesaid vehicles have been obtained, along with their addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent monthly and annually on those vehicles and the amount of money allocated for fuel per month and the amount of money allocated for fuel per year?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers have been recruited for these vehicles the basis on which they were recruited; and

- (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) If not, why?

1362/'07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Religious Affairs (Non-cabinet) is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1364/'07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Petroleum Resources (Non-cabinet) is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and

- (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1151/07

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of families who have lost houses in the tsunami disaster occurred on 26th of December 2004?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately on the basis of each District—
 - (i) out of the aforesaid number, the number of families that have been offered with houses by the government, non-governmental organizations or individuals; and
 - (ii) the number of families who have not been able to obtain houses so far and live in temporary huts?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not being able to provide houses so far to these people who live in temporary huts; and
 - (ii) the date on which the provision of houses to all the persons who lost houses in the tsunami disaster will be completed?
- (d) If not, why?

1532/'07

Hon. (Ven.) Udawatte Nanda Thero,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that the eleven graduates employed at the National Savings Bank who had passed the Banking Services Examination and applied for promotions as per the accelerated procedure of promotions to Class III of Grade III according to Circular No.502/2001, have not been granted the promotions up to now?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) those who did not submit applications according to the aforesaid Circular have also been granted promotions to Class III of Grade III in 2003; and
 - (ii) it has been recommended that the aforesaid eleven persons including Mrs. K.L.S. Liyanarachchi, Mrs. Chandra Atapattu, Mr. Alahakoon Bandara, Mrs. Gunawathie and Mr. Damith Perera be granted the above mentioned grades at the hearing of the case filed at the Human Rights Commission under No. 2003 August HRC 1971/03/L3, 1972/03/L3, 1973/03/L3 and 1974/03/L3?
- (c) Will he state the reason for not granting the aforesaid promotions so far?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1572/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Power and Energy is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
- (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
- (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
- (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
- (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?

(d) If not, why?

1589/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he state in this House—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
- (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
- (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
- (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;

- (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
- (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1591/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1329/'07

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of 'Machinery Agency' was maintained under the North Central Provincial Council?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money that has been paid by this institution to the Inland Revenue Department as Goods and Services Tax, from 1999 to 2001; and
- (ii) if money has not been paid as mentioned above, the amount of money that should be paid?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount of money that has been paid by this institution as Goods and Services Tax or VAT in each year from 2001 to 2006;
- (ii) if money has not been paid, the amount of tax money that should be paid annually;
- (iii) if so, the purpose for which this tax money has been utilized; and
- (iv) the course of action that will be followed to recover this unpaid tax money?

(d) If not, why?

1607/'07

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a few weeks ago, the government took steps to provide fuel subsidy to the fishermen; and
- (ii) all the fishermen have not been given the aforesaid fuel subsidy?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the fuel subsidy is given to one day fishing boats of 28 feet and multi day fishing boats;
- (ii) the period of time for which the aforesaid subsidy is given; and
- (iii) the monetary value of the subsidy given to one fisherman?

(d) If not, why?

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1592/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Ports and Aviation is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1594/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;

- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
- (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1596/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of National Heritage is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
 - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
 - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
 - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
 - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
 - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, April 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1281/'07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware of the environmental destruction and the damage to the public property committed by Mr. Bandula Karavita, Chairman of the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha, in the area centered around the water fall called “Dehenella” situated in the area of his authority?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) Mr. J.A. Ranjith, Secretary to the Minister of Power, Provincial Roads, Environment, Tourism and Trade of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has given Rs. 425,195/= to the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha on 09.11.2006, for this business;
 - (ii) a false project report without the signature of the chairman concerned or a date has been forwarded for the aforesaid purpose;
 - (iii) the legal clearance of the Central Environment Authority has not been obtained for this project; and
 - (iv) this project which is connected to “Dehenella” is not an official activity of the Pradeshiya Sabha but a personal act of the chairman that is being implemented after obtaining money from the Provincial Council by misleading it with the use of the office of the Chairman and the powers of the Pradeshiya Sabha?

- (c) Will he take legal action against the Chairman regarding the use of public funds fraudulently?
- (d) If not, why?

