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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?

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;
 - (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?

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;
 - (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?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Road Development Authority (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

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The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—Regulations under the Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 23 read with Sections 3,5,13 and 17 of the Prevention of Mosquito Breeding Act, No.11 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1563/31 of 22nd August, 2008 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

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The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1590/13 of 25th February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

* Indicates Government Business

Wednesday, May 06, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1152/'08

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that Olupattawa tank which had been a private tank with an extent of 16 acres, at Siyambalagoda, in Homagama was acquired in the year 1968 on the survey order issued by the then Government Agent of Colombo on the requests made by the farmers' organization?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) according to the section 880 of the preliminary plan, the acquired portion has been mapped as an area with an extent of 12 acres 00 roods 38.6 perches;
 - (ii) the farmers' organizations have informed the relevant institutions on various occasions that it would change the existing conditions and cause pollution of the tank if construction of houses or other development work was allowed within the 4 acres that had not been acquired; and
 - (iii) there is a need for a tank reservation?

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- (c) Will he, therefore, inform this House of the steps that will be taken to protect the tank reservation?
- (d) If not, why?

0655/'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 on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date the total cost of each hired vehicle to the Ministry of Ports and Aviation and for any company owned by the Ministry along with the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost of fuel for the above usage of vehicles and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
 - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) 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?

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?

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?

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?

1156/'08

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that Malwanegama Farm at Talawa, which belonged to the Department of Agriculture has been handed over to a private company?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if it has been handed over, the basis on which it was handed over and the name of the institution or the person that has been vested with it;

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- (ii) the amount of money obtained per acre annually in handing over the relevant farm;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been obtained as rent since the date on which it was leased out up to the year 2007; and
 - (iv) if a fixed amount has been obtained the amount of money so obtained?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the value of the immovable and movable property owned by the farm at the time the aforesaid farm was leased out; and
 - (ii) the purpose for which the said property was utilized?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the purpose for which the aforesaid farm was established; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid farm is being used for the above mentioned purpose by the current administration?
- (e) If not, why?

1157/08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of Police Stations in the Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles assigned to each Police Station; and
 - (iii) the number of motorcycles, out of the number of vehicles assigned to each of the aforesaid Police Stations ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of diesel and petrol provided to each of the above mentioned Police Stations for the aforesaid vehicles in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of vehicles which are over 5 years old since registration and the number of vehicles which are less than 5 years old since registration, in each of the above mentioned Police Stations?
- (c) Will he take steps to provide the Police Stations that use vehicles in very bad condition with necessary vehicles and sufficient fuel?
- (d) If not, why?

1158/'08

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) of the number of kilometers repaired from Thalawa town towards Eppawala on the Anuradhapura - Kekirawa, road via Thalawa; and
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated for this repair?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tenders received for the repair of the above mentioned road; and
 - (ii) the institution to which the relevant tender was awarded?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of culverts repaired when the above road was repaired;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated for repairing those culverts;
 - (iii) the length which was estimated to be constructed with ABC in the repairing of these roads; and
 - (iv) the length of roads that were constructed according to the above mentioned method, out of the estimated length?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction of the above mentioned road has been done according to the proper standard; and
 - (ii) the course of action to be taken, if it has not been constructed according to the proper standard?
- (e) Will he admit that certain places on this repaired road have caved in?
- (f) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, May 06, 2009)

1206/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that vehicles have been obtained on rent or lease for the use of the Ministers and their staffs?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) if vehicles were so obtained on rent or lease, the number of vehicles so obtained and the number of Ministers for whose use the vehicles were obtained for the year 2008;
- (ii) the number of vehicles obtained on rent or lease for the staffs of Ministers;
- (iii) the amount of money paid for those vehicles in the year 2008; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent on the Ministers and the staffs in the year 2008?

(c) In view of this, will he admit that a huge amount of money has to be paid as rent?

(d) If not, why?

