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* Indicates Government Business

Tuesday, April 07, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0897/'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 list of names of the Senior Presiding Officers who were deployed for duty at the Eastern Provincial Council Election, along with their places of work and designations, in relation to Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts separately;
 - (ii) the list of names of the Senior Presiding Officers deployed for duty at North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Elections, along with their places of work and designations, in relation to each district; and
 - (iii) the list of names, addresses and places of work of all officers including Chief Counting Officer who were on duty at the Eastern, North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council elections on the basis of Polling booths and Hall numbers?
- (b) Will he state separately, the names, designations and places of work of the officers who had been attached to the Computer section that functioned during the period of the Eastern, North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Elections?
- (c) If not, why?

1084/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the value of the expired plasmapheresis kits used by the Blood Banks including the National Blood Centre; and
 - (ii) the value of the expired plasmapheresis kits detected from the stores?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures that have been taken so far against the officers of the relevant Ministry who have acted in a neglectful or fraudulent manner violating the law as well as the medical ethics;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted against officers who have tampered with stock documents of the Central Blood Bank at the National Hospital and prepared forged stock documents with regard to the same process; and

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- (iii) the names of the officers who have been involved in the aforesaid tampering of documents?

(c) If not, why?

1102/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the year in which the total extent of marshy lands has been identified last; and
- (ii) the extent of marshy lands that were in the island by then?

(b) Will he submit to this House the methodology followed by the Sri Lanka Lands Reclamation and Development Corporation in obtaining information on unauthorized filling of marshy lands?

(c) Will he state whether there is a programme to publish the names of the marshy lands in the gazette after identifying the same?

(d) If not, why?

1111/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the name of the person who has been appointed to the post of Deputy General Manager (Finance) of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board;
- (ii) his full name and private address;
- (iii) his educational qualifications and professional qualifications;
- (iv) the basis on which he has been recruited to the aforesaid post; and
- (v) his basic salary, salary inclusive of all allowances and other privileges and allowances received by him?

(b) If not, why?

1112/'08

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the name of the person who has been appointed to the post of Transport Accounts Officer of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board;
- (ii) his full name and private address;

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- (iii) his educational qualifications and professional qualifications;
 - (iv) the basis on which he has been recruited to the aforesaid post; and
 - (v) his basic salary, salary inclusive of all allowances and other privileges and allowances received by him?
- (b) If not, why?

1113/'08

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware of the fact that Mrs. W.L.P. Siriyawathie of Rajapokuna Mawatha, Maligawatta, Colombo 10 has been maintaining and taking care of the public well (used for bathing) known as Rajapokuna located in the new town, Maligawatta for nearly 32 years?
- (b) Will she inform this House as to why efforts are being made to give this public well (used for bathing), which has been maintained up to now by Mrs. Siriyawathie paying taxes annually, to a different group of people?
- (c) Will she admit the facts that—
 - (i) a damage to the tune of about five hundred thousand rupees had been caused to a Buddhist Shrine room when it was being erected close to this well; and
 - (ii) there are attempts to perform rites of other religions at this place?
- (d) Will she make necessary arrangements for Mrs. Siriyawathie, a mother of nine, to continue to maintain and take care of this well?
- (e) If not, why?

1146/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of heart patients who sought treatment at the Colombo National Hospital in the year 2008 and identified for surgery;
 - (ii) the number of heart patients who have been registered for surgery; and
 - (iii) the number of heart patients who underwent surgery?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of heart patients who could not undergo surgery in the year 2008 due to the lack of hospital facilities though they should have been treated with surgery in that year; and

- (ii) separately, the number of heart patients who could not be accommodated for surgery as mentioned above in respect of the years 2005,2006 and 2007?

(c) If not, why?

1147/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of heart patients who sought treatment at the Colombo South Kalubowila Teaching Hospital in the year 2008 and identified for surgery;
- (ii) the number of heart patients who have been registered for surgery; and
- (iii) the number of heart patients who underwent surgery?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of heart patients who could not undergo surgery in the year 2008 due to the lack of hospital facilities though they should have been treated with surgery in that year; and
- (ii) separately, the number of heart patients who could not be accommodated for surgery as mentioned above in respect of the years 2005,2006 and 2007 ?

(c) If not, why?