1424/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees that served in the 'Selasine' Television institute which comes under the Ministry of Mass Media and Information, as at December 2004;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of employees that has been recruited from December 2004 to June 2007;
 - (ii) the total number of employees at present; and
 - (iii) separately, their designations, names, dates of recruitment and salaries?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether those who were recruited after December 2004, were working in a certain Private institution at the time of recruitment to 'Selasine' Institute; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of that private institution?
- (d) Will he inform this House the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of this private institution?
- (e) If not, why?

1502/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that an injustice has been caused to the officers who have been recruited for the posts in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service on the results of the limited competitive examination held in 1999, as a result of granting the relevant appointments with effect from 01.01.2002?
- (b) As the appointments made on the results of the limited competitive examination held in 1996 were granted with effect from the date on which the aforesaid examination was held, will he take steps to grant appointments to the persons who sat for the examination in 1999 with effect from the date on which that examination was held?

- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the salaries of most of the principals who have been appointed for these posts are lower than the salary scale of the officers of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service; and
 - (ii) in certain cases, they draw a salary which is lower than the salary of the assistant teachers of those schools?
 - (d) Will he therefore, take the necessary action to rectify this salary anomaly in order to avoid the difficulties faced in the school administration?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Friday, April 25, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0822/'06

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the past twenty years—
 - (i) the amount that the Government had spent per expenditure item for transfers to households or subsidies that have been given; and
 - (ii) the above cost as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether our country can afford such subsidies; and
 - (ii) the number of people who get the benefit of these subsidies and the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1018/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, for the last 05 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the number of cars, lorries and commercial vehicles, tractors, motor cycles and vans imported to the country;

- (ii) the duty slabs applicable for the above vehicles at the time of importation?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the total revenue earned at the imposition through Duty, Excise duty and VAT for the last 10 years on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the above information for the last 12 months on per month basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1232/'07

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
 - (ii) the number of licences issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
 - (iii) the frequency of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
 - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

1604/’07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-Employment Promotion,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local brass industry which has a long history is the major source of livelihood of the residents at Denuwara;
 - (ii) more than three (03) lakhs of people receive the benefits of the aforesaid industry; and
 - (iii) this industry has faced with an unfortunate situation at present?
- (b) Will he admit that a shortage of raw materials is prevailing in the local brass industry as a result of exporting bronze, brass, zinc and aluminum, which are mainly used for this industry, to India, in the form of metal blocks, at a higher price?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to stop the exportation of the aforesaid raw materials to India in the form of metal blocks in order to protect the local brass industry?
- (d) If not, why?

1618/’07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resource Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) according to the internal notice issued on 28.03.2005 for the posts of Personal Manager (Grade A2-3) of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Samantha Pushpalal, the Assistant Personal Manager faced the interviews held for the recruitment of suitable persons for the aforesaid post; and
 - (ii) the management of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has acted in an illegal manner by appointing a person called Amara Ranasinha who has not completed the relevant qualifications stipulated in the Section “B” of the notice that was issued calling applications for the aforesaid post, to the post of Personnel Manager?
- (b) Will he admit the right of every citizen to get the equal protection of the law, which has been guaranteed according to the Article 12 of the Constitution, has been violated by this act?

- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel the appointment given to the unqualified persons and offer the aforesaid post to the persons who obtained the highest marks out of the rest the persons who faced the interview?
- (d) If not, why?

1619/07

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.K.A. Kumarawansa of school Lane, Diyasenpura served as the Staff Intelligence Officer of the Naval Base in the Manner Island in the year 2004;
 - (ii) he was transferred to the Gotaimbara Naval Base in the Pungudutivu Island in the same year; and
 - (iii) the request made in the year 2005 to resign from the Navy was recommended in the year 2006 and directed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence?
 - (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the letter of resignation was withdrawn on the instructions of the then commanding officer due to the conflict situation prevailed during that period; and
 - (ii) he was subsequently transferred to the Trincomalee Naval Base?
 - (c) Will he inform this House as to why a common decree has been issued notifying that he has been removed from the Navy from 08th October 2006?
 - (d) Will he take the necessary steps to reinstate him with salary arrears?
 - (e) If not, why?
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