1255/'09

Hon. Ajith Kumara— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) of the extent of land on which Cinnamon has been cultivated and the number of Cinnamon cultivators in Sri Lanka on the basis of each district;
- (ii) of the extent of land cultivated by the cultivators who cultivate in extents of less than 2 acres, more than 2 acres, more than 5 acres, more than 10 acres and more than 50 acres, out of the above mentioned number of cinnamon cultivators; and
- (iii) the number of Cinnamon Peelers and Cinnamon traders in Sri Lanka on the basis of each district?

(b) Will he submit to this House,—

- (i) the number of cinnamon exporters and the names of those persons or institutions; and
- (ii) the amount of cinnamon exported by those exporters during the last 5 years?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 07, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1159/'08

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the year in which the construction work of the Ministry Complex which is being constructed for the activities of the North Central Provincial Council was commenced;
 - (ii) the institution to which the construction work was handed over;
 - (iii) the estimated amount for the construction of the relevant building;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been paid out of the estimated amount;
 - (v) the date on which the aforesaid payment was made and the amount outstanding to be paid;
 - (vi) the numbers of storeys of this building according to the original plan;
 - (vii) the total square area of it;
 - (viii) whether a new storey was added to this building outside the original plan;
 - (ix) if so, the square area of that storey; and
 - (x) the amount of money allocated to this new storey?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the due dates of the commencement and completion of the construction work of this building; and
 - (ii) the due date of the completion of the construction work of the aforesaid building at its current state?
- (c) If not, why?

1160/'08

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of unauthorized settlers living in the reservation of the Suriyawewa tank which provides drinking water to the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division and comes under the area of the Mahaweli Development Authority?

- (b) Will he admit that the reservoir which provides drinking water gets polluted by the waste dumped in to it by these unauthorized settlers?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately and in relation to each family the name, address, and the number of family members of those unauthorized settlers living in reservation of the aforesaid tank and the period of unauthorized settlement by each of them up to now;
 - (ii) whether the plots of land of the Mahaweli Authority which were to be given to those who were to lose their lands owing to the construction of the Weerawila Airport, are given to the unauthorized settlers on the reservation of the tank, since the relevant Airport is not constructed in that venue; and
 - (iii) if not so, the place where irrigated land and lands for settlement are to be given and the extents of the relevant land for settlement and the irrigated land?
- (d) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to pay these unauthorized settlers with compensation based on the current commercial value in relation to the properties they have acquired during a long period, since they will lose them with their removal?
- (e) If not, why?

1168/'08

Hon. Vajira Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of students over the age of 24 who had applied to follow full-time courses at Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education, this time; and
 - (ii) the number of students who have been allocated full-time courses, out of the number of students mentioned in the answer for (i) above?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money earned by the relevant institute from the applicants over the age of 24 years by charging Rs. 250/- per applicant although those applicants were not selected for the course on the basis of their age?
- (c) If not, why?

1170/'09

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 number of the new national identity cards issued in Hambanthota district annually, with relevance to the years 2006, 2007 and 2008; and

- (ii) the total number of national identity cards issued in Hambanthota District by the end of the year 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) Whether there are persons who have not obtained national identity cards in the aforesaid district up to now, even though they have completed 16 years of age;
 - (ii) the number of such persons on the basis of each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) the obstacles that have prevented them from obtaining national identity cards; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken by the relevant Ministry to provide national identity cards to those who do not hold identity cards, by removing those obstacles ?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) the date on which provision of computerized national identity cards (e-NIC) will be started;
 - (ii) the expense a citizen has to bear to obtain the above mentioned e-NIC; and
 - (iii) the progress achieved in decentralizing the activities of the department to Divisional Secretariat level ?
- (d) If not, why?

