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**Thursday, August 06, 2009**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0267/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a programme was conducted at the Intercontinental Hotel on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 for exporters of minerals;
  - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid programme;
  - (iii) the matters discussed at the aforesaid occasion;
  - (iv) the names of the persons who participated in the aforesaid discussion; and
  - (v) the names of the persons who provided funds to the relevant discussion?
- (b) If not, why?

0082/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that the income of the Sri Lanka Transport Board had increased to 17150 million rupees in the year 2008 as a result of the increase of bus fares?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) it is an increase of 16.8% compared to the previous year's income of the SLTB;

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- (ii) the operational loss of the SLTB has gone up to 3554 million rupees in 2008, in spite of the increase in income due to the increase in bus fares; and
- (iii) the loss is an increase of 53.8% compared to the previous year?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for sustaining the above colossal loss; and
  - (ii) the steps taken by him in his capacity as the Minister in charge of the subject to change this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0083/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that the Department of Sri Lanka Railways has had its total income increased to 3671 million rupees in the year 2008; an increase of 22.4%, due to increase in train fares?
- (b) Will he admit that the operational loss of the Department of Sri Lanka Railways has increased to 4553 million rupees; an increase in 5.9% in the year 2008, in spite of the above increase in total income?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for the Department of Sri Lanka Railways, to sustain such huge losses, in spite of the increase of income due to increase in train fares; and
  - (ii) the steps, he has taken in his capacity as the Minister in charge of the subject to change this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

0432/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Matale Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;

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- (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0058/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the total extent of land available in the Northern Province and the Eastern Province under the control of Central Government or provincial councils?
- (b) Will he state for the Northern Province and Eastern Province separately—
  - (i) the lands given to foreigners (Name the Country of his domicile), Companies and individual; and
  - (ii) the terms and conditions, value and the period it is been given out?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of entities owned by the Government which are now being handed over, transferred or leased out to the private sector along with the conditions that have been stipulated;
  - (ii) the period for which those are being given out; and
  - (iii) the value of the contract?
- (d) If not, why?

0063/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that benefits had been given to air crafts and ships for registering in Sri Lanka on budget, which came into operation on 01.01.2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, the ships and aircrafts that were registered upto 31.12.2007;
  - (ii) separately, the ships and aircrafts that were registered after the benefits given;
  - (iii) the loss of revenue in doing so; and
  - (iv) the benefits we have accrued owing to the benefits of registering for 'Flag of Convenience'?

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(c) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the owners and their shareholders of the ships and aircrafts that were registered after the benefits been given; and
- (ii) the reason for not been able to attract more than this level of progress?

(d) If not, why?

0402/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of Industrial Villages in Sri Lanka that come under the Ministry of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion and the names of those industrial villages;
- (ii) of the number of factories in each Industrial village; and
- (iii) separately, of the names of those factories?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether there are any factories which have been completely closed down by now, but were functioning at the beginning of the year 2009;
- (ii) the names of such factories if there are any;
- (iii) whether there are any factories which were functioning at the beginning of the year 2009 and have removed their employees;
- (iv) the names of such factories if there are any;
- (v) whether the Government has introduced any relief to the owners of the factories that have been closed down; and
- (vi) the reliefs provided to the removed employees?

(c) If not, why?

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#### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

Kottawa Sri Punyabiwardanarama Viharasthana Performance Society (Incorporation)  
Bill — Consideration.

\* Indicates Government Business

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS  
(Thursday, August 06, 2009)

0381/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that it has been mentioned on the page 21 (Sinhala text) of the “Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that 25 houses will be constructed in every village per year under the “Jana Sevana” programme?
- (b) Will she state—
  - (i) the number of new houses that have been constructed in the country as a whole;
  - (ii) the names of the villages in which the above mentioned number of houses were constructed and the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and districts where those villages are situated;
  - (iii) the number of houses that have been constructed in Kandy district under this programme; and
  - (iv) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Grama Niladhari Divisions in which the aforesaid houses were built?
- (c) If not, why?

0433/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Matale Municipal Council area;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
  - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0434/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Pallepola Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
  - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0435/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Naula Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
  - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0436/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Laggala Pallegama Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;

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- (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0437/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Vilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
  - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0438/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Galewela Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;
  - (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
  - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

0439/'09

Hon Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of lands belonging to the Government in the Dambulla Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, of the extent of each plot of such lands;

- (iii) of the extent of lands that have been given to the private sector, out of the lands mentioned above;
  - (iv) of the names of the persons to whom lands have been given as mentioned above; and
  - (v) of the methodology adopted for giving these lands?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, August 18, 2009**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0003/'09

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

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

0095/'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?

0186/'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?

0187/'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 numbers 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?

