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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 1

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PARLIAMENT

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Tuesday, July 08, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0411/'08

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) whether the nurses, para medical officers, minor staff employees and ward clerks have been recruited to the Department of Health in the years 2004, 2005 and 2006;
 - (ii) the number of persons recruited as mentioned above separately, in each of the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) the names of the districts in which the persons who were recruited for the post of ward clerk in the years 2004, 2005, and 2006 have their permanent residence; and
 - (iv) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where they reside their addresses and the official addresses?
- (b) Will he inform this House the posts of the minor staff to which persons were recruited in the years 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (c) Will he state whether these posts are permanent, temporary or casual?
- (d) Will he submit to this House the districts of their permanent residency, the Divisional Secretariat Divisions the addresses in which they reside at and the present official addresses?

(e) Will he state—

- (i) whether the proper recruitment procedure has been followed with regard to the recruitments mentioned above; and
- (ii) if so, what?

(f) If not, why?

0416/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasingha,— 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) separately, the types and quantities of agricultural products that were imported in each of the years in the period from year 2000 to 2006;
- (ii) the quantity of each of the aforesaid products, out of the total amount of imports;
- (iii) separately, the payments made annually for each of the aforesaid products; and
- (iv) the amount of money that was spent on each of the aforesaid products, out of the total expenditure incurred on imports?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the annual expenditure on imports from the year 2000;
- (ii) the goods for which imports expenditure has increased;
- (iii) the amount of foreign exchange that has been spent annually, after subtracting the income from exports from the expenditure on imports;
- (iv) the 20 types of imports that incur the largest import expenditure; and
- (v) the amount of expenditure for each of the aforesaid types of imports out of the total expenditure on imports?

(c) If not, why?

0417/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the cost of living index of the country in November 2005 and November 2007;

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- (ii) the increase in the cost of living index during the relevant period;
 - (iii) the amount of salary increase that should be given for the above mentioned increase of the cost of living index in respect of the cost of living allowance paid by the government;
 - (iv) whether action has been taken to increase the salaries of private sector employees in relation to the aforesaid increase; and
 - (v) if not, whether the government will take necessary steps to increase the salaries of private sector employees?
- (b) If not, why?

0418/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the minimum salary of private sector employees as at November 2005;
 - (ii) the amount by which the aforesaid salary had been increased by November 2007;
 - (iii) the minimum salary of private sector employees as at 30th November 2007; and
 - (iv) the amount by which the real salary had dropped from November 2005 to November 2007 on account of the impact of the inflation?
- (b) Will he state as to what measures will be taken to increase the real salary of private sector employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0382/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of Vidatha Resources Centres that have been established under the relevant Ministry;
 - (ii) the dates on which they were established and the Divisional Secretariat divisions in which they have been located; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of such centres which are operative and the number of such centres which are inoperative?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons that have been recruited for the service at the aforesaid Vidatha Centres;
 - (ii) of the date on which the recruitments were made for the aforesaid posts and the salaries applicable to them;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to confirm them in their posts; and
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0383/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Orders made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the schedule hereto, be approved.

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF VARIATION OF LIMITS OF ADVANCE ACCOUNTS PERTAINING TO ADVANCES TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AUTHORIZED BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 47 OF 2006 IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2007