1171/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that the water bowser bearing number 227 – 5808, manufactured in the year 2000 and with a market value of Rs. 1,230,000 belongs to the Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on the repairs of this water bowser which was caught in the Tsunami disaster and was in a state of disrepair;
 - (ii) whether the Chairman of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha has taken into account the economic benefit, the period of service and the condition of the vehicle in repairing the aforesaid bowser, and
 - (iii) whether the relevant Chairman has taken measures to utilize public funds thriftily and efficiently?

- (c) Will he submit to this House the relevant investigation reports , if a proper investigation has been conducted with regard to the above matter?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the names and posts of persons who have acted in violation of the existing law with regard to the above matter;
 - (ii) the disciplinary action taken regarding the persons against whom allegations were leveled; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to recover the misused funds to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (e) If not , why?

1173/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the year in which the Primary School of Paranathanayamgoda at Nagoda in Galle was started;
 - (ii) the name of the person who donated the land that belongs to this school; and
 - (iii) the period of time that has elapsed since the closure of this school?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) this school has produced a large number of educated persons for this country including Mr. M. S. Amarasiri, who was a former Governor; and
 - (ii) as a result of the closure of this school, the low-income earning parents have to send their children to nearby schools by school vans, for which they have to pay a lot of money?
- (c) How long will he take to re-open this school by providing the required number of teachers, since the parents are ready to send their children to this school, with necessary facilities including the buildings?
- (d) If not, why?

1202/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the number of motor vehicles registered in Sri Lanka as at 31st December, 2008;
 - (ii) of the number of diesel vehicles and the number of petrol vehicles, separately, out of them; and

- (iii) of the number of motor bicycles, three wheelers and other vehicles separately, out of the total number of registered petrol vehicles?
- (b) Will he state separately, the percentage of the sale of petrol for motor bicycles and three wheelers, out of the total sale of petrol?
- (c) Will he admit that passengers using three wheelers and motor bicycles are immensely inconvenienced as a result of the price of petrol remaining continuously higher than the price of diesel?
- (d) If not, why?

1203/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a project has been launched to construct 50,000 houses for war heroes?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the date of commencement of the construction of these houses for war heroes;
 - (ii) the names of the places where these houses are constructed and the number of houses in which construction work has commenced, if the construction of these houses has been started;
 - (iii) the number of houses which have been completed; and
 - (iv) the number of houses given to war heroes?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for this project; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on it?
- (d) Will he admit that the project for constructing houses for war heroes is progressing very slowly?
- (e) If not, why?

1257/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether foundation stones have been laid for the construction of fisheries harbours in the year 2008;
 - (ii) of the places and the relevant dates if such foundation stones have been laid;

- (iii) whether construction work has been commenced in the places where foundation stones have been laid;
 - (iv) of the names of such places, if construction work has been commenced in those places;
 - (v) as to when the relevant construction work commenced; and
 - (vi) of the progress of the above mentioned construction work at present?
- (b) If not, why?

1238/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a road is being constructed in Trincomalee across Nilaweli?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the length and the width of the above road;
 - (ii) of the amount estimated in respect of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) as to how the financial assistance is received in this regard;
 - (iv) of the name given to the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

1239/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the loss or the profit made by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation from the year 2000 up to now; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the loss, if a loss has been incurred ?
- (b) Will he state the measures taken by now to turn the aforesaid loss into a profit?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1208/'09

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Tamil medium teachers serving in all the schools of the island;

- (ii) the number of students who receive their education in the Tamil medium;
 - (iii) the number of graduate teachers serving in Tamil medium schools;
 - (iv) separately, the number of Arts, Commerce, Science and other graduates out of the aforesaid graduate teachers;
 - (v) the number of teachers who have offered Tamil as a subject for their degree; and
 - (vi) out of those teachers, the number of teachers who have either obtained their degree in English medium or offered English as a subject for the degree?
- (b) Will he admit that a sufficient number of graduate teachers do not serve in these schools?
- (c) If not, why?