0192/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that Indian fishermen are engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (b) Will he admit that Indian fishermen do not have a right to engage in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (c) Will he state,—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to stop the Indian fishermen engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country; and
  - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

0268/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the Government took a decision to provide a subsidy on petrol to the three wheeler drivers;
  - (ii) a circular has been issued in this regard;
  - (iii) the number of persons who applied to get the subsidy according to the circular, was very low; and
  - (iv) the reason for the above situation is that the procedure for applying has been made complicated with the intention of minimizing the opportunities of applying for the subsidy?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of people who applied for the petrol subsidy from the District of Colombo; and
  - (ii) the number of people who received the subsidy?
- (c) If not, why?

0067/'09

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

- (a) Will he admit that the licenses for Television Broadcasting are issued at present to Government Broadcasting Agencies and private companies under the current Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC) Act?

- (b) Will he state, whether the Hon. Minister knows that the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC), too is a regulated operator under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act and issuing of Television Broadcasting licenses under the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act places the other licensees and applicants at a disadvantage and contravenes the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international agreements signed where fair trading and equal opportunity are concerned?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take steps to repeal the provisions in the current Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act under which the Television Broadcasting licenses are issued and re-introduce these provisions in the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act or similar?
- (d) If not, why?

0105/09

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 the National Television telecast pre-election advertisements in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of money earned by this institution from each political party or institutions and persons through such pre-election publicity activities;
  - (ii) the amount of money due to be recovered as a result of engaging in such pre-election publicity activities; and
  - (iii) the names of political parties, institutions or persons from whom the money is due to be recovered for engaging in their publicity activities?
- (c) If not, why?

0385/09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the government has decided to sell 63% of the shares of the 'Lanka Transformers Limited' that belongs to the Ceylon Electricity Board, as a solution to the grave financial crisis the Ceylon Electricity Board is faced with?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) if so, whether steps were taken to sell the shares through an open tender in this transaction; and
  - (ii) whether the selling of shares to the private sector in this manner is not against the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya'?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

**(Tuesday, August 18, 2009)**

0066/'09

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 the registered voting strength in the each Electorate or polling division of Sri Lanka as at 2008 separately?
- (b) Will he state separately, for the above each electorate—
  - (i) the total population;
  - (ii) the male and female composition;
  - (iii) the age break up; and
  - (iv) the religious break up and the racial break up of the voting strength?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, August 19, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0193/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money allocated from the 2009 budget for the fisheries sector?
- (b) Will he state,—
  - (i) the amount of money allocated for the inland fisheries industry; and
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated for prawn farming?
- (c) Will he admit that the amount of money allocated for the fisheries sector is not sufficient against the backdrop of Rs. 6000 million being allocated from the 2009 budget for 'Mihin Lanka' airline?
- (d) If not, why?

0207/'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?

0208/'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?

0068/'09

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

- (a) Will he admit that the licenses for radio broadcasting are issued at present to Government Broadcasting Agencies and private companies under the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) Act?
- (b) Will he state, whether the Hon. Minister knows that the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) is a regulated operator under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act and issuing of radio broadcasting licenses under the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Act and places the other applicants and licensees at a disadvantage and contravenes the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international agreements signed where fair trading and equal opportunity are concerned?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take steps to repeal the provisions in the current Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Act under which radio broadcasting licenses are issued and re-introduce these provisions, under the current Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act or similar?
- (d) If not, why?

0070/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the details of all TV and Radio Broadcasting licenses issued by the Ministry in the past 02 years?

- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether these licenses were issued on a tender basis;
  - (ii) the procedure adopted; and
  - (iii) the revenue raised by issuing of each license?
- (c) If not, why?

0256/'09

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the number of government schools, pirivenas and private schools operating in Sri Lanka at present;
  - (ii) of their names on the basis of education divisions; and
  - (iii) separately, of the required number of teachers and the number of teachers serving at present in the above government schools and pirivenas?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of government schools and pirivenas that have been closed by now, out of the number of government schools and pirivenas that operated in Sri Lanka on the basis of education divisions;
  - (ii) the years in which those schools and pirivenas were closed down; and
  - (iii) the reasons for their closure?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he will take necessary steps to avoid the closure of the schools and pirivenas which are to be closed due to whatever reason; and
  - (ii) If so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

0266/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of buildings that have been obtained for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources on the basis of paying a monthly rental;
  - (ii) the purpose for which the aforesaid building have been obtained;

- (iii) separately, the monthly rental paid for each of those buildings;
- (iv) the names of the owners of the aforesaid buildings; and
- (v) the procedure adopted for obtaining the aforesaid buildings?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the name of the institution for which the building of No.4, Galle Road, Dehiwela has been purchased;
  - (ii) the year in which that building was purchased; and
  - (iii) the monthly rental of the building?
- (c) If not, why?