Sri No.	Ministry / Department	Item No.	Maximum Limit of Expenditure in Column II		Minimum Limit of Receipts in Column III		Maximum Limit of Debit Balance in Column IV		Order No.
			From	To	From	To	From	To	
1.	Department of Police	22501	1,225,000,000	1,145,000,000	698,160,000	663,160,000	3,150,000,000	2,918,000,000	1
2.	Minister of Defence, Public Security and Law and Order	10301	42,000,000	122,000,000	17,880,000	52,880,000	150,000,000	390,000,000	2
3.	Department of Registrar General	25401	-	-	-	-	70,000,000	135,000,000	5
4.	District Secretariat / Kachcheri, Jaffna	26401	-	-	15,720,000	14,000,000	-	-	6
5.	Department of Agriculture	28501	-	-	97,320,000	86,000,000	-	-	7
6.	Minister of Regional Development	15501	-	-	6,120,000	1,500,000	-	-	8
7.	Department of Forest	28301	-	-	28,920,000	23,100,000	-	-	9
8.	Minister of Land & Land Development	15301	-	-	840,000	5,600,000	14,000,000	25,962,000	10
9.	Department of Export Agriculture	28901	-	-	13,560,000	13,200,000	-	-	11
10.	Minister of Education	12601	-	-	516,000,000	475,000,000	-	-	12
11.	District Secretariat, Galle	26101	-	-	44,520,000	33,000,000	-	-	14
12.	Sri Lanka Army	22201	-	-	921,000,000	800,000,000	-	-	15
13.	Sri Lanka Railways	30601	-	-	-	-	1,765,000,000	1,865,000,000	16
14.	Department of Survey	28801	-	-	78,120,000	72,000,000	-	-	17
15.	Minister of Youth Affairs	15601	-	-	-	-	6,000,000	18,000,000	18
16.	Department of Police	22501	-	-	663,160,000	600,000,000	-	-	19

17.	Minister of Home Affairs	14701	-	-	-	-	8,000,000	12,000,000	20
18.	District Secretariat, Anuradhapura	27401	-	-	31,920,000	25,000,000	-	-	21
19.	Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development	13101	-	-	1,000,000	200,000	-	-	22
20.	Sri Lanka Navy	22301	-	-	208,920,000	150,000,000	-	-	23
21.	District Secretariat, Ampara	27001	-	-	-	-	65,000,000	129,000,000	24
22.	District Secretariat, Matara	26201	-	-	30,780,000	29,000,000	-	-	25
23.	Department of Food Commissioner	30001	-	-	8,400,000	7,000,000	-	-	27
24.	Sri Lanka Air Force	22401	-	-	235,560,000	220,000,000	-	-	28
25.	Department of Trade Tariff and Investment Policy	24401	-	-	-	-	4,000,000	6,500,000	29
26.	Minister of Rural Livelihood Development	15901	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	65,000,000	30
27.	Minister of Coconut Development	14101	-	-	840,000	500,000	-	-	31
28.	Department of Civil Security	32001	-	-	192,000	96,000	-	-	32

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Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

(Cabinet approval signified)

09.05.2008
Colombo 01.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Excise (Special Provisions) Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1540/15 of 14th March, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Inland Revenue Act (No.1),—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 24D (2) of the Inland Revenue Act No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1546/5 of 22nd April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Inland Revenue Act (No.2),—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 23(1)(C) of the Inland Revenue Act No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1546/8 of 22nd April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Inland Revenue Act (No.3),—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 212 of the Inland Revenue Act No. 10 of 2006, relating to Income Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1546/10 of 22nd April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Finance Act,—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 2 of Finance Act No. 11 of 2002, relating to Port and Airport Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1546/6 of 22nd April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act,—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 5 of Stamp Duty (Special Provisions) Act No. 12 of 2006, relating to Stamp Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1546/7 of 22nd April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under Economic Service Charge Act,—That the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 12 of the Economic Service Charge Act No. 13 of 2006, relating to Economic Service Charge and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1546/9 of 22nd April, 2008 which was presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

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Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Chinese Origin (Special Provisions) Bill—
Second Reading.

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The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Supplementary Sum— Head 160 — Programme 01,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees One Hundred and Thirty million (Rs. 130,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 160	—	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
Programme 01	—	Operations
Project 02	—	Administration and Establishment
Object Code 2104	—	Building and Construction
	Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs. _____
	Capital Expenditure	= Rs. <u>12,700,000</u>
	Total Expenditure	= Rs. <u>12,700,000</u>
Object Code 2105	—	Land and Land improvements
	Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs. _____
	Capital Expenditure	= Rs. <u>117,300,000</u>
	Total Expenditure	= Rs. <u>117,300,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.02 of 2008 presented on 20th June,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimate No.1 Rs. 188,000,000