1210/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the I.O.C. company commenced the sale of petroleum in this country;
 - (ii) the quantity of petrol and diesel purchased by this company from the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (iii) the amount of money received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the above mentioned sale of petrol and diesel;
 - (iv) whether petrol and diesel have been imported to the country by the I. O. C. company;
 - (v) if so, the quantity of oil imported in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (vi) whether taxes were levied from oil so imported;
 - (vii) if taxes were so levied, the taxes levied up to the point at which oil was purchased by the consumer; and
 - (viii) the amount of tax money levied for a litre of diesel and petrol?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of tax money levied from the above company in the years 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) the percentage of the sale of oil done by this company against the total sale of oil in the island?
- (c) If not, why?

1211/09

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the value of medicines and equipment purchased for the use of Government hospitals in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) out of those medicines and equipment, the quantity that was deemed expired and disposed of;
 - (iii) separately, the value of them, with relevance to each year;
 - (iv) out of the medicines and equipment purchased in the years 2007 and 2008, the amount disposed of in view of their non – compliance with the relevant standards;
 - (v) the names of the medicines disposed of in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (vi) the quantity and value of the aforesaid medicines?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) out of the above mentioned amount of medicines and equipment, the amount that had been used at the time of their disposal; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to control the use and purchase of medicines which are of substandard?
- (c) If not, why?

1240/09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money that was allocated for the “Mihin Lanka” airline through the Budgets in the years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) whether there is another airline which comes under the Government other than Mihin Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the name of that airline, if there is such airline?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of airliners owned by Mihin Lanka; and
 - (ii) the registration number of those airliners?

- (c) Will he state the amount of the Profit earned or the loss suffered by Mihin Lanka during the last year?
- (d) If not, why?

1242/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money allocated under the Expenditure Head of His Excellency the President from the Budget for the year 2009?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money allocated under the Expenditure Head “Fisheries” from the Budget for the year 2009?
- (c) Does he admit that the amount allocated from the Budget under the Expenditure Head “Fisheries” is not adequate?
- (d) If not, why?

1244/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House the amount of money allocated for Samurdhi assistance from the Budget for the year 2009?
- (b) Will he admit that the money allocated for Samurdhi assistance from the Budget for the year 2009 is not adequate?
- (c) If not, why?

1272/'09

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Is he aware that in answering a question raised in Parliament on 03.07.2007, it was stated that the whole of the 5th finger and two phalanges of the 4th finger of Mr. H. R.M. B. P. Gambarawatta's left hand had been removed in a surgery done at Ratnapura General Hospital on 28.08.2002?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the recommendation made by the board of medical specialists on the report of the investigation done by Flying Squad Division with regard to the removal of one finger and phalanges of another finger as a result of giving wrong treatment after it has been referred to the aforesaid board of medical specialists?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to pay the relevant patient a reasonable sum as compensation on those recommendations, if it has been a mistake made by the doctors?

- (d) If so, will he state the date on which the relevant compensation will be paid?
- (e) If not, why?

1435/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the date on which the Independence Memorial Museum at Colombo was opened; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for the construction of it?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether there have been instances in which the power supply provided to it was disconnected after it was opened;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid museum was closed as a result of disconnecting the power supply; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the failure to settle the electricity bill as scheduled?
- (c) If not, why?

1436/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development.—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the new traffic lights system was installed in Kottawa town; and
 - (ii) the reasons as to why the above mentioned traffic lights system does not function properly and only the light with the amber coloured bulb is working?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on installing the aforesaid traffic lights system;
 - (ii) the name of the construction company that constructed it; and
 - (iii) whether all the payments have been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1258/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether foundation stones have been laid for the construction of a number of Anchorages in the year 2008;
 - (ii) if so, the places where such foundation stones have been laid; and
 - (iii) as to when the relevant foundation stones were laid?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether construction work has commenced in the places where the above foundation stones have been laid; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of such places?
- (c) If not, why?