1142/'08

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) through the Gazette Extraordinary dated 31.02.2004, it has been informed that the Agricultural Development Authority was liquidated on 31.12.2002; and
- (ii) under the privileges granted to the employees, they have been provided with the opportunity to leave the service after obtaining compensation or to be absorbed into the Public Service?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of employees of different categories of posts , who are serving at present without leaving the service after obtaining compensation;

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- (ii) whether suitable duties and responsibilities have been assigned to each of the aforesaid categories of posts;
 - (iii) whether the Executive Officers who hold the posts of Assistant Director / Agricultural Research and Productivity Officer have been assigned with duties based on the service merit they have earned;
 - (iv) if the Government is obtaining a productive service from those officers, what that service is; and
 - (v) the period of time during which the officers mentioned in (b) (iii) have been attached to the relevant Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

1161/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware of the proposals (I) and (II) contained in the letter bearing No. DMS/A and L 05 and dated 03.07.2003 addressed to the Director General of Budget by the Director General of Management Services, with copies to the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and livestock and the liquidator of the Agriculture Development Authority regarding the Assistant Directors/ Agriculture Research and Productivity Officers in the categories of posts who did not obtain compensation and leave the service at the liquidation of the Agriculture Development Authority?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps taken and the plans and proposals forwarded so far to implement those proposals, if he is aware of them;
 - (ii) of the reasons, if there has been a failure in implementing them; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid officers have been provided with salaries, allowances and other facilities which were available to them when the Agriculture Development Authority was functioning?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether vacancies existing in the institutions under the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services have been identified in order to absorb these officers to the public service, in terms of the proposals outlined in (a) above; and
 - (ii) if so, the categories of posts and the number of vacancies?
- (d) Will he state whether he will take steps to absorb the above mentioned Assistant Directors/ Agriculture Research and Productivity Officers in to the public service and offer them the above mentioned posts?
- (e) If not, why?

0945/'08

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

- (a) Is he aware that according to the Primary Postmortem reports, it has been stated that the causes for the death of Mrs. J. K.Premalatha of Morawaka, Deniyaya were strangling and suffocation resulted from pressing her face?
- (b) Is he aware—
 - (i) that her husband has made complaints to the President, the Defence Secretary and the Attorney General requesting that the suspects in connection with the death of Mrs. Permalatha who has been killed on 19.07.2004, be taken into custody and an investigation be held; and
 - (ii) on 11.08.2006, the Presidential Secretariat has referred this matter to the Deputy Inspector General of Police of the Criminal Investigation Department for an investigation?
- (c) Will he admit that no response whatsoever has been received, even though the additional Secretary to the Ministry of Defence has requested a report from the Inspector General of Police through his letters dated 03.10.2007, 12.12.2007, 14.02.2008, 01.04.2008 and 27.06.2008?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why the officers including the Inspector General of Police have not taken action regarding this killing; and
 - (ii) the reason for not sending the relevant reply letter to the Ministry of Defence?
- (e) 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 the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves the Order 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.61 of 2007 and specified in the Order No.12 hereto, be approved.

ORDER
Appropriation Act. No.61 of 2007
Order No. 12 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.61 of 2007, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 21302 "Printing, publicity and Sales of Books Advance Account - Department of Educational Publications" of the Second Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	2,250,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	3,736,000,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	2,250,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	2,500,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	4,000,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	6,000,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	100,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	250,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2008 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

13.02.2009
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1587/9 of February 03, 2009)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),—That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1585/10 of January 20, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, 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 the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),—That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1587/10 of February 03, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, 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 the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),—That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1590/17 of February 26, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Monday, April 20, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0718/'08

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 names of the members of the President's Fund;
 - (ii) the date it was constituted; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Fund immediately prior to the term of present members?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the expenditure incurred through the President's Fund along with the names of each item of expenditure for the last five years;
 - (ii) all the costs over Rs. 100,000/- for the last 05 years on yearly basis;
 - (iii) the revenue source for the President's Fund; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned for the last five years to-date on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the last date that the accounts were audited along with the audit reports?
- (d) Will he also state —
 - (i) the amount paid to the politicians over the last 05 years to-date on yearly basis along with the reason for each item;

- (ii) the number of requests from politicians that have been rejected from the last year to-date; and
- (iii) their names and the reason?
- (e) If not, why?