* Indicates Government Business

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0419/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees serving in the private sector as at the end of November 2007;
 - (ii) the number of Wages Control Boards that have been established to determine the salaries of the aforesaid employees;
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees covered by the aforesaid Wages Boards and the number of employees not covered by them;
 - (iv) separately, the minimum salary approved by each of the established Wages Control Boards;
 - (v) the manner in which the minimum salary for the employees who do not come under the Wages Control Boards is decided;
 - (vi) whether the government accepts the minimum salary of the employees who come under the Wages Boards and the employees who do not come under them, as the minimum salary for the private sector employees; and
 - (vii) if the government does not accept it, the minimum salary accepted by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

0420/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the difference between the minimum salary of a public sector employee and that of a private sector employee?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a cost of living allowance is paid to the public sector employees in addition to the minimum salary; and
 - (ii) the government has not proposed any such allowance for the private sector employees?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to provide the private sector employees also with the cost of living allowance that is paid to the public sector

employees, in order to control the rising cost of living?

(d) If not, why?

0421/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— 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) whether the government has taken steps to increase the salaries of the private sector employees from November 2005 up to now; and
- (ii) if so, the relevant date and the amount of the increase given?

(b) Will he admit that it is necessary to intervene to increase the salaries of the private sector employees considering the prevailing inflation?

(c) if so, will he state the amount of salary increase that should be given?

(d) If not, why?

0384/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

(a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
- (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
- (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?

(c) If not, why?

0385/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

(a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0386/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women Empowerment,—

- (a) Will she inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for her Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will she submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0433/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware of the Pananwela-Kebalipola road in the Hakmana Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara District?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money that has been allocated for developing this road;
 - (ii) the length and the width of the aforesaid road; and
 - (iii) the names, addresses and designations of the parties who prepared the estimates pertaining to this road?
- (c) If not, why?

0434/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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) of the number of times the ships belonging to the Liverpool Navigation Private Limited have transported goods to the North in the year 2006 and up to 30th April 2007 in respect of their departure and destination respectively;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid shipping company is a registered shipping company in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the names of its proprietor, the chairman, and the members of the board of Directors of the Company;
 - (iv) separately, the names of the ships which were used to transport goods to the North by the company as mentioned above; and
 - (v) separately, the amount of goods transported by the aforesaid ships, in relation to each type of good and the ship that transported them during the aforesaid years?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately the names, designations and Permanent addresses of the crews of the ships which transported the goods along with the name of the ship in which they served and the period of service in the relevant ship?
- (c) If not, why?

0435/'08

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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 separately—
 - (i) the amounts of vegetables, fruits, grain and spices and the amounts of their sub-categories that were exported and imported within the year 2006;
 - (ii) the expenditure and the income earned with respect to (i) above in American dollars and Rupees;
 - (iii) the importers and exporters who were involved in the process; and
 - (iv) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their institutions?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names, relevant institutions, addresses and telephone numbers of the producers who produce the aforesaid types of food locally;
 - (ii) whether the government possesses a systematic programme to

produce those types of food locally and save foreign exchange;
and

(iii) if so, what it is?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, July 10, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0387/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;

(ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and

(iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?

(c) If not, why?

0388/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;

(ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and

(iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?

(c) If not, why?

0389/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0422/'08

Hon. H.M. Wasantha Samarasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that a tender has been awarded to a supplier for providing new type of cards required for driving licenses?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the fee that is expected to be charge for the aforesaid license;
 - (ii) whether there had been three bidders for the aforesaid tender;
 - (iii) of the qualification that were considered in selecting the tenderer who had been awarded the relevant tender;
 - (iv) of the necessity of introducing this new card;
 - (v) whether the technical equipment required to fulfill the relevant requirement, has been provided; and
 - (vi) the significant differences in the new driving license, when compared with the existing driving license?
- (c) If not, why?

0436/'08

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?

0437/08

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?

0438/08

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?