0263/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a project named 'Gaja Mithuro' has been launched by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources;
  - (ii) of the objective of that project; and
  - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for the construction of electric fences under the 'Gaja Mithuro' project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of other projects that have been initiated under this project;
  - (ii) the names of such projects, separately;
  - (iii) the number of projects that have been completed so far and their names;
  - (iv) the number of projects that have been successful and their names; and
  - (v) the amount of money spent on these projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0264/'09

Hon. Bimal Ratnayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House a report on the projects for the construction of electric fences, which were launched from the year 2000 by the Wildlife Conservation Department?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons as to why the ‘Gaja Mithuro’ project was not assigned to the Wildlife Conservation Department;
  - (ii) whether action has been planned under the ‘Gaja Mithuro’ project to fulfil the needs of elephants such as food, water and salt;
  - (iii) if so, whether the construction of small tanks has been identified by the relevant project to meet the above needs; and
  - (iv) of the details pertaining to the amount of money allocated for this purpose and the number of small tanks constructed up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

0378/’09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that, on behalf of the Government of Netherlands, a Minister in that country has stated in the Parliament of the Netherlands that all aid from the Government of Netherlands to Sri Lanka has been completely stopped?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the particular statement has cited grave human rights violations, civilian deaths and the breach of the supremacy of law in Sri Lanka as reasons for stopping aid?
- (c) Will he state the measures adopted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to build better diplomatic relations with the Netherlands again?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, August 20, 2009**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0071/’09

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 the details of all radio frequencies (Spectrum) issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) in the past 02 years?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether these radio frequencies (Spectrum) were issued according to the Government Tender Procedures stipulated for issuing of public property; and
  - (ii) the revenue raised from each award of radio frequency (Spectrum)?
- (c) If not, why?

0073/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the maximum borrowing limits stipulated by Parliament from 1948 to 2000, 2000 to 2005 and separately in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money borrowed locally and internationally in the above periods?
- (c) Will he also state on yearly basis from 2005 to 2009 the Government revenue that is earned to meet additional expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

0074/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on per year basis from 2000 to 2009—
  - (i) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the growth rate;
  - (ii) the total debt and per capita debt; and
  - (iii) the work force and the inflation figures?
- (b) If not, why?

0218/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka within the month of January 2009; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which he visited Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he submit to this House whether it was on an invitation extended by the Government of Sri Lanka that the Minister of External Affairs of India visited Sri Lanka as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the parties with whom the Minister of External Affairs of India had discussions in Sri Lanka and their names;
  - (ii) the dates on which those discussions took place; and
  - (iii) the matters which were subjected to discussion by the Minister of External Affairs of India?
- (d) If not, why?

0219/'09

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of railway carriages and restaurant cars brought down to Sri Lanka from January 2006 up to now;
  - (ii) the dates on which the said railway carriages and restaurant cars were brought down to the country and the number remaining unused so far; and
  - (iii) their financial value?
- (b) If not, why?

0182/'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 of the date on which Mihin Air airline was established?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the name, address and educational qualifications of the chairman of the Mihin Air airline?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) as to who appointed the above mentioned chairman to that position; and
  - (ii) the date on which he was appointed?
- (d) If not, why?

0382/'09

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks during the past two years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately of the names of the banks from which the loans were obtained and the amounts of loans so obtained if the Government / Central Bank of Sri Lanka obtained loans from private banks; and
  - (ii) of the period of time within which the aforesaid loans and the relevant interest should be paid?
- (c) Will he state whether the approval of the Parliament has been obtained with regard to obtaining the above mentioned loans from the aforesaid private banks since the Parliament has the full control over public finance according to the Constitution of Sri Lanka?

- (d) Will he admit that, if such an approval has not been obtained, the Constitution of Sri Lanka is violated by obtaining loans in the aforesaid manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0282/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware—
  - (i) that the production activities of the Ambepussa quarry project launched by the Japanese Overseas Economic Services Fund at a cost of Rs. 256, 914, 765 under the railway track rehabilitation project, were suspended for 253 days in the year 2007 due to machinery being out of order;
  - (ii) accordingly, only 34% of the production targets were achieved in the year 2007; and
  - (iii) therefore, measures had been taken to purchase ballast metal to the value of Rs. 33,808,358 from outside suppliers?
- (b) Will he admit—
  - (i) despite the above mentioned circumstances, a sum of Rs. 4,457,356 was paid as overtime and travel allowances by the above project in the year 2007; and
  - (ii) accordingly that there is an inconsistency in the production capacity and overtime payments?
- (c) If not why?

0283/'09

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that 16 officials of the Department of Railways who are not entitled to use official vehicles for private purposes according to Public Administration Circular No.11/2006 dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006, are using vehicles according to 2007 reports?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the names of the aforesaid officials; and
  - (ii) the types of the vehicles used in that manner and the relevant registration numbers?
- (c) If not why?