0720/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the amount of the loans given to Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. (Hilton Hotel) by the Treasury?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the following information for each loan by tabling copies of the Treasury letters separately—
 - (i) the date and the amount of the loan;
 - (ii) interest rates and repayment terms;
 - (iii) repayment terms of the capital;
 - (iv) interest accrued as of to-date; and
 - (v) total interest outstanding and the total capital outstanding as of to-date?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the loans stated above reflect the defaulted loans as well;
 - (ii) the date, amount and the terms of loans given in 2008;
 - (iii) as to how the above loans and interests be recovered by the Treasury;
 - (iv) the original planned cost and the subsequent actual cost of building the Hotel;
 - (v) the net value of the Hotel as of today; and
 - (vi) the total land extent of the Hotel?
- (d) If not, why?

0099/'08

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Air Crafts leased out, bought or hired for Mihin Air from the inception to-date;

- (ii) the amount being paid or amount paid, per month basis;
 - (iii) the load factor required to break even;
 - (iv) the load factor from the origin of the airline per month basis; and
 - (v) the total cargo lift capacity and data capacity lifted to-date per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total outstanding as of today with age analysis for fuel, airport aviation office space and warehouse space, taxes, aircraft dues, bank loans and any other obligation of significance;
 - (ii) the total staff recruited along with the total remittance payable per month basis with perks included for all staff drawing over Rs. 200,000/- in total per month; and
 - (iii) the additional cost that they pay for Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance (ACMI) even though the agreements cover the same?
- (c) If not, why?

0752/08

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Gampaha District as at 30th June in each year from the year 2004 to the year 2007;
 - (ii) the amounts of money paid for them along with their names and addresses; and
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for the Samurdhi Recipients in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients during the aforesaid four years but whose names were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients subsequently and their names and addresses;
 - (ii) the basis on which they were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) if there are new Samurdhi recipients, the amount of money paid for them and their addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

1060/08

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names of the country and the institution from which the financial allocations are provided to the “Nila Sevana” project for public servants which is being constructed at Habaraduwa town and Wakunagoda in Galle district and Kundasale in Kandy?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the agreement that was signed for the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the aforesaid financial allocations are provided as a loan or a grant;
 - (ii) if it is given as a loan, the interest rate, the time period within which it should be paid back and the conditions of the loan;
 - (iii) whether the country / institution which provides the aforesaid allocations has put forward conditions to the Government of Sri Lanka with regard to the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) if so , what those conditions are;
 - (v) of the date on which the project was started and the scheduled date for the completion of it;
 - (vi) if the construction work was not completed on the scheduled date, the reasons for it; and
 - (vii) of the date on which the projects are expected to be completed under the new conditions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the company/ companies that obtained the contract of this housing project and the name of the institution that provide consultation services;
 - (ii) separately, the number of houses in these three projects and the number of square feet of a house;
 - (iii) the basis and the methodology on which the houses are given to the public servants; and
 - (iv) the amount of money that should be paid for a house and the method of payment?
- (e) If not , why?

1125/'08

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of hectares of tea smallholdings that have been brought under cultivation at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the number of hectares of such tea smallholdings in each district;
 - (ii) out of the number of hectares mentioned in the answer for (i) above, the number of hectares of seed tea and the number of hectares of sapling tea; and
 - (iii) the gross yield per hectare of seed tea and sapling tea in kilograms?
- (c) Will he present to this House the measures taken for increasing the productivity in the tea smallholdings?
- (d) If not, why?

1126/'08

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of the number of employees presently attached to Tea Smallholdings Development Authority on the basis of each post?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether measures were taken for rightsizing the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are;
 - (iii) whether the employees who had completed 57 years of age were sent on retirement without paying any compensation in order to achieve the objective of rightsizing;
 - (iv) the number of persons who were sent on retirement as mentioned above; and
 - (v) if employees were sent on retirement with their consent and on a payment of compensation, the number of such employees?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money that was paid as compensation for the purpose mentioned above; and
 - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

1067/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., has been unable to recover any advance payments that have been made to foreign companies for the purchase of goods;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) of the names of the countries and the names of the companies to which the advance payments have been made; and
 - (iv) of the courses of action that have been followed to recover the aforesaid monies?
- (b) If not, why?