0452/'08

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of units of electricity consumed annually for the period of last five years?
- (b) Will he submit to this House in respect of each year for the last five years—
 - (i) the number of units of electricity contributed by the Ceylon Electricity Board to the above mentioned number of units of electricity;
 - (ii) the number of units of electricity produced by the institutions affiliated to the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (iii) the number of units of electricity produced by private companies; and
 - (iv) the amount of money paid for the number of units of electricity obtained through private companies?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of private companies that produce electricity through their operations in this country;
 - (ii) the addresses of those companies;
 - (iii) separately, the number of units of electricity produced by those companies; and
 - (iv) the number of units of electricity provided by the aforesaid companies out of the number of units of electricity consumed at present in the country?
- (d) If not, why?

0453/'08

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the oil pipeline system of Sapugaskanda, Kolonnawa has been handed over to a company for restoration?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the qualifications that should be fulfilled when selecting the relevant company; and

- (ii) whether that company has been selected by calling an open tender?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of companies that submitted tender applications for the restoration of the aforesaid pipeline system; and
 - (ii) the names of those companies?
 - (d) Will he submit a detail report to this House regarding the quotations mentioned in the tenders submitted by each of the aforesaid companies?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Friday, July 11, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0390/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0391/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;

- (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
- (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0392/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0439/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the fishery landing site at Kadewella, Galle is used by fishermen?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether permission has been granted by the Department of Coastal Conservation to fill it up with earth, causing damage to the aforesaid fishery landing site at Kadewella;
 - (ii) if so, under which condition the aforesaid permission has been granted;
 - (iii) whether the Department of Coastal Conservation will take legal action against the party which carried out the filling, if an unauthorized filling has been carried out; and
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (c) Will he admit that the filling of the fishery land site which belongs to fishermen is correct?
- (d) If not, why?

0440/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was exported annually during the period of last 05 years and the value of the aforesaid amounts of fish; and
 - (ii) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was imported annually during the above mentioned period and the monetary value of the amounts of fish so imported?
- (b) Will he state whether the importation of fish in the aforesaid manner is done as the local fish production is not sufficient?
- (c) Will he admit that the local fish production can be increased if the government provides relief to the fishermen?
- (d) If not, why?

0441/'08

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?

0454/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— 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 under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;

- (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
- (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;
 - (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities will be carried out;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected;
 - (iii) their names?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?
- (e) if not, why?

0455/08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— 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 under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;
 - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
 - (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money will be received?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;

- (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities will be carried out;
 - (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;
 - (ii) the criteria on which they are selected;
 - (iii) their names?
- (d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?
- (e) if not, why?

0457/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is a demarcated pasture named 'Kadawara' in the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) whether it has been registered as a pasture;
 - (iii) if so, the name of the government institution in which it has been registered;
 - (iv) whether the land allocated for the pasture has been properly surveyed and demarcated; and
 - (v) the extent of the aforesaid pasture?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a copy of the plan of the land relevant to this pasture?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the tanks situated in this pasture;
 - (ii) out of those tanks, the names of the tanks that are being used at present; and
 - (iii) separately, the extents of those tanks?
 - (d) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P 37/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same..

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0393/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0394/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0395/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0442/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources uses the vehicles of the Ministry of Fisheries;
 - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles used as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on fuel during the period of past eight months?
- (b) If not, why?

0443/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a fisheries landing site by the name of Kadewella in Galle?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the party which is engaging in filling the aforesaid area with earth in a manner which blocks the aforesaid fisheries landing site;
 - (ii) whether the Department of Coast Conservation has granted permission for the relevant reclamation of land; and
 - (iii) if permission has been granted, the date on which the relevant permission was granted and the rules and regulations under which it was done?
- (c) Will he admit that the fishermen are unable to engage in their occupation as a result of the aforesaid land reclamation and constructions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he will take action to stop the aforesaid land reclamation and constructions in order to allow the fishermen to engage in their occupations; and
 - (ii) the time frame within which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

0444/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foundation stones laid during the past 10 years for the purpose of building fisheries harbours and anchorages;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid foundation stones were laid;
 - (iii) the number of the harbours and anchorages which have already been built and the relevant locations;
 - (iv) the date on which the construction work of these harbours and anchorages was completed; and

- (v) the name of the institution that carried out construction work?
- (b) If not, why?