1259/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a pension scheme for fishermen is being implemented;
 - (ii) of the percentage of money to be paid by the fishermen to become contributors of this pension scheme; and
 - (iii) of the number of fishermen who receive the pension by now?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Government makes a financial contribution for the above mentioned pensions; and
 - (ii) if so, the percentage of money so contributed by the Government?
- (c) If not, why?

1204/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that pre –election propaganda advertisements were telecast by the Independent Television Network in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?

- (b) Will he submit to this House, the amount of money earned by the above establishment from each political party, institution and person in each of the aforesaid years by engaging in pre – election propaganda activities?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money to be recovered from them for engaging in the above mentioned pre election activities; and
 - (ii) the name of the political party, or the institution from which money to be so recovered and the name of the person on whose propaganda activities that amount of money is due?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 21, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1260/'09

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether relief has been granted for fishermen for the longline method by the Government in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of fishermen who have been provided with such relief in each district?
- (b) Will he state as to what steps have been taken to encourage fishermen towards the longline method?
- (c) If not, why?

1262/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that it has been stated in the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya' that a special fund would be established to meet the expenses of the children who lost their parents or guardians due to Tsunami?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if the aforesaid special fund was established, the date on which it was established;
 - (ii) the number of children who have been provided with relief from the above mentioned fund;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and

- (iv) the names and addresses of the children who have been provided with relief from the above mentioned fund?

(c) If not, why?

1263/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether relief has been provided to the fishing community by the 2009 budget;
- (ii) of the types of relief that has been provided; and
- (iii) of the date from which the above mentioned relief will be made effective?

(b) If not, why?

Friday, May 22, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1264/'09

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

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of tanks and reservoirs in which activities connected to breeding of fish have been started during the period from January 2008 up to now;
- (ii) the names of those tanks and reservoirs;
- (iii) the varieties of fish that have been used for breeding of fish in those tanks and reservoirs; and
- (iv) the production of the breeding of fish which was done in the above mentioned tanks and reservoirs?

(b) If not, why?

1265/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

(a) Will he inform this House, of the number of times that Mr. Yasushi Akashi, special peace envoy of Japan, has visited Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the dates on which he has visited Sri Lanka and the purposes for which he has made those visits; and
- (ii) the names and the addresses of the persons with whom he had discussions in Sri Lanka during those visits?

(c) If not, why?

1267/09

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 of—
 - (i) the number of Advisors of His Excellency the President, who is in office at present;
 - (ii) the names of the above mentioned Advisors and their addresses; and
 - (iii) the privileges provided to the above mentioned Advisors?
- (b) Will he admit that the number of the above mentioned Advisors should be reduced?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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The Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,— Select Committee of Parliament to continue and complete the task of the former Select Committee to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission, established under the Act, No.21 of 1996,—

“Whereas a Select Committee of Parliament was appointed on 10th April 2002 to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission, established under the Act, No.21 of 1996; to assess the effectiveness of the provisions of the Constitution relating to pre-enactment review of laws and the exercise of the constitutional jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Chapter XVI of the Constitution to consider alternative methods of insuring compliance with the provision of Constitution to consider widening the scope of said review and to propose of amendments to the Constitution all necessary stages,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament presented an interim report dated 10th December 2002 outlining the work it had engaged in up to that point and setting out its future program of action,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament was unable to fulfill the said twin mandate due to the dissolution of Parliament in April 2004,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to continue and complete the work of the previous Select Committee, and as such, to carry out the following terms of reference;

- (a) to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under Act, No. 21 of 1996, and to propose ways and means of improving its effectiveness, reduce instances of duplication of work, and recommend amendments to the said law, with the objective of strengthening the role and mandate of the institution to protect and promote human rights; and

- (b) to assess the effectiveness of the provisions of the constitution relating to pre-enactment review of laws and the exercise of the constitutional jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Chapter XVI of the Constitution; to consider alternative methods of ensuring compliance with the constitutional provisions, to consider widening the scope of such review and, where necessary, propose amendments to the Constitution.