1072/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—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 due to the Telecommunication Regulation Commission as at 31.12.2007 as a result of default in payments; and
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount, the amount of money due from Government institutions?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money due from other institutions who obtain regular services, other individuals and the fishing community who have obtained radios under various programmes implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources as at the aforesaid date, in addition to the monies due from Government institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1073/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the officers in the grades of General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Assistant General Manager in the Ceylon Electricity Board who have been found guilty of not adhering to tender procedures during the last 05 years and who are still in the service after being recommended to be expelled from the service;

- (ii) of the name of the person who has the authority to terminate their service; and
 - (iii) of the reason for keeping them still in service by the aforesaid authorities who are in charge of discipline?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to expel the aforesaid officers who have been accused of the above charges following the decision of the disciplinary inquiry; and
 - (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the authorities who are keeping the officers who have been accused of the above charges?
- (c) If not, why?

1053/'08

Hon. M. D. Namal Karunaratne,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development , -

- (a) Is he aware that people have been living for more than 40 years in the colony by the name of “Trudeniya Highland Development Scheme” situated within Pallekale land in Kahagalla which comes under Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala district?
- (b) Will he inform this House,-
- (i) of the extent of the aforesaid land and the number of families who are residing there;
 - (ii) whether their names have been included in the electoral register;
 - (iii) if there are Grama Niladharis, Samurdhi Officers and Agricultural Productivity and Research Officers who are serving there on Government appointments, the names of such officers;
 - (iv) if there are Government schools, the number of schools and the names of those schools;
 - (v) if there are a Co-operative shop and a Clinic, the names of them; and
 - (vi) if the Government has constructed bridges, culverts and roads, the number of those bridges, culverts and roads so constructed and their names?
- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) the buses of the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and private buses are operating in the above mentioned colony; and
 - (ii) the state banks have provided farmer loans and cultivation loans to the residents of the above mentioned colony?

(d) Is he aware that—

- (i) a former President has developed and declared open the “Trudeniyya Highland Development Scheme” on 23.03.1994; and
 - (ii) following the advice of a former Deputy Minister of Environment a survey has been conducted in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division with regard to the distribution of the aforesaid land?
- (e) Will he take necessary steps to release these lands to the people who are residing in the aforesaid land?
- (f) If not, why?

1122/’08

Hon. Y. M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of teachers who had been serving in this country as at 31st October 2008;
- (ii) separately, of the number of such teachers in each Province;
- (iii) whether there is an excess of teachers at Provincial Council level;
- (iv) if so, the subject streams for which there is an excess of teachers;
- (v) whether there is a shortage of teachers at Provincial Council level; and
- (vi) if there is such a shortage, the subject streams for which there is a shortage?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the shortage and excess of teachers in respect of each Provincial Council; and
- (ii) the remedies that have been adopted by the relevant Ministry to solve the issue of the aforesaid shortage and excess of teachers?

(c) If not, why?

0993/’08

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Kirinda Fisheries harbour gets filled up from time to time?
- (b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money that was spent in the years 2007 and 2008 to remove the sand that gets collected in the aforesaid harbour;
- (ii) whether that sand is sold; and
- (iii) if so, the price per cube of sand?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of cubes of sand that have been sold up to now and the income received through that sale; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of buyers?
- (d) If not, why?

1124/'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 of—
 - (i) the date on which the Road Maintenance Trust Fund was established;
 - (ii) the legal basis of it;
 - (iii) the manner in which this Fund is managed; and
 - (iv) the method in which money is obtained for this Fund?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that was agreed upon to be deposited in the Road Maintenance Trust Fund from each litre of petrol and each litre of diesel;
 - (ii) the amount of income collected to be deposited in the Fund for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 accordingly;
 - (iii) the amounts of money that were allocated from the Budget annually for the years specified above for road maintenance; and
 - (iv) the amounts of money that were released annually from the Road Maintenance Trust Fund to the Ministry of Highways and Road Development in the years specified above?
- (c) If not, why?

1086/'08

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the extent of crown land in the Mahiyangana town; and

- (ii) separately, the extent of those plots of land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by now to provide plots of land in the Mahiyangana town to the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, the procedure that was followed to provide those plots of land?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the details of the persons who obtained the aforesaid lands?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to provide the aforesaid lands to the private sector in future;
 - (ii) the plots of land in Mahiyangana town that have been reserved for the constructions of the public sector in future; and
 - (iii) the extent of those plots of land and the names of the relevant institutions?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) if lands have not been reserved for the construction of Government offices and official residences, the reason for it; and
 - (ii) the area in which required lands will be reserved?
- (f) If not, why?