0488/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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 of—
 - (i) the date on which the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) was started; and
 - (ii) the legal basis on which it was done?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of employees in the aforesaid institution including its chairman and Chief Executive Officers; and
 - (ii) the designation, educational qualifications, salary and allowances, and the basis of recruitment in respect of each of the aforesaid employees?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned for the use of officers by the aforesaid institution;
 - (ii) the manner in which the aforesaid vehicles have been allocated to the relevant chief officers, together with the make and the registration number of each such vehicle; and
 - (iii) separately, the basis on which each of the aforesaid vehicles were obtained and the amount of money spent on each of them, if the aforesaid vehicles have been obtained on rent, contract or in any other manner?
- (d) If not, why?

0489/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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) the total amount of money which was allocated to the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) in the years 2006 and 2007;

- (ii) whether these monies were allocated only from the Treasury; and
 - (iii) if monies were obtained from any other institution the name of the institution from which the monies were obtained?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the names and designations of the officers who granted permission to allocate the public funds to the aforesaid Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA);
 - (ii) if the powers have been delegated to the Treasury or to any other government institution to issue public funds to the aforesaid institution, the name of the person who is responsible for delegating the powers in that manner?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the documents pertaining to the delegation of above mentioned legal power?
- (d) If not, why?

0490/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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) whether quotations were called to select the consultants or institutions that provide consultancy services for the housing projects which were implemented by the Reconstruction and Development Agency in Kilinochchi, Mulativu, Trincomalee, Batticaloe, Ampara, Vavuniya and Mannar districts;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and the telephone numbers of the institutions which submitted the aforesaid quotations and the relevant quotations submitted by them;
 - (iii) the names, designations and the addresses of the members of the board that approved the aforesaid quotations;
 - (iv) the names and the addresses of the institutions that were accepted or approved, out of the aforesaid quotations; and
 - (v) the names of the persons who co-ordinated the activities between the institutions which were approved, and the Reconstruction and Development Agency?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the amount of money spent on the aforesaid consultancy services in each district and for each project; and

- (ii) the names, designations and the addresses of the officers who monitored the construction work relevant to the aforesaid expenditure and approved the payments?
 - (c) Will he state separately the agreements signed with the aforesaid Institutions that provide consultancy services in respect of each district and each project?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, July 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0396/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0397/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and

- (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?

(c) If not, why?

0398/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?

(c) If not, why?

0445/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Fisheries Corporation purchased three wheelers with de-freezers;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the aforesaid three wheelers were purchased; and
 - (iii) the number of three wheelers purchased and the amount of money spent for that purpose;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution from which these three wheelers were purchased;
 - (ii) whether tenders were called for the above mentioned purchase; and
 - (iii) whether Shiranthi Rajapaksha Navodo Foundation has been given any three wheelers purchased as mentioned above?

(c) If not, why?

0446/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that foreign fishing boats unload fish at the Galle Commercial Harbour?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the foreign fishing companies that unload fish in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (ii) the number of boats belonging to the aforesaid companies?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a list of the names of the owners of those fishing companies?
- (d) Will he admit that the Fisheries Corporation loses a huge amount of money due to the fact that those foreign fishing boats unload fish at the Modara harbour?
- (e) If not, why?

0447/'08

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of fish unloaded at Modera Fisheries Harbour by the Fishing Company by the name of “Tropic” during the year 2007; and
 - (ii) of the names of the owners of the above mentioned fishing company?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of fish of the second grade that has been unloaded in July 2007 by the ship bearing No.TF-75, which belongs to the aforesaid fishing company;
 - (ii) the amount of fish that has been supplied to the Fisheries Corporation by the aforesaid ship in July; and
 - (iii) the price at which a kilo of fish was purchased by the Fisheries Corporation from that company?
- (c) If not, why?