It is further resolved that:

- 2.
 - (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
- 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
- 4. The Committee on considering all such matters should submit its report to Parliament within six (6) months of the setting up of the Committee or such latter date as Parliament may in its discretion appoint”.

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Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera

Hon. Samansiri Herath

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake

Hon. (Mrs.) Anjan Umma

Hon. (Ven.) Athuraliye Rathana Thero

Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne

Hon. Hemakumara Nanayakkara

Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka

Hon. (Ven.) Akmeemana Dayaratana Thero

Hon. N.D.N.P. Jayasinghe

Hon. Deepal Gunasekara

Hon. Mussammil Mohamed

Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi

Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardene

Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate whether the Powdered Milk imported into Sri Lanka is in compliance with the international standards,—

Whereas, various parties have made submissions with strong supportive evidence and taken measures to stage protests to the effect that many matters which gravely affect the national economy and the health of the people are being brought about in a very crafty manner and on large scale, by the monopoly in distributing milk powder in Sri Lanka;

And whereas whether the content, composition, packing and promotion of imported milk powder found in the Sri Lankan market are in keeping with the rules and regulations of internationally accepted standards has become a problem faced by the entire population of Sri Lanka and it is a well-known fact that these companies which produce and market world famous brands of milk powder, sell other products similar to milk powder but which contain chemicals very harmful to human lives, in the guise of milk powder, aiming at very high profit and whereas last year, as it was proven before the law that one of these companies had mixed a highly poisonous chemical called 'melamine' with infants' milk powder in China, two officials of that company were sentenced to death and several other officials were imprisoned by the State Legal Agency of China;

And whereas the powdered milk has become a main food item in Sri Lanka today which has resulted in a massive market for imported powdered milk being created and that strong modes of propaganda which are being used to create this market spread false and wrong information with regard to the composition of the powdered milk to cheat the people into believing that powdered milk is an essential food item, it is a responsibility of those of us as representatives of the sovereignty of the people and the supreme law making body to investigate into the quality of the imported powdered milk;

Taking this situation into consideration, this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into the following facts and to submit required laws, recommendations and possible solutions to the Government and other concerned institutions/individuals;

- (a) (i) to find out who imports powdered milk into Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) To find out the types, quantity, and the country of manufacture of powdered milk imported by each importer.
- (b) (i) To find out whether the content, composition and the packing of the powdered milk imported by each importer are in compliance with the international standards; and
- (ii) To find out whether these imported powdered milk is in compliance with international laws on health care.
- (c) (i) To find out whether the importers and trading or marketing companies of the imported powdered milk use exaggeration and / or make a wrong impression on the composition and the nutritional value of the powdered milk in order to cheat the people and / or make a false statement about the contents and / or try to force into the minds of the people about their products through electronic, print media, leaflets, posters, banners and bill boards;
- (ii) To find out whether the aggressive propaganda campaign dominant in the field of powdered milk trading and importing, affect the people in an adverse manner; and

- (iii) To find out whether the unnecessary exaggerating and competitive advertising campaigns of the traders, importers and distributors of powdered milk result in the prices of powdered milk escalating unnecessarily in the market;
 - (d)
 - (i) To find out whether these traders, importers and distributors of powdered milk obtain import duty concessions, tax holidays and other relief with a view to obtaining public funds indirectly; and
 - (ii) To find out whether the granting of various tax concessions and other relief are fair and justifiable if these imported powdered milk are not in compliance with accepted standards and / or and are found to be or low in quality and / or the public are being cheated through false media propaganda about the content and composition of those powdered milk.
 - (e)
 - (i) To submit to Parliament for necessary action, following consideration of the required legal provisions;
 - (ii) To provide necessary advice to the relevant institutions such as Quality Control, Health, Customs, Food and Consumer Protection Authority; and
 - (iii) To draft necessary recommendations to protect importers and customers to protect the fundamental rights and health of the people and to qualitatively strengthen all related institutions as a whole following the analysis of the above facts.
 - (f) And to investigate into matters pertaining to pressures exerted by the powdered milk advertising campaign on the aim of making the country self sufficient in milk in line with the state policy of strengthening the local economy based on agriculture.
2.
 - (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker, and
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Johnston Fernando
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. A.M.M. Naoshaad
Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Mohomed Shafeak Rajabdeen
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the activities of unauthorized financial institutions,—