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1127/'08

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees required for each of the posts of the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority in order to operate the Authority at the optimum level?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether the number of employees came to the target level following the sending of employees on retirement with or without the payment of compensation;
 - (ii) whether the employees were recruited again after the above mentioned retirement process; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of employees so recruited?

(c) Will he state—

(i) whether action was taken to extend the retirement age beyond 57 years in spite of the fact that the retirement age for the employees of the institution was fixed as 57 years; and

(ii) If so, the reasons for it?

(d) If not, why?

1128/'08

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To as the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House separately—

(i) the number of Co-operative Inspectors enrolled annually for the Diploma Courses at the National Institute of Co-operative Development (NICD);

(ii) whether that number shows an annual increase; and

(iii) if there is a decrease in that number, the reason for it?

(b) Will he submit to his House separately—

(i) the qualifications required of the lecturers who are recruited to conduct lectures at the aforesaid institute;

(ii) whether the lecturers who have been recruited have fulfilled those required qualifications; and

(iii) the maximum number of lecture hours allocated to lecturers per week and whether that number has been distributed properly among the lecturers?

(c) Will he submit to this House separately—

(i) the number of lecturers employed on permanent basis for teaching in Co-operative Development Diploma Courses;

(ii) their permanent monthly salary; and

(iii) the total expenditure on lectures on the year 2005/2006?

(d) If not, why?

1131/'08

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of Special Road Projects that come under the Ministry of Highways or the Road Development Authority; and

- (ii) whether the aforesaid Special Road Project come under the Ministry of Highways and Road Development or the Road Development Authority?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the consolidated fund of the Government is the only source that provides funds to the people who get displaced and people who undergo hardships due to the loss of property as a result of the acquisition of lands for these Special Road Projects; and
 - (ii) if not, whether there are any other sources that provide the required funds?
- (c) If not, why?

1132/'08

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the programme of the Ministry of Highways and Road Development for monitoring activities connected to the acquisition of land for the special road projects to ascertain whether those activities are carried out properly, legally and within a definite time frame?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the programme of the Ministry for monitoring the activities pertaining to the payment of compensation to the persons who are displaced and affected by the acquisition of lands for these special road projects to ascertain that the payment of compensation is done properly and according to the laws without any corruption?
- (c) If not, why?

1133/'08

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of money that was obtained by the Ministry of Highways and Road Development from the Consolidated Fund and other financial sources in each of the past eleven years for the sole purpose of making payments for land acquisition activities pertaining to special road projects?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Highways and Road Development has a special investigation unit comprising experienced officers to ascertain whether the money so obtained in large sums are given to displaced or affected persons without any corruption or fraud and for the purpose of reviewing the progress of acquisition activities;
 - (ii) if so, their service experience in years;

- (iii) if not, the reasons for not taking action to establish such a special investigation unit; and
 - (iv) whether any follow up activities are done in respect of the persons displaced or affected?
- (c) If not, why?

1103/'08

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the estimated amount for the Lunawa Environmental and Community Development Project;
 - (ii) the number of stages in which that project was due to be completed;
 - (iii) the number of stages of that project that has been completed by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation; and
 - (iv) whether the remaining stages have been taken over by the relevant Ministry?
- (b) If so, will he state the reason for this taking over despite the Corporation which is under the purview of the relevant Ministry itself has all the qualifications and capability to complete this project?
- (c) If not, why?

0986/'08

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Customs Reward Fund and Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund are in operation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount paid from the Customs Reward Fund to Custom Officers for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 separately;
 - (iii) the names of the Custom Officers along with the amount received from the Customs Reward Fund for the above each year and to-date; and
 - (iv) the amounts credited to the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and to date, separately?

- (b) Will he state whether the accounts of the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund and Customs Reward Fund were audited by the Auditor General?
- (c) If not, why?

1100/08

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a company by the name of “Bron Bridge” , which engages in fishing?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a court decision has been given with relevance to the aforesaid fishing company;
 - (ii) of the given decision , if such a decision has been given; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that the aforesaid fishing company has defaulted on the Government?
 - (c) Will he state the amount of fish that has been exported by the aforesaid shipping company within the past five years?
 - (d) If not, why?
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