0491/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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) whether quotations have been called for the implementation of housing projects in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mulativu, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Vavunia and Manner through Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA);
- (ii) the names of the institutions which have submitted quotations and the relevant quotations;
- (iii) the names of the aforesaid institutions and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their owners;
- (iv) the names, designations and addresses of the members of the board which approved quotations;
- (v) the name and the address of the institution which was approved after the quotations were called as mentioned above; and
- (vi) the names of the persons who co-ordinated between the institution which was approved and the aforesaid Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA)?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether financial allocations for the aforesaid housing project were obtained from the state or any other government institution;
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which those financial allocations were spent, with relevance to each project and district; and
 - (iii) the names, designations and addresses of the officials who supervised and approved the expenditure and relevant constructions?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately with relevance to each housing project, the agreements signed with the institutions of contractors which carried out the aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

0492/'08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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 forged Grama Niladhari certificates have been issued by the relevant Grama Niladharis regarding the residence at the following addresses,

1. No. 347A, 3rd Lane Hirunapukulama, Kandikulama.
2. No.1/113, Lake Road, Ukulankulama.
3. No. 45/4, Church Road, Wattala.
4. No. 48/A, Albert Place, Dehiwela and
5. L.M. Management Services Limited, No.291/32, Havelock Road, Colombo 05.

when documents were furnished in connection with a housing project implemented by the Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) spending public funds?

- (b) Will he submit to this House the Grama Niladhari reports certified by the relevant Divisional Secretary as to who resided at the aforesaid addresses and whose names had been registered in the electoral register under the same addresses in the years 2006 and 2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0493/08

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— 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 casino clubs operated lawfully at various places in the country at present;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the owners of such casino clubs; and
 - (iii) the period of validity of the relevant licenses?
 - (b) Will he state the basis that was followed in issuing the licenses to aforesaid casino clubs?
 - (c) Will he state the various types of taxes received annually by the Government from the casino operators in the years 2006 and 2007, and the amount so received?
 - (d) Will he inform this House of the action taken with regard to the casinos operated illegally?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0399/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0400/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0401/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0504/'08

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Asgiriya Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of Yatawatta, Matale was founded;
 - (ii) separately, the number of members, employees and clients of the aforesaid Society; and
 - (iii) the assets owned by the aforesaid Society?
- (b) Will he state the date on which the aforesaid Society was attached to the Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of Matale?
- (c) Is he aware that the aforesaid joint programme was terminated on 25.11.2007?
- (d) Will he admit that at present, the aforesaid Society has faced a crises situation with no Board of Executives or Board of Directors?
- (e) if so, will he take necessary steps to appoint a Board of Management and bring the Society to an operational level again?
- (f) If not, why?

508/'08

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are vacancies in the fields of masonry, carpentry and lathe work in Sri Lanka;

- (ii) whether a request has been made from foreign countries asking for professionals in those fields; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of those countries?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the names of the institutions which provide training in the aforesaid professions;
 - (ii) whether there are institutions to provide suitable practical training after the aforesaid professional training; and
 - (iii) whether foreign employment opportunities are provided after the training?
- (c) Will he admit that the private sector is reluctant to recruit new employees for the above post since they do not have practical training?
- (d) If not, why?

0509/08

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 submit to this House—
- (i) the number of foreigners who came for jobs in Sri Lanka in the years 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the names of the countries from which they had come?
- (b) Will he state separately whether the aforesaid foreigners came for jobs in the public sector or in the fields of estates, factories constructions and building works of the private sector?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how the issuing of visa to these people was done;
 - (ii) whether these people are brought in this manner to remedy the shortage of workers;
 - (iii) the amount of money sent by these employees to their mother countries as foreign exchange in the years 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) whether an exchange control has been carried out when sending money as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

0510/'08

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?

0520/'08

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?