0178/'09

Hon. Y.M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of sports schools that exist in our country at present; and
  - (ii) separately, whether those schools came under Provincial Councils or the Central Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the relevant schools as per each district?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a special project is being implemented by the Ministry of Education to develop these sports schools;
  - (ii) if not, whether there is such a project implemented by any other Ministry;
  - (iii) if so, what those projects are;
  - (iv) the sports schools selected under each of those projects; and
  - (v) the basis on which the relevant schools were selected?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Friday, August 21, 2009**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

0189/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of grade three fish unloaded through the harbours of this country by the foreign vessels from October 2008 to date?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of grade three fish purchased by the Fisheries Corporation out of those stocks unloaded by the Foreign fishing vessels;
  - (ii) of the value of the amount so purchased;
  - (iii) the price of a kilogramme of fish purchased from foreign fishing vessels as mentioned above; and

- (iv) the price at which a kilogramme of above mentioned fish was sold?
- (c) If not, why?

0222/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amounts of the bank overdraft of the Treasury account maintained at Taprobane Branch, Colombo of the Bank of Ceylon as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for the escalation of the bank overdraft to such a high amount; and
  - (ii) the measures taken so far to prevent the escalation of the overdraft?
- (c) If not, why?

0060/'09

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of people died, officially, owing to the aftermath of Tsunami;
  - (ii) the number of people displaced and the number of houses destroyed through the Tsunami on per district basis;
  - (iii) the number of houses been rebuilt and given by the Government to the people;
  - (iv) the number of houses been rebuilt by non-governmental institutions that are local and foreign on per district basis; and
  - (v) the total grant and aid we received as a country for the specific reason of Tsunami from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to-date on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

0080/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total amount of money spent for the construction work of the economic centre which was established in the building at the old food store premises at Ratmalana; and
  - (ii) separately, of the amount of money spent for each section?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the new sections that have been added to the old food store building;
  - (ii) whether any parts of the old building have been removed; and
  - (iii) what happened to the removed articles including iron, if any parts of the aforesaid building were removed?
- (c) If not, why?

0081/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a competitive examination as to recruit persons to the posts in Class II / II of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service 2004/2005 was held;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid examination was held;
  - (iii) of the number of applicants that appeared for the aforesaid examination;
  - (iv) of the number of vacancies existed and the number of vacancies that have been filled;
  - (v) of the minimum marks required for the recruitment; and
  - (vi) of the number of vacancies remaining after the recruitment?
- (b) Will he state the reasons for not calling the applicants for a second round to fill the vacancies created by those who did not accept the appointments and those who left the service?
- (c) If not, why?

0085/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the total number of times the 'Thulawa' political programme, telecast by Independence Television Network (ITN), was aired during the period from the year 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the total number of political representatives who participated in the discussions of the aforesaid programme during the above mentioned period;
  - (ii) the number of official level representations; and
  - (iii) the number of people who participated, representing other fields?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) on the basis of each political party, the number of political representatives who have participated during the aforesaid period; and
  - (ii) the number of times the participants have taken part in this programme in the order of the persons who have made the highest number of appearances?
- (d) If not, why?

0289/'09

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

- (a) Is he aware that a land in Ukuwela Divisional Secretariat Division called Ratwatta - Katudeniya Watta which belongs to the Land Reforms Commission and bears Plan No.11, has been transferred legally to a person called K.D. Senevirathna for an estimated amount?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a water tank has been built by the Pradeshiya Sabha in the portion of land that had been provided for the access road to this land which belongs to Mr. Senevirathna; and
  - (ii) as a result, certain problems have arisen in using that road?
- (c) Will he state whether the portion of land that currently lies between the Community Hall and the Health Centre, and belongs to the Land Reforms Commission will be provided to Mr. Senevirathna to use as an alternative road?
- (d) If not, why?

0442/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were in the Dambulla constituency in Matale District as at 30<sup>th</sup> of June in each of the years from 2005 to 2009; and
  - (ii) the groups to which the above mentioned families belong, according to the amounts of money they received?
- (b) Will he state whether poverty among the Samurdhi beneficiaries has come down to a minimum level?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

**(Friday, August 21, 2009)**

0443/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were in the Rattota constituency in Matale District as at 30<sup>th</sup> of June in each of the years from 2005 to 2009; and
  - (ii) the groups to which the above mentioned families belong, according to the amounts of money they received?
- (b) Will he state whether poverty among the Samurdhi beneficiaries has come down to a minimum level?
- (c) If not, why?

0444/'09

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries who were in the Laggala constituency in Matale District as at 30<sup>th</sup> of June in each of the years from 2005 to 2009; and
  - (ii) the groups to which the above mentioned families belong, according to the amounts of money they received?

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- (b) Will he state whether poverty among the Samurdhi beneficiaries has come down to a minimum level?
  - (c) If not, why?
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