Whereas it has come to light that several companies have been taking deposits from members of the public;

And whereas vast numbers of people have lost several sums of money totaling billions of rupees as a result of these companies having attracted public deposits by offering totally rates of interest;

And whereas these activities have been carried on openly;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which in its own words “is charged with the responsibility of securing the core objectives of economic and price stability and the finance system stability of the country” is guilty of a total dereliction of duty by failing to monitor, supervise and regulate these institutions;

And whereas some of the companies involved are the Golden Key Credit Card Company and several of its subsidiaries, a company operating under the name “Okanda”, another individual operating under the name of “Sakvithi” and another commonly known as “Danduwan Mudalali” and the Sri Lanka Human Resources Development Cooperative Bank Society Ltd.;

And whereas the collapse of these companies have left several people totally destitute and deprived of their life’s savings;

And whereas it is also reported that the total sums lost as a result of the collapse exceed Rs. 300 billion, resulting in losses to public revenue;

And whereas the fallout of all these problems have affected other financial institutions which are facing a “run” on their deposits;

And whereas the Governor of the Central Bank had assured the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) on 2nd November, 2006 that these problems could be brought under control before long;

And whereas it appears that the Central Bank has so far not taken any effective steps and there is a loss confidence in the manner in which the assets of these failed companies are being supervised;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on:

- (a) The total amount involved in these activities;
- (b) Whether any large scale depositors have been surreptitiously refunded their monies and if so who these individuals are;
- (c) The causes for the failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to monitor, supervise and regulate the activities of these companies;
- (d) The steps necessary to safeguard the rights of the depositors and grant relief to them;

- (e) The steps necessary to ensure that any transaction relating to the sale or transfer of any assets of the companies are in the best interest of the depositors;
 - (f) What steps should be taken under the monetary law and other laws governing these types of activities to prevent any future occurrences of this kind;
 - (g) The impact on public finance of the collapse of these companies;
 - (h) The amendments necessary to existing laws or the need to enact new laws to ensure that the depositors are safeguarded; and
 - (i) Any other matters the Committee deems relevant.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker, and
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. Rukman Senanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on passing the benefit of the reduction of the prices of milk food in the world market to the consumer,—

Whereas the price of milk food in the world market has declined during the last six months;

And whereas this Government has failed to pass the benefit of the reduction of the prices of milk food to the consumer;

And whereas all countries in the world have taken steps to pass on the benefit of the global decrease in the price of milk food to its people;

And whereas in taking into consideration the proportion in which the world milk food prices have fallen that this Government has not taken steps to pass on the benefit of the reduction of prices of milk food even with a fraction;

And whereas this Government, through various taxes imposed on the imports and distribution is marketing milk food at a wholly artificial price thereby making the Government the sole custodian of the welfare of its people a black marketeer;

And whereas the milk production is protected in so far as quality of milk powder is concerned;

And whereas it is evident that this Government facing with a severe financial crisis is making a surreptitious and inhuman attempt to deprive the masses of the sliding prices of milk food in the world market;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and report on:

- (a) the reduction of prices of milk food of various brands in the world market;
 - (b) the various taxes imposed by this Government on the imports and sale of milk food;
 - (c) whether the Government is making unrealistic and abnormal profits by the sale of milk food, thereby seeking to tide over its financial difficulties;
 - (d) to determine and fix the price of milk food by the rejection of unrealistic taxes imposed on milk food; and
 - (e) any other matters connected with same.
2.
 - (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker, and
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

* Indicates Government Business