0521/'08

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money estimated for the Moragahakanda reservoir construction project;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for year 2007;
 - (iii) whether foreign loans or grants are given for this project;
 - (iv) the number of years in which this project is due to be completed; and
 - (v) the amount of money expected to be allocated for each year?
 - (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families that will be displaced due to this project;
 - (ii) the location of the lands that are proposed to be given to them and the extent of land given for each family;
 - (iii) the other facilities that will be given to the displaced persons other than the lands?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared for this project;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) the recommendations of the aforesaid report?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money that has been spent for the inaugural ceremony of this project; and
 - (ii) the name of the company which was in charge of the publicity activities of that ceremony?
 - (e) Will he submit to this House, the amounts of money paid to the aforesaid company in respect of television advertisements, posters, newspaper advertisements, hoarding, and other publicity activities?
 - (f) If not, why?
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Friday, July 25, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0402/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— 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 a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Highways and Road Development or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0403/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0404/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— 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 a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0522/'08

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state whether Air Lanka Company will be taken over by the government again after the agreement on which the management and a percentage of the shares of Air Lanka that belonged to the government were transferred to Emirates Company, has expired?
- (b) If not, why?

0523/'08

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 state the total amount of loans (including the Treasury Bills) that should be paid by the government as at 31st March 2007, indicating local and foreign loans separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of loans (including Treasury Bills) that has been borrowed by the government in each of the years during the period from 2000 to 2007; and

- (ii) separately, the amount that was paid by the government as interest and loan installments for local and foreign loans in each of the aforesaid years?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names of the institutions from which these foreign loans were borrowed during the period of year 2006 and up to 31st March 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of each of the aforesaid loans; and
 - (iii) rates of interest and other conditions followed in obtaining those loans?
- (d) If not, why?

0524/'08

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the aim of the Agreement signed between the Prima Institution and the Government at the inception of the said institution?
- (b) Will he submit the aforesaid agreement to this House?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date on which the wheat flour factory was to be owned by the government in terms of the said agreement;
 - (ii) of the aim of handing over the factory back to Prima Institution without it being taken over by the government;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in handing over the factory back to Prima institution;
 - (iv) whether Cabinet approval was obtained for it;
 - (v) if so, when; and
 - (vi) as to who submitted the relevant Cabinet Memorandum?
- (d) If not, why?

0540/'08

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?

0541/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that 3 vehicles of PRADO make bearing the registration numbers 65-1986, 65-1988 and 65-1990 which belonged to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon are missing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any complaints have been made to the Police regarding these vehicles;
 - (ii) the action that has been taken to get the vehicles bearing the aforesaid registration numbers back to the transport section of the Bank of Ceylon; and
 - (iii) if these vehicles are used by any outside persons, whether legal action has been taken against them?

- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the names and designations of the persons who have been assigned with these three vehicles officially; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid persons have informed the relevant transport section of this matter?
- (d) If not, why?

0542/'08

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that 36 trainees are serving in the Urban Development Authority under the computer training scheme?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) these trainees have the maximum qualifications required for the relevant training;
 - (ii) the trainees have undergone training continuously for a period exceeding two years as their service has been extended every 03 months during the period of training; and
 - (iii) there are trainees who have received training for more than 05 years among them?
- (c) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) As vacancies exist in the permanent cadre of the Urban Development Authorities, will he take action to appoint these trainees who have undergone training continuously for several years to the aforesaid vacancies on the permanent basis?
 - (ii) If so, the date from which they will be appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

Tuesday, August 05, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0405/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0406/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Ports and Aviation or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0407/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— 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 a new batch of employees has been recruited, for the Ministry of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0526/'08

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) on the basis of each district the amount of paddy purchased by the institutions belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture, in each year from 2004 to 2006;
 - (ii) separately, the amount issued to the market as rice and paddy, out of the stocks of paddy purchased in each of the aforesaid years;
 - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid stocks of rice and paddy were issued to the market;
 - (iv) the prices at which they were issued?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons and institutions that purchased the stocks of rice and paddy issued to the market, along with the amounts purchased; and
 - (ii) the prices paid and the relevant dates?
- (c) If not, why?

0528/'08

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the types and amounts of fertilizer made available on the basis of subsidy to each district for the Maha Season of 2005/06, Yala Season of 2006 and the Maha Season of 2006/2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the agents, who were appointed on behalf of the government owned Lanka Fertilizer Company and the Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Company for the Polonnaruwa district;
 - (ii) separately, the type and the amount of fertilizer given to those agents by the two government owned fertilizer companies in each of the aforesaid seasons;
 - (iii) the names of the institutions that are responsible for the issue of the fertilizer given to the aforesaid agents, to farmers;
 - (iv) whether all the fertilizer given to the aforesaid agents has been released to the relevant Agrarian Service centres;

- (v) if all the fertilizer mentioned above has not been released, the agents who have not done so;
 - (vi) of the amounts not released and the reasons for it; and
 - (vii) of the courses of action that have been taken against those persons and institutions that did not issue fertilizer?
- (c) If not, why?

0530/'08

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?

0131/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an employee who retires from the service of the Ceylon Electricity Board should have made 240 month's Continuous Contributions to the Employees' Provident Fund, if he is to be entitled to the pension rights;
 - (ii) persons in the age range of 40-45 too have been recruited to serve in the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (iii) they cannot completed a period of service of 240 months;

- (iv) there are less than 50 persons who suffer without the pension, despite having made the relevant contributions to the Employees Provident Fund from the salary; and
- (v) eventhough they have sought for relief with a view to obtaining pensions such relief has not yet been granted?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) six officers who retired at the age of 60 and continued to serve on contract basis, have become entitled to the pension with the contract period too being added to service; and
 - (ii) a pension is paid to a person after a period of more than a year in which contributions to the Employees Provident Fund have not been made, being added to his service?
- (c) Will he take steps to grant Pensions to these persons who were recruited to very specific positions requiring the completion of service, considering their age being less than 45 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0132/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. H.G. Chandradasa who resides at No.107/A2, Weera Uditha Mawatha, Hedigama, Piliyandala at present, was a resident in Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara;
 - (ii) his house was destroyed due to floods and landslides in the year 2003;
 - (iii) a sum of Rs. 15,000/- was provided by the Divisional Secretary of Pasgoda for the aforesaid damage; and
 - (iv) the balance sum of Rs. 85,000/- has to be provided to him?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the District Secretary of Matara has informed the Divisional Secretary of Kesbewa that the balance amount should be provided;
 - (ii) steps should be taken by the National Disaster Relief Services Centre to take the necessary measures;
 - (iii) eventhough, Mr. Chandradasa has come forward to obtain the money on several occasions, no solution has been given?

- (c) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken to provide the aforesaid balance?
- (d) If not, why?

0133/'08

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?
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Wednesday, August 06, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0408/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for his Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and

- (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?

(c) If not, why?

0409/'08

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,—

- (a) Will she inform this House whether a new batch of employees has been recruited, for her Ministry or Departments, Corporations or other institutions that come under it in the year 2007?
- (b) Will she submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number that has been recruited for each institution if such a batch has been recruited;
 - (ii) separately, the number that has been recruited for each post; and
 - (iii) separately, the number that has been confirmed in service and the number of graduates out of the aforesaid batch of employees?
- (c) If not, why?

0531/'08

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?

0533/'08

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?

0534/'08

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?

0630/'08

Hon. Thilakarathna Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools that come under the Udugama Educational Zone in Galle;
 - (ii) the number of classes from year 1 and the number of students in each of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) the number of Teachers required for each of the aforesaid schools and the number of teachers who are serving at present in each of them; and
 - (iv) the period of time within which the required number of teachers will be provided to the schools where there are vacancies?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of schools that came under this Educational Zone earlier and have been closed down at present;
 - (ii) the names of schools that are to be closed down due to the shortage of teachers or the lack of attendance of pupils; and
 - (iii) the reason for the above mentioned situation?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to prevent the closure of the above mentioned schools by paying special consideration to the schools that are to be closed down due to any reason and providing such schools with the necessary physical resources and teachers?
- (d) If not, why?

0631/'08

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?

0632/'08

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) eventhough 